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State Counsellor talks about containment measures against COVID-19

NOW that the cool season is upon us, I hope the people of our country would take better care of their health. Just as we had thought; COVID-19 infection rates have gone up again. If we make a calculation, this infection spread has begun to increase during a period of one week to ten days. Within one or two weeks, the rate of infection could increase further. The Ministry of Health and Sports have already made preparations for this. The people also need to make preparations.

What I wish to remind you again is this – if you notice any symptoms of the disease, please go to the hospital at once. We have heard the news that some people did not go to the hospital because they were afraid. We learnt that when the news of fatalities came out, in many cases, it was because the patients failed to get themselves admitted early at the hospital. I understand that the patients were very afraid to get themselves admitted early at the hospital. In the early period, the reason for people being afraid was because not enough preparations were made; things were not that perfect. I heard that when news came out that the situation at the hospital was not quite satisfactory, people were afraid to go to the hospital. Now we have made preparations with great care at the hospital. Please do not be too worried.

With regard to these things, we have made plans with the Ministry of Information to disseminate information by using TV broadcasts. Another thing is that people do not wish to go to the hospital alone. I un-



derstand that people fear to be left alone. For those patients who are admitted to the hospital because of COVID-19 disease, we do not allow any attendant to accompany the patient. However, at present, we have made arrangements for one attendant to accompany the patient in cases of elderly people, people with disabilities and patients who are in critical condition. However, they need to follow the rules and instructions prescribed by the hospital. If the attendant is sick, he is of no use to the patient. Therefore please don't be afraid to go to the hospital. Please go to the hospital quickly as soon as you notice any symptoms of

the disease. We have estimated in advance that the spread of infections would increase. Because some people might be too much worried, I want to say this – the discovery rate of positive cases has increased because our rate of testing the disease has also increased. That's why please don't be too anxious. Of course, you need to be vigilant all the time.

The Ministry of Health and Sports has issued an appeal. You need to be very careful at this time. That's why don't go outdoors if possible. Stay at home. They have requested in the appeal to put on face masks and face shields; that

is to wear the face shield in front of the face mask. If possible, I want you to wear both. Please wear the mask as well as the face shield. I want you to follow this routine in "stay-at-home" townships as well in townships where the outbreak is severe. Another thing is that we will have to issue "stay-at-home" orders in places where the outbreak is severe. This is to prevent further spread of the disease. We will relax the restrictions in places where the infection spread has gone down. We have been under the COVID-19 disease situation for quite some time. As we have gained considerable experience

in dealing with the COVID-19 disease, we know in which areas we can relax restrictions, in which areas we need to continue imposing restrictions and in which areas we need to impose more restrictions. That is why we will relax the restrictions as soon as the situation improves. Also, in places where we need to be more careful, we will increase the restrictions. We will impose restrictions as needed in a flexible manner. This will be implemented by the Ministry of Health and Sports and other relevant departments after studying the situation.

Another thing I wish to say at this time is that we are approaching the Christmas season. After Christmas, New Year will follow. During Christmas time, especially in big cities like Yangon and Mandalay where the virus is spreading rapidly, and the population density is high, Christmas is celebrated annually in a big way drawing huge crowds. We have not permitted such celebrations this year. Because we have not permitted such celebrations, we are working hard to arrange entertainment programmes on TV because we understand that people would feel stressed out and frustrated. We will work on this as much as possible. This is to help relieve the boredom of the people for having to stay indoors. We are making plans to make this period beneficial as well as enjoyable.

This is the IT age. IT is developing all over the world. Although the arrival of this technology was later than that of many countries, it has spread rapidly in the country.

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“People are the key”

UEC’s announcement on election fraud cases

1. U Maung Myint, bringing and using the stamp with no ‘UEC’ mark, cast votes at the Polling Station 3 of Houg Kyant Village, Houg Kyant Village-tract in Mongyaung Township, Tachilek District in eastern Shan State.
2. U Chan Myae Aye, who is not included in the voter list, cast votes on behalf of his elder brother U Nyein Chan Aye at the Polling Station 1 of Kintat Village, Thabaung Township in Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Region. Secretary of the Village-tract election sub-commission U Hla Kyaing allowed him to do it.
3. Ma Mon Mon Wai, cast votes on behalf of her elder sister Daw Phoo Ngone Phyoo at the Polling Station 1 of Aung Mingala Ward, Ai Thabue Village-tract in Lemyethna Township in Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Region.
4. Ma Kyu Kyu Thin cast votes on behalf of her sister Ma Aye Thet Naing who stays in Yangon at the Polling Station 2 of Yan Ma Naing Village-tract in Myaungmya Township, Myaungmya District in Ayeyawady Region. Head of the polling station Daw Ohn Kyaing allowed her to do like that.
5. Daw Mya Win cast vote with the voter list number of Daw Khin Soe who lives in the same village at the Polling Station 1 of Myinkaseik Village-tract, Kangyidaunt Township, Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region.
6. U Thura Aung cast votes twice – once at the Polling Station 5 of Kwin Gyi Village-tract in Lemyethna Township Ayeyawady Region and another at the Polling Station 2 of Kone Taung Ni Village, Nhwarchangon Village-tract in Inga Township.
7. UEC is also investigating the case relating to destroying polling rooms and voting materials at the Polling Station 2 of Let Pan Gone Village, Chaukse Village-tract in Lemyethna Township, Hinthada District in Ayeyawady Region.
8. The suspects U Maung Myint, U Chan Myae Aye, U Hla Kyaing, Ma Mon Mon Wai, Daw Ohn Kyaing, Ma Kyu Kyu Thin, Daw May Win, U Thura Aung and those who destroyed the voting materials (under investigation) were filed cases at the respective township police stations in accordance with Criminal Section 420/468 and Hluttaw Election Law Sections 58 and 59.

Union Election Commission

Myanmar nationals from Singapore, ROK arrive back home by relief flights



Myanmar returnees from Singapore and ROK queue for immigration service at the Yangon International Airport on 20 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

A total of 283 Myanmar citizens – 152 from Singapore and 131 from the Republic of Korea – stranded in foreign countries because of the suspension of commercial flights returned home by relief flights yesterday.

Myanmar Embassy in Singapore organized the relief flight of Myanmar Airways International to repatriate 152 Myanmar nationals from Singapore, and Myanmar Embassy in Seoul and Myanmar Seamen’s Federation jointly organized another relief flight of Myanmar Airways International to bring back 131 citizens from Seoul. The two relief flights landed at Yangon International Airport.

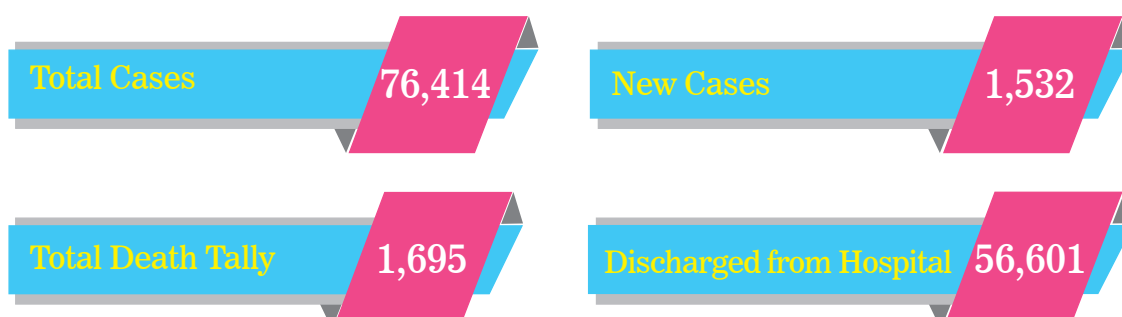
The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government provided them with proper medical tests and arranged 7-day quarantine at specific places or designated hotels, followed by the 7-day home quarantine.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been working with Myanmar embassies in foreign countries, local ministries and shipping companies/organizations to bring back citizens stranded abroad in accordance with the guidance of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19.— MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

1,532 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 20 November, total figure rises to 76,414

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 76,414 after 1,532 new cases were reported on 20 November according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 76,414 confirmed cases, 1,695 died, 56,601 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 20 November 2020



Daily death toll until 8 pm 20-11-2020

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Ministry of Health and Sports

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The percentage of mobile phone use among the public has exceeded 100 per cent in the past five years. It means that one person is using more than one SIM card. In addition, people are using mobile phones skillfully. Plans are being made to conduct an educative programme on the effective use of mobile phones in business and education and to support the economic development of our people. The plans will be implemented soon.

There will be slight changes in the programmes on COVID next week. Question-answer programme of healthcare is conducted thrice a week at present. There have been some repeated questions, and the public have widely understood about COVID. Commencing Tuesday, the regular question-answer programme of healthcare will be broadcast, and on Wednesday education programme about the role of IT and other modern technologies in the economy and the education sector.

On Thursday, the practical use of IT programme will be broadcast. For example, the term business can easily be un-

derstood as the relation and the balance between demand and supply. If someone has something to be sold, another person must be persuaded to purchase it. Buying and selling are not only for goods but also for services, works and skills. Bilateral trade from one place to another is also a business. Modern technologies are very effective in doing such things. For example, if a farmer wants to sell his pumpkins, and he publishes this information online, the potential buyers such as a restaurant or a grocery shop would contact the pumpkin farmers. I gave the pumpkin example as I like it. Such types of transactions can be done for other items. This technology can also be used in the city for job-related matters. For example, a businessperson can pose a job recruitment and criteria for this post online. If a suitable employee sees this post, he or she will apply for this job. This technology must be explained to the public.

The theory will be broadcast on Wednesday, and a presentation will be made about the business between a buyer and a seller in sharing their experiences to the public. Such

programmes will be expanded for business, building in learning capacity and hiring books like an online library. These programmes will begin next week. It is expected that people will be interested in these programmes. People should watch these programmes which are not only for the COVID crisis period but also for economic recovery in the post-COVID-19 period.

Capacity and technical skills of the public must be promoted. Knowledge will be shared on how to use mobile phones effectively for business and family affairs. At the same time, better relations could be established between the government departments and the public.

Another example is the application of a licence. It could be applied online. Such methods will be explained in these programmes. These are only some of the programmes for the economic development of the country. The government has other major plans. For example, the foundation will be laid for the establishment of Korea-Myanmar industrial zone in Hlegu Township next month, followed

by Myanmar-Singapore industrial park in the near future in the same township. The smart and eco-city project will be implemented in Dagon Myothit Township. It will be a new city project with developing technologies.

These projects could attract foreign investments and create employment opportunities for our people. Creation of job opportunities could provide considerable support for the economic development of each citizen in the post-COVID-19 period. The cool climate in the country has coincided with the increasing number of positive cases. People need to remain vigilant to overcome the disease, and it is believed people would have the required capacity for it.

On this point, people would like to know when the COVID-19 vaccination would be available. According to the latest information, a prominent pharmaceutical company has completed 97 per cent in producing this vaccination. Some sources said that this company could produce this vaccination next month. After this major company could produce the medicine, the remain-

ing companies would be able to do it. The company would, of course, give priority to their own citizens for vaccination. This is natural. However, we will try to get the vaccination for our people as soon as possible with the assistance of global health support groups.

The Union Government is making plans for storage, distribution and vaccination. Therefore, people need to make sure they do not get infected. It is not good to get infected just before the vaccination appears. Therefore don't lose heart, remain vigilant. Don't go outside during the Christmas and New Year period. Avoid public gatherings. If you need to go outside, please wear a mask. Use a plastic cover or a face shield over the mask.

During this time, we need to use our strength. However, I believe you already have strength. Of course, you need to use this strength at the appropriate time. I wish to urge all the people to keep on striving till we achieve complete and total victory over COVID-19. May you all have good health and well-being. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Myaing, Aung Khin)

Myanmar-Finland development cooperation to continue

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun met Ms Riikka Laatu, Ambassador of Finland to Myanmar and Senior Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Finnish Embassy in Yangon via videoconference yesterday afternoon.

They discussed promotion of bilateral relations and Finland's Country Strategy for Myanmar. The Ambassador reaffirmed that it is results-based, pursues a human rights based approach, and incorporates objectives specific to gender equality and climate sustainability and that it has been developed in response to Myanmar's development needs and priorities.

The Ambassador informed the Union Minister of Finland's plan to extend the development cooperation programme to Myanmar beyond the current end date. She apprised him of the draft Country Programme for Myanmar for the period 2021 to 2024 and affirmed that Finland is committed to expand its development cooperation



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds talks with Ambassador of Finland Ms Riikka Laatu via videoconference on 20 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

while proactively engaging in political and development policy dialogue, including the issues of peace, quality education, gender equality and climate sustainability.

The two sides exchanged views on the draft Country Programme focusing on peace and promotion of law and order, quality education, low-carbon emission sustainable solutions, and climate sustainability.

The Union Minister took the

opportunity of the meeting to reaffirm Myanmar's aspirations to achieve inclusive development through democratic reform as well as its endorsement of the global development agenda -- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He informed the Finnish side of the launching this week of the revised edition of Myanmar's Development Assistance Policy (DAP). The DAP he said, now paves the way towards a set of Strategic Coor-

dination Groups (SCGs) through which we aim to monitor and coordinate the implementation of both our Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) and our new Myanmar Economic Resilience and Reform Plan (MERRP). He stated that the DAP would ensure greater transparency and effectiveness in the delivery of development assistance through clear procedures and guidelines applicable to all development partners.

The Union Minister also provided an update on the implementation of the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) and the status of the Myanmar Economic Resilience and Reform Plan (MERRP).

The meeting was also attended by U Bharat Singh, Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and U Than Aung Kyaw, Director-General of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, as well as senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Finnish Embassy in Yangon.

Myanmar and Finland have long-standing diplomatic relations. However, Finland's diplomatic presence in the country was only established in 2013 when it opened a diplomatic mission in Yangon. In 2012, Finland re-initiated its development cooperation with Myanmar in response to the country's opening up that started in 2011 and the opportunity this provided for political, social and economic reforms and development.—MNA

That is why it is very important to be fundamentally in good health

There is another thing; very soon, we will be conducting dance competitions from online networks using TV to promote health. The people can get prizes if they are good at dancing. By doing this, we can reduce stress levels. We can also improve our health. I have said this many times regarding COVID-19 disease. People who are basically in good health do not have to suffer too much even if they get infected. That is why it is very important to be fundamentally in good health.

We are making efforts to correct and improve this situation. However, it is not possible to improve the basic healthcare situation overnight. It takes years. We can even say that it starts with the child in the mother's womb. That is why we need to take care of pregnant women from the time of conception. That is why we are making extra efforts to look after these pregnant women during the childbirth period and beyond.

(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's report on COVID-19 situation amid containment measures, on 17 November 2020)



MoEE minister 'attends' ASEAN energy meetings online

THE Associated Meetings of 38th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting – 17th ASEAN+3 Meeting, 4th ASEAN-IRENA Meeting and 14th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting (EAS-EMM) – were held virtually by rotating host Viet Nam yesterday.

Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing participated in the meetings via videoconference from Nay Pyi Taw.

The 17th ASEAN+3 Meeting was participated by energy ministers and deputy ministers from ASEAN countries and the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Japan, and representatives from the Office of the Secretary-General of ASEAN and ASEAN Centre for Energy.

The meeting discussed technical assistance and capacity development programme relating to energy security and energy efficiency and conservation and cooperation on the energy sector for post-COVID economic recovery.



Union Minister U Win Khaing participates in the 38th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting and Associated Meetings via videoconference on 20 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

The 4th ASEAN-IRENA Meeting was attended by ASEAN energy ministers and Director-General of International Renewable Energy Agency Mr Francesco La Camera.

They discussed matters relating to the implementation of technical and financial assistance during 2019-2020 for increasing

the use of renewable energy and new energies in accordance with the MoU signed by ASEAN countries and IRENA, and prioritized tasks for 2020-2021.

The 14th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting was joined by energy ministers and representatives from ASEAN countries, and Asian nations the

People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, the United States, Australia and India.

They discussed matters relating to cooperation between Asian countries sustainable development, adopting practical policies for responding COVID-19 impacts by the energy sector;

implementation of ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation-APAEC Phase II (2021-2025), producing stable and clean energies, and technical and investment cooperation on building a low carbon society.

Union Minister U Win Khaing and party participated in the 38th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting and Associated Meetings on 19 and 20 November.

The meetings approved ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation Phase II (2021-2025) and discussed matters relating to the development of oil and natural gas, cross-border electricity trade, saving energy, effective use of energy, clean coal technology development, human resource development for civil use of nuclear energy, renewable energy development and reducing carbon emissions, regional economic recovery in post-COVID, production of clean energy, creating job opportunities and energy security.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi presents Myanmar education plan to 11th ASEED meeting

UNION Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi took part in the virtual 11th ASEAN Education Ministers (ASEED) Meeting hosted by the Philippines yesterday afternoon.

At the online meeting, the Union Minister discussed challenges of governments and education departments in reshaping the current education systems to be able to overcome possible issues in the future as the COVID-19 pandemic has great impacts on the education sector across the world.

He also talked about education TV channel of the Ministry of Education, online courses for capacity-building

of teachers through Myanmar Digital Education System, plans for creating lessons on broadcast media, and preparations for the establishment of Myanmar Open University.

The Union Minister presented the works for drafting National Education Strategic Plan (2021-2030) based on the 2020 Election Manifesto of the National League for Democracy, the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018-2030), the Sustainable Development Goals (2030), the National Education Law (2014), the Science, Technology and Innovation Law (2018), the Comprehensive Education Sector Review



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi joins the 11th ASEAN Education Ministers (ASEED) Meeting via videoconference on 20 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

(2016), the recommendations in Midterm Review on Myanmar National Education Strategic Plan (2019), and other suggestions from the stake-

holders.

He added that close cooperation would be made to implement results and seven points of priority from SEAM-

EO meeting in June 2020, and to promote digital education for quality learning in 21st Century.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce donates cash assistance to COVID-19 national committee

MYANMAR Chinese Chamber of Commerce donated cash assistance to the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19 through videoconferencing yesterday afternoon.

At the ceremony, Chairman of the Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce U Aeik Tun explained the reason for the donation. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said Yangon region is most affected by COVID-19 and he called on the people to continue to support the medical services to address COVID-19 crisis.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe expressed words of thanks for the donation, which will be beneficial to the COVID-19 control activities and saving people's lives. He also urged to follow the guidelines and procedures of the COVID-19 prevention.

The Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce handed over K500 million to the COVID-19 National Committee and K200 million to be used in upgrading district and township hospitals in Yangon to the Yangon Region Chief Minister.—MNA

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe participates in the virtual event to accept cash assistance from the Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce via videoconference on 20 November. PHOTO: MNA

MoSWRR commemorates World Children's Day

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held a ceremony to mark 31st anniversary of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, World Children's Day via videoconferencing yesterday.

Those present at the event were Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, Deputy Ministers, UNICEF Representative of Myanmar Ms June Kunugi, members of the national committee for children's rights, committee on drafting policy and rules to protect the rights and welfare of children and the invited youths.

At the ceremony, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, in his capacity as the chairman of National Committee on Rights of Child discussed the Declaration of the Rights of the Child by the 44th UN General Assembly on 20 November 1989, and this year has been 31st-anniversary of annual celebration, acceding of Myanmar to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on 15 August 1991, the celebration of Myanmar Children's Day on 13 February (Bogyoke Aung San's Birthday) in addition to World



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye speaks during the virtual ceremony to commemorate World Children's Day on 20 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

Children's Day,

The Union Minister also highlighted policy, law, rule and strategy for early childhood care and development, comprehensive

development programmes for the infant to 8 years of age, signing of conventions for children affairs, drafting of the Child Law, amendment of law

if necessary, enactment of new children's rights law, practical policies to protect the rights of children effectively in line with the international criteria and

submission of report which has to be made once every five years by the end of December for being a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Child.

The Union Minister talked about the theme of this year World Children's Day "A Day to reimagine a better future for every child", including the matters related to the current situation amid COVID-19 pandemic, and cooperation works with the relevant ministers, regional governments, civil organizations, UNICEF (Myanmar) and the public in providing legal protection and security for the children with disability, child labour, child refugees, trafficking victims, abandoned children, street children and child rape cases including rehabilitation processes.

UNICEF Myanmar Representative Ms June Kunugi read the message of UN Secretary-General.

A video clip about activities of children right was screened before conclusion of the ceremony.—MNA (Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



ACC chairman receives UNODC Country Manager

ANTI-CORRUPTION Commission Chairman U Aung Kyi received UNODC Country Manager Mr Benedikt Hofmann in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they discussed public awareness programmes, prevention and investigation activities of ACC and further cooperation.

Then, UNODC presented equipment for Case Management System to the commission. The ACC drafts Terms of Reference (TOR) for the use of

goCASE Application in Case Management System, while the equipment installation and software programmes are being conducted by cooperating with the UNODC and the Case Management System, will be used soon.

Secretary of ACC U San Win, commission members U Zaw Win, Daw Myat Myat Soe and the director-general of commission's office joined the meeting.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

ACC Chairman U Aung Kyi, UNODC Country Manager Mr Benedikt Hofmann and officials pose for a documentary photo at the ACC Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 November. PHOTO: MNA

MoC, KOICA launch Central Backbone Expressway in Myanmar project

THE project launching ceremony for Central Backbone Expressway in Myanmar (Yangon-Mandalay Express and Yangon-Ngayokekaung Expressway between the Department of Highway of the Ministry of Construction and KOICA Myanmar Office was held yesterday morning via videoconferencing.

Deputy Minister Dr Kyaw Linn said Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway and Yangon-Pathein-Ngayokekaung Expressway would be the backbone of Myanmar in the future and the ceremony would be a great chance for the potential investors in Myanmar.

The project conforms to the plans and procedures of MSDP and listed in the project Bank. As the Myanmar Investment Law, new rules and regulations are being adopted in the country, and there would be need for infrastructure and private investment for some limitation of the



Department of Highway and KOICA Myanmar launch Central Backbone Expressway in Myanmar Project on 20 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

government budget.

The deputy minister also discussed the feasibility study, which will be presented by the officials of Yooshin and Kyongdong Consultants and question and answer session for the investors.

The Korean Ambassador

to Myanmar Mr Lee Sang-hwa made a greeting speech, while Chief Representative Ms Lee Youn Soo of KOICA Myanmar Office briefed the Central Backbone Expressway in Myanmar Project and the video clip including the road network and

work plans of Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway and Yangon-Pathein-Ngayokekaung Expressway was played.

The attendees to the meeting then coordinated the discussion, and the Deputy Minister concluded the meeting.

The main purpose of the project launch is for the Ministry of Construction and KOICA of the Republic of Korea to work together for the further development of Myanmar's road and transport sectors.

The feasibility study on studies on upgrading Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and building Yangon-Ngayokekaung Expressway was conducted in 2018.

These two roads play a key role in the road network of Myanmar while Yangon-Mandalay Expressway is on the section of South-East Economic Corridor and Yangon-Pathein-Ngayokekaung section is on East-West Economic Corridor.

Such major road projects will meet the basic infrastructure needs in Myanmar as well as provide the proportionate development of all states and regions.—MNA (Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

Largest wooden monastery with Yadanabon-era artefacts in Mandalay

THERE are many historical places in Mandalay including historically-significant wooden monasteries, public resthouses, caves, multi-tiered roofs and famous pagodas.

Maha Muni Buddha Image, Pyi Min Thar Monastery, Sandamuni Pagoda, Mya Nan San Kyaw Shwe Nan Daw, Palace Wall, Thingazar Monastery, Yaw Min Gyi Monastery, the tomb of King Mindon and other interesting places are concentrated in Mandalay. Among these places, people can study one of the biggest wooden monasteries with the art works of

Yadanabon period called Maha Min Htin Monastery.

The monastery is a five tiered building together with a stepped roof at the third level. There is also a corridor and ladder in the southern part while one corridor and two ladders in the northern part of the monastery. It was originally constructed with 462 teak columns and now only 143 columns left as Zetawun Hall.

People can see the architecture of Yadanabon era at the monastery. The Maha Min Htin Monastery was firstly constructed in Inwa by elephant minister

Maha Minhla Min Kyaw U Min Htin and then moved to Amarapura in 1214. In the reign of Kin Mindon, he moved the location of the monastery to the current venue at No 840 block, Shwe Phone Shine Ward of Mahaangmye Township. The construction works had not been completed in the reign of King Mindon but in the reign of his son, King Thibaw.

After completion of the construction, the monastery was offered to venerable monk U Tissa. As the saying goes, Min Htin for its monastic structures, Moe Tar for its Buddhist ordination hall



Picture shows the outside view of Maha Min Htin Monastery in Mandalay.

and the Ananda Temple for its delicate features. Currently, it is the largest wooden monastery of

the Yadanabon era.—Nway Nadi (Myitnge) (Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

Fight against COVID-19 for safer public transportation, JICA conducts “Zero Virus Day” project for YBS passengers

ON November 20, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Yangon Regional Government (YRG) and Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA) jointly conducted an infection control and awareness-raising project for Yangon Bus Service (YBS) passengers, named “Zero Virus Day”. JICA has provided 4,500 hand sanitizers to YRG and they were installed in all of the buses operating on the activity day. In addition, YRTA staff distributed free face masks to passengers at the bus stops to raise awareness on importance of infection prevention measures in the public transport.

YBS is the main means of



A volunteer provides hand sanitizer to passengers before entering a bus in downtown Yangon on 20 November 2020. **PHOTO: JICA**

transportation for many Yangon citizens. During the normal time before COVID19 pandemic occurred, around 1.6 million people used YBS every day to go to

their workplaces, schools, grocery stores and other places for their daily activities. Although the daily ridership is declining to over 400,000 passengers per day based

on the recent figures, YBS has been continuing its operations to serve the needs of the people who have to go to their workplace to provide critical services for the citizens or to meet their essential needs.

“We are impressed by the strong will of YRG, YRTA and YBS operators to sustain their bus operations to protect the daily lives of people, despite such difficult circumstances.”, said Mr Sakakura Noriji, Chief Representative of JICA Myanmar Office. “Maintaining the operation of public transportation while securing safety of the passengers and containing infections is one of the hardest

challenges many cities around the world are facing. However, we have to overcome this challenge to get our everyday life back to the people.”

The “Zero Virus Day” was conducted as one of the pilot projects under JICA's technical cooperation project “Project for Improving Public Bus Services in Yangon”, which has been implemented since 2018. The Project provides comprehensive support, including bus network development, design improvement of bus stops, training to YBS drivers, to improve service level and strengthen sustainability of YBS operations.—JICA

MADB to provide K1.3 bln loans for 13,191 acres of winter paddy cultivation in Mohnyin

MYANMAR Agricultural Development Bank in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State is providing K100,000 per acre to 116 local winter crop growers at 10:30 am on 20 November.

The three village banks from the township are providing the winter crop loans for 697 acres of farmlands. When MADB provided the loans to the local farmers, the bank issued the loans through the three village banks to prevent the people from being crowded to be under the Ministry of Health and Sports instructions.

The MADB from Mohnyin township targeted to provide the winter crop loans by the end of December. There are about 15 village banks in Mohnyin township, and a total of 1,872

local farmers will grow winter crops this year. The bank targeted to provide K1.3 billion loans for 13,191 acres of farmland.

Last year, the 14 village banks provided K1.13 billion to 1,757 farmers for 11,346 acres of farmlands in the cold season, said U Aung Soe, Mohnyin Bank Manager from MADB.

The local farmers can apply for winter crops with Form 7 as mortgage to the bank. The interest rate of the monsoon crops is five per cent per annual, and the farmers will repay the loans on 15 September 2021, according to the announcement of the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry. —Kyaw Kyaw Htway (IPRD) (Translated by Hay Mar)

Farmers in Gyobingauk to receive loans for over 40,000 acres of farmland

Over 5,800 local farmers in 52 village-tracts of Gyobingauk Township, Bago Region, will receive K100,000 per acre loan for their winter crop.

An official of Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank said, “We will provide the loans to the local farmers who have already repaid their loans in the last time. The loans will be disbursed starting from the second week of November to the end of January 2021, and the farmers will repay the loans on 15 September 2021. Those who failed to repay the loans during the deadline were given

a warning, which could bring them to trial.” Loans will be given for more than 40,000 acres at five per cent of interest.

MADB provides loans for farmers based on the three main planting seasons in the country – monsoon, pre-monsoon, and winter. Loans are being provided for a total of 22 kinds of crops. Loan applications can be obtained at the community-based loan screening groups and respective township branches of MADB. —Aye Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Price rises by around K600,000 per 100 baskets as monsoon paddy stock lessens



(FILES) A combine harvester is working at a paddy field in Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Region. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

By Nyein Nyein

THE price of paddy has risen by around K600,000 per 100 baskets (one basket is equivalent to 46 pounds) because of less stock of monsoon paddy, said U Than Oo, the secretary of Bayintnaung Commodity Depot.

In September, the monsoon paddy was damaged by unexpected heavy rainfall in the monsoon paddy harvesting season and the paddy price at the rice mill is ranging from K440,000-450,000 per 100 baskets. In November, the paddy price increased to K600,000 per 100 baskets because there is no rain and less yield of high-quality paddy.

“The paddy in the regions is almost depleted in the second week of November. Most of the regional rice traders are saying that. During this paddy harvesting season, the paddy plantations were destroyed by the heavy rains. So, the traders do not stockpile the paddy in their warehouses because the paddy was wet and of lower quality. The traders are sending all the paddy stock to the Yangon region. Now, their warehouses are empty, and they are planning to collect the paddy to store in the warehouse. But the price of paddy has risen to K600,000,” said U Than Oo.

Now, the prevailing price of paddy is higher than the basic

price of 100 baskets set by the government.

Under the provision of the Law of Protection of the Farmer Right and Enhancement of their Benefits, the Leading Committee for Farmers Rights, Protection and Interests Promotion has fixed the minimum price of paddy at K520,000 per 100 baskets (one basket is equivalent to 46 pounds) if the paddy meets the prescribed criteria – 14-per-cent moisture content and a fixed percentage of impurities such as sand, weed, and small stones – to create fair markets for farmers, who grow monsoon paddy and summer paddy in 2020-2021 financial year.

Besides, the 25-mark rice, which entered the market in the first week of November, got a better price than October and is sold for K20,500-K21,000 per bag (one bag contains 108 pounds), he added.

“This month, we have made a profit of K1,000 per bag compared to last month. The rice is also so dry and sells well in the market,” said U Than Oo.

Moreover, China is likely to grant import of rice up to 2 million bags by 2021 in consideration of growing domestic demand, said Vice-Chair U Min Thein of Muse Rice Wholesale Centre.

Typhoon hit three provinces of China this year, resulting in damaging the paddy and maize

fields severely. Likewise, Viet Nam, which China buys rice from, has also been affected by typhoon with their paddy fields badly damaged. Although China issued a permit for import of 500,000 rice bags from Myanmar in 2020, China is likely to grant the import of 2 million rice bags in 2021, he added.

In the 2019-2020 financial year, China granted a rice import quota of only 500,000 bags for Myanmar. In 2021, China will grant 2 million rice bags quota for Myanmar,” he added.

Moreover, the Chinese government is implementing the legal trading system and has allowed making of registration for granted rice export licences to 43 Myanmar rice companies and 79 rice mills in July. Earlier, the Chinese government issued permits to only 11 rice companies from Myanmar.

“Myanmar exported over 2.5 million tonnes of rice and broken rice in 2019-2020FY, earning US\$794.388 million. So, Myanmar exported more tonnes of rice than the set target of 2.4 million tonnes of rice in the last FY. Myanmar will target to export 4 million tonnes of rice in the 2020-2021 budget year,” said Vice-Chair U Aung Than Oo of the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the rules of the Child Rights Law and the National-level Child Protection Policy would be enacted in December 2020, following the new Child Right Law which was enacted on 23 July, 2019, to protect and promote the rights of children in Myanmar.

It reflects the efforts of the government to protect child rights in the interests of children despite challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the emergence of the rules and policy which is designed to guarantee equal rights and benefits for every child in different areas, every child in our country will have equal opportunities.

It is also necessary to have clear tasks for implementing the rules of the new Child Rights Law, which sets higher standards for safeguarding the rights of children in all circumstances, and these directives should be in line with the law.

We are confident that the ability of experts who make up the committee for writing the rules of the law would overcome possible challenges in their work through negotiation and coordination.

Though there are some obstacles for implementing the child rights due to challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, we must take appropriate measures to prevent actions that damage children's health, education, and psychological well-being as these will imperil the future of the country.

Meanwhile, global action is needed to ensure that the necessary financial and technical support is available to all countries. Monitoring and evaluation are crucial to determine the extent to which these prevention efforts are effectively delivered to all who need them.

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EXPERTS' RECOMMENDATION AFTER THE RESULTS OF A GLOBAL TRIAL SPONSORED BY THE WHO

Remdesivir no COVID-19 silver bullet, says UN health agency

An advisory body of the UN health agency is not recommending the use of the high-profile antiviral drug Remdesivir for hospitalized COVID-19 patients, saying on Thursday there is insufficient evidence that it improves survival outcomes or cuts down on the need for patients to be put onto ventilators.

A WORLD Health Organization (WHO) Guideline Development Group (GDG) panel of international experts made the recommendation in the BMJ – the weekly peer-reviewed medical journal, published by the British Medical Association – as part of so-called “living guidelines” to manage the coronavirus and help doctors make better decisions in consultation with patients.

“Living guidelines are useful in fast moving research areas like COVID-19 because they allow researchers to update previously vetted and peer reviewed evidence summaries as new information becomes available”, said WHO, in a press release on the findings.

Evidence-based decisions

Remdesivir has received global attention in treating severe coronavirus cases and is increasingly being used for hospitalized patients. But its role in clinical practice has remained uncertain.

WHO’s recommendation is based on new evidence comparing the effects of several drugs on treating the virus and includes data from four international randomized trials involving more than 7,000 COVID-19 inpatients.

After reviewing the evidence, the WHO GDG expert panel, which includes four patients who have had the coronavirus, concluded that the intravenously administered Remdesivir “has no meaningful effect on mortality or on

other important outcomes for patients, such as the need for mechanical ventilation or time to clinical improvement”.

Arguing its use

The panel acknowledged that the certainty of the evidence is low and did not prove that Remdesivir has no benefit; but rather, “there is no evidence based on currently available data that it does improve important patient outcomes”, according to the WHO release.

However, the GDG supported the continued enrolment of patients into Remdesivir evaluation trials to determine whether more substantial evidence can be obtained, especially with regards to specific groups of patients.

The WHO press release also cites a feature article linked in the panel’s BMJ report, which says that the full story of Remdesivir will not be understood until its manufacturer, Gilead, releases full clinical study reports.

In the meantime, reports the journalist who wrote the feature, Jeremy Hsu, alternative treatments such as widely available corticosteroid, dexamethasone, that has been proved to reduce mortality among some severely-ill COVID-19 sufferers, are “now impacting discussions about Remdesivir’s cost-effectiveness”, in the words of the WHO press release.

SOURCE: UN News



Remdesivir has received global attention in treating severe coronavirus cases and is increasingly being used for hospitalized patients. But its role in clinical practice has remained uncertain. **IMAGE CREDIT: ANI**

CALLING FOR URGENT GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION TO PREVENT AN EMPLOYMENT CATASTROPHE IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

Airlines need another \$70-80 billion to survive: IATA chief

Airlines are one of the sectors worst hit by measures adopted by governments to slow the spread of the coronavirus, but they have also received an estimated \$160 billion in aid.

AIRLINES need up to another \$80 billion to survive, the head of the industry’s trade association told a French daily on Friday, as many countries tighten restrictions to confront another wave of coronavirus infections.

“For the coming months the industry is estimated to need \$70-\$80 billion in additional aid,” the head of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Alexandre de Juniac told La Tribune. “Otherwise they won’t survive.”

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“The longer the crisis lasts, the greater the risk for bankruptcies,” de Juniac was quoted as saying by the daily.

“Nearly 40” airlines “are in a very difficult situation or are under bankruptcy protection or administration,” he added.

Travel restrictions imposed during the first wave of the crisis



Parked planes at Mumbai airport, where traffic has fallen dramatically due to the Covid-19 pandemic. **PHOTO: AFP**

forced many airlines to ground almost their entire fleet. Many governments stepped in with various forms of aid such as loans, cash injections, and support for furloughed workers.

Urgent government intervention

As Recent developments in

international Aviation sector, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) issued on 12 November a joint statement calling for urgent government intervention to prevent an employment catastrophe in the aviation industry.

Estimates from the Air Trans-

port Action Group suggest some 4.8 million aviation workers’ jobs are at risk as a result of air travel demand falling more than 75% (August 2020 compared to August 2019). The impact of COVID-19 related border restrictions and quarantine measures has effectively closed down the aviation industry, grounding planes and

leaving infrastructure and aircraft manufacturing capacity idle.

IATA and ITF demands

Provide continued financial support for the aviation industry. Safely re-open borders without quarantine by implementing a globally harmonized system of pre-departure COVID-19 testing.

“Aviation faces an unprecedented employment catastrophe. Airlines have cut costs to the bone, but have just 8.5 months of cash left under current conditions. Tens of thousands of jobs have already been lost, and unless governments provide more financial relief, these are likely to increase to the hundreds of thousands,” said IATA’s director general and CEO, Alexandre de Juniac.

Aviation plays an essential role in connecting nations and carrying essential cargo, and it is in governments’ own interests to offer further financial aid to keep the industry viable. But more importantly, governments need to work together to safely re-open

borders. That means putting in place a global scheme for testing passengers for Covid-19. With that in place, quarantine can be removed and passengers can have the confidence to fly again.”

In addition to re-opening borders with testing and financial support, the organizations also called for governments to develop a roadmap for long-term industry recovery including investment in workforce retraining and upskilling, and in green technologies, especially sustainable aviation fuels.

“The ability and speed that countries recover from Covid-19, is closely linked to the recovery of global air connectivity,” said the joint statement. “Government intervention and investment, therefore, must not just provide support for the air transport industry now but also to ensure that it is fit for purpose and able to support the world’s return to normality from the pandemic.”

SOURCE: IATA/AFP



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 20th November, 2020)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 21st November, 2020: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Taninthayi Region and isolated in Kachin and Kayin States. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Decrease of night temperatures in Shan State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st November, 2020: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st November, 2020: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st November, 2020: Generally fair weather.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region and partly cloudy in Yangon Region.

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Maternal, newborn care ward completed at Magway hospital

CONSTRUCTION of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatal Ward at the Magway General Hospital has been completed, and it will be handed over the Department of Medical Services on 27 November. The new ward is built under Myanmar-Japan friendship programme.

A survey conducted in 2014 showed that the mortality rate of mother and children under 1-year-old at the Magway hospital was high.

Therefore, Magway Region Government and senior officials from the Ministry of Health and Sports, in cooperation with JICA, began the construction of the three-storey building in 2018.

The hospital's medical superintendent Dr Win Win Htay said that it was a high standard building donated by JICA and



Picture shows the newly-constructed Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatal Ward at the Magway General Hospital in Magway. **PHOTO: THAN NAING OO**

was constructed with Japanese technologies, urging the patients and the public to abide by the hospital's disciplines when they come to the hospital.

After constructing a five-storey building and being provided with staff and medicines, the former 200-bed hospital was upgraded into a 500-bed one on 26

October. At present, the hospital is treating COVID-19 patients.—Than Naing Oo (Magway District IPRD)

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Most puppet businesses close down amid COVID-19 crisis



A man is making puppets with wood at a stall in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region.

LOW income in wooden puppet production has failed to attract new generations in this business, and most puppet crafting markets have been shut down in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region amid the current COVID-19 crisis.

The puppet market mainly

targets to international tourists and domestic tourists in Myanmar. Many of puppet businesses have also been shut down due to the sluggish tourism industry at present.

The puppets are made of teak wood and cost more than 800 kyats for a small crafted puppet

and 900 kyats for gold embroidery. It takes time to make a puppet since it needs painting and string work. A puppet sculptor earns just over 5,000 kyats only if he crafts persistently and there are fewer students who learn the puppet making as the market is relatively regular. The price of a puppet to a wholesaler is 3,500 kyats and it is over 4,000 kyats or 5,000 kyats as the retail price. The puppets are sold only in the high season of tourist. In the puppet industry, there are very few orders for dancing puppets, and only puppets are sold as gifts.

With the cessation of travel services, the puppet business was shut down.

Puppets used to be made of Yamane wood, but now they are made of Teak, and they are divided into animal figures and human figures.

As for animal figures, elephants, horses, tiger figures are

carved mostly. In making animal figure puppet, it needs to make the head part and tail part in detail.

It is systematically drilled and attached to the strings to allow the joints to move.

The carving of up to eight small puppets in elephant and horse figures can be completed a day and after, painting and putting gold embroidery can be done. Although puppet making takes hard work with hand-made gold embroidery to get a fully completed puppet, they are less profitable.

According to a puppet artist, the traditional Myanmar puppetry art will be tarnished since there are only a few young people of the new generation who learn the puppetry due to its long learning period and fewer benefits.—New Nadi, Myit Nge (Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

Trucks without health certificate or with expired one prohibited from entering Shan State

SHAN State has prohibited the trucks without health certificate or with expired one from entering their state, according to Nampang Tat Checkpoint in Kalaw Township.

Truck drivers and followers who will enter Shan State from Nay Pyi Taw council, regions and states will be permitted to enter only with a health certificate issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports indicating they are clear of the virus within two weeks of testing, according to the announcement of Nampang Tat Checkpoint.

Besides, Nampang Tat Checkpoint also

mentions that the truck drivers from Nay Pyi Taw council, regions and states without having health certificate or with expired health certificate will not be allowed to do re-testing in Shan State and are not allowed to enter the Shan State.

Similarly, the local truck drivers from Shan State, who have been detected at Kalaw Checkpoint and Aye Thayar town hospital, are allowed to do re-testing only if the hospital mentions to do re-test for their health certificate when they enter back Shan State via Nampang Tat Checkpoint. And, the truck drivers from Shan State will

not be allowed to do the testing in Nampang Tat Checkpoint if they do not have a health certificate from Kalaw Checkpoint and Aye Thayar town hospital and they are not allowed to enter Shan State.

Moreover, the home-used cars from Nay Pyi Taw Council, regions and states will enter Shan State only if they are holding the health certificate. The home-used vehicles from Shan State need to stay facility quarantined wherever they go. The Nampang Tat Checkpoint is usually closed at 10 pm.—Nyein Nyein

(Translated by Hay Mar)

COVID-19 infection will decrease when public abides by and strictly follows all the statements of the Ministry of Health and Sports

Interviewed by Min Thit (MNA), Photos: Zaw Min Latt (MNA)/ Kyaw Zeya Win

Both the rate of infection and the death toll have risen in Yangon Region since the beginning of the second wave of COVID-19. The Ministry of Health and Sports is implementing plans to prevent the spread of the disease and to provide healthcare services to the people in full swing.

Here's an interview with Deputy Director-General for the Public Health and Medical Services Dr Tun Myint, and Yangon General Hospital Superintendent Dr Myint Myint Aye. They are working for the COVID-19 disease prevention, treatment and control in the Yangon Region.

Dr Tun Myint
Deputy Director-General
Yangon Region Public Health and Medical Services Department



Question: Some deaths in COVID-19 cases unreasonably occurred as the patients in serious conditions were just taken to the hospitals after they failed in treatments in their own ways. Regarding this, how would you like to urge the public to come to the hospital if infected?

Answer: It's very important for the patients to receive sufficient treatment and hospitals have prepared for adequate treatment. Patients are only aware of the critical situation due to the delay at home. They came late to the hospital, and later they were dead. In this situation, the hospitals are fully prepared. Since the whole world is facing COVID-19 disease, including Myanmar,



Picture shows the outer view of a building inside the compound of Yangon General Hospital.

pitalization.

Getting home treatment may hinder sufficient treatment, and if it is delayed, our treatment will not be up to standard. So, the key to getting quality treatment is not to treat at home.

For those who are treated at home, we find it very difficult to save lives when the disease is severe. The patient also suffers more from pain. In the end, the family suffered a great loss.

Instead of getting home treatment, people should report to the hospital, and the public health department when any suspected symptom was found as the health departments already have a plan to provide healthcare.

Plans have been made since the first case of COVID-19 patient in Myanmar on 23 March. People should not receive home treatment, and instead, they should report any illnesses to the health department. With just a phone call, the mechanism will be able to provide healthcare to the patient in a convenient and smooth manner.

Question: What is your opinion on allowing a caregiver to the COVID-19 positive patient?

Answer: In fact, it should not be possible for a positive patient



Doctors wearing PPE are providing medical services for COVID-19 patients at Yangon General Hospital.



CCTVs are installed to monitor patients from the video surveillance rooms at the Yangon General Hospital.

we are taking a step-by-step approach to these experiences. In doing so, we keep a close eye on the situation in countries around the world that were hit hard by the first wave of COVID-19. For this, we have prepared things in our country.

The Union Minister for Health and Sports has repeatedly warned the public not to



Yangon General Hospital is treating COVID-19 patients.

be negligent as the Ministry is aware of the growing number of COVID-19 infections. Symptoms of COVID-19 have also been made public. If someone has any of the symptoms of COVID-19, they need to go to the nearest health centre and seek timely treatment. The purpose of this treatment is to reduce the number of deaths due to the late hos-

to be together with a negative person. It is contagious from the positive patient to the negative one at any time and can cause sudden death if infected with COVID-19.

During the time of treatment, current symptoms like shortness of breath and Oxygen falls can occur. After recovery,

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chronic heart disease and chronic lung disease will happen in the future.

Another is mental. Once infected, there are many psychological traumas. Because of these, it should not be allowed to let someone care closely near the patient. However, there is a situation to enable to do so. Those who can stay at the hospital as caregivers are relatives and close friends. They can take care of the patients who are in their dotage, children, autistic people, people with visually-impaired and hearing loss. This is allowed as an exception

as these people need a caregiver. Under the circumstances, young children cannot be a caregiver. We will allow the people of ages between 18 and 45 who are in good health as caregivers.

Patients needed to be in the ICU must be supervised by a local anesthesiologist. Hospitals also have management committees. These committees have to decide. Appropriate patient care must be provided.

Such decisions must be submitted to the most recent committee meeting for approval in case of emergency.

Question: How many people are

infected with COVID-19 in Yangon Region and how many treatment centres have been set up?

Answer: There are over 50,000 positive patients in Yangon Region. Of these, more than 1,400 died. Having more than 50,000 positive patients in Yangon Region is more than 80% of all cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar. For this, treatment centres have to be expanded. Firstly, Waibarggi Hospital and later South Okkalapa Hospital were prepared as treatment centres. When it was not sufficient, Phaunggyi COVID-19 centre was open. There are altogether 17 treatment centres

arranged by the Ministry of Health and Sports in Yangon. Also, Tatmadaw has arranged 7 treatment centres, including the Tatmadaw Liver Specialist Hospital, so totally, there are 24 centres.

There are also upgrades done in district and township hospitals for the treatment. The Government has provided the necessary budget for that, too. Arrangements are being made in order to alleviate the public's anxiety of hospitals being overcrowded during the treatment. There is no need for the people to worry. We will take good care of it.

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COVID-19: IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS

China's state-owned carmaker enters into bankruptcy amid virus spread

CHINA'S state-owned Huachen Automotive Group, the parent company of a partner of Germany's BMW AG, has entered a bankruptcy restructuring procedure, the official Xinhua News Agency said Friday. The report underscores that sales of Chinese automobile brands have been facing a downturn as the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, first detected in the central city of Wuhan late last year, has been stifling domestic demand, analysts say.

SOURCE: Kyodo

LOGISTICS DATA

Port of Los Angeles sees busiest month in its 114-year history

THE Port of Los Angeles, the busiest port in the United States by container volume, processed 980,729 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in October, which marked the busiest month in the port's 114-year history. The total volume of cargo moved last month increased by 27.3 per cent compared to October 2019 and eclipsed the previous monthly record of 961,833 set in August of this year, according to the data released by the port on Wednesday. The loaded imports of the port reached 506,613 TEUs, the loaded exports edged up 2.6 per cent to 143,936 TEUs. Meanwhile, empty containers increased 39.3 per cent compared to October 2019, reaching a record of 330,180 TEUs. SOURCE: Xinhua

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THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(21/2020-2021)

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

| Sr No. | Tender No. | Description | Remarks |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| (a) | MOC/L-004(20-21) | Welding Electrode and Welding Rod Heater (3) Items | Ks |
| (b) | DMP/L-164(20-21) | Spares for SR-700L Kato Rough Terrain Crane (19) Items | Ks |

(Retender)

2. The Open Tender forms including details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from 20 November 2020 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than 12:00 pm on 21 December 2020.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – 21-12-2020, 12:00 pm.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph No. +95 67 - 411206

INVITATION FOR PRICE QUOTATIONS

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the National Community Driven Development Project (NCDDP). The IDA N° of the financing agreement is N° 56870. The Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, in its role as implementing agency of the NCDDP, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing towards eligible payments under the Purchase Order/Contract for the following packages. DRD now invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in supplying the following items:

| Reference No. | Lot | Description | Unit | Estimated Quantity |
|---------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|------|--------------------|
| G-161 | 1 | Replacement Batteries for Samsung tablets | Nos | 300 |
| | 2 | Replacement Batteries for Huawei tablets | Nos | 100 |
| G-166 | 1 | INFORMATION BOARDS | Nos | 7,050 |
| G-168 | 1 | Vinyl Poster (9 Item) | Nos | 46,584 |

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the email address below and clearly indicate the full coordinates of the interested supplier and one or more of the reference number(s) here above.

Eligible suppliers having expressed interest will receive an INVITATION TO QUOTE (ITQ) including all useful information to prepare the Quotation(s). Only electronic copies of the ITQ will be sent to the e-mail address(es) indicated in the Expressions of Interest. Sealed Quotations will be submitted to the address below at the latest at the deadline date and time indicated in each of the ITQ listed above, after which no Quotations will be accepted. For the ITQ comprising different Lots, Quotations will be evaluated on a Lot by Lot basis and the contracts awarded to the quotation with the lowest evaluated price per Lot.

Suppliers will be selected following the Shopping Method as per the "Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011.

Please submit your Expression of Interest for receiving the Invitation to Quote (ITQ) to: Project Director Daw Nyo Nyo Win, NCDD Project Secretariat, Department of Rural Development, Office No 36, Nay Pyi Taw. Telephone (95-67)418604. For detailed information please contact U Kyaw Swa Aung Director, Procurement and Logistic Section, Mobile phone 0943434333 or office phone 067418637, Email: procurement@ncddpmyanmar.org. For more information on the NCDD Project please also visit Website: www.cdd.drdmyanmar.org.

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (084N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21-11-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of HPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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APEC CEO DIALOGUES

Japanese PM Suga aims for digital transformation, green society



In this photo released by Malaysia's Department of Information, a screen shows Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga delivering a speech via a virtual meeting during the APEC CEO Dialogues 2020, ahead of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders' summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Nov. 20, 2020. **PHOTO: FANDY AZLAN/MALAYSIA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION/KYODO**

JAPANESE Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said Friday that the promotion of digital transformation and realization of a green society are the key priorities of his administration amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

Delivering a speech on the virtual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Dialogues hosted by Malaysia on Friday, Suga pledged to tear down bureaucratic sectionalism, vested interests, and

the habit of following past precedents in the Japanese society while advancing bold regulatory reforms.

The Japanese leader reiterated his flagship policies of digital transformation and cutting greenhouse gas emissions in the country to net zero by 2050.

"As people's behavioural patterns shift due to COVID-19, accelerating digital transformation is crucial. I will establish an agency in charge of digital transformation to serve

as a command in the government," Suga said in his video message.

Meanwhile, the Japanese prime minister said his country would aspire for the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific through the early conclusion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership agreement. He said Japan would continue to deepen cooperation with the business sector and contribute to the efforts of APEC.

SOURCE: Xinhua

ACT-ACCELERATOR'S IMMEDIATE FUNDING GAP

G20 urged to fill \$4.5 bn gap in global Covid-19 vaccine fund

G20 nations must help plug a \$4.5 billion gap in the global Covid-19 vaccine fund to save lives and clear the way for an end to the pandemic, a letter seen by AFP on Friday said.

The letter, sent ahead of this weekend's virtual G20 summit, was signed by Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission.

"A commitment by G20 leaders at the G20

Summit in Riyadh to invest substantially in the ACT-Accelerator's immediate funding gap of \$4.5 billion will immediately save lives, lay the groundwork for mass procurement and delivery of COVID-19 tools around the world, and provide an exit strategy out of this global economic and human crisis," the letter dated November 16 said.

"With this funding, and a joint commitment to spend a proportion of future stimulus on the COVID-19 tools needed globally, the G20 will build a foundation to end the pandemic," added the letter addressed to King Sal-

man of Saudi Arabia, the current G20 president.

ACT-Accelerator, led by the WHO, is a globally-pooled hunt for Covid-19 vaccines, diagnostics and treatments.

There was no immediate comment from G20 organisers in Riyadh.

In September, the United Nations estimated that the ACT-Accelerator had received only some \$3 billion of the \$38 billion needed to meet the goal of producing and delivering two billion vaccine doses, 245 million treatments and 500 million diagnostic tests over the next year.

SOURCE: AFP

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Archway to Ketumati City.

Toward royal Ketumati cultural museum

By Maung Tha (Archaeology)

ANCIENT Ketumati City in Toungoo era which initiated the united Second Myanmar Empire turned 510 years in 2020. Kings of Toungoo established Toungoo, Toungogyi (Danyawady), Myawady and Dwarawady cities starting from

1278 AD. King Mingyi Nyo built Ketumati as last city of Toungoo era in 1510 AD.

Five Ketumati-Toungoo cities

Toungoo is 277 kilometres north from Yangon and 139 kilometres southeast of Nay Pyi Taw.

It is located on 663.15 square miles of area above 162 feet of sea level, between 18° 56' and 18° 57' north latitude and 96° 25' and 96° 27' east longitude.

Toungoo Township shares border with Htantabin and Thandaung townships in the east, Paukhaung Township in the west, Ottwin Township in the south and Yedashe Township in the north. Sittoung River streams along 15 miles in length from the north to the south in Toungoo Township located at the cape of Minwun Mountain and origin of Khabaung Creek.

Toungoo city was established by Thawungyi and Thawunng brothers in 1278 AD. They also built Toungogyi in 1279 AD and Thawungyi took power of the State. King Mingyi Nyo who ascended the throne in 1485 AD established Myawady City, 500 tars north of Toungoo in 1486. Five years later, he moved the royal city to Dwarawady in 1491.

King Mingyi Nyo established Ketumati City in 1510 AD with 700 tars in length from the east to the west and 500 tars in width from the south to the north. Its walls were formed with 20 gates, 20 ordination halls and four corner Cetis.

Currently, Toungoo Township is constituted with two towns—Toungoo and Ketumati—with 27 residential wards and 251 villages in 37 village-tracts. Walls and moats can be seen till today. The ancient wall is under maintenance of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

The Department of General Administration mentioned there are 75 pagodas and 317 monasteries in Toungoo Township. Among them, Myatsaw Nyinaung, Shwehsandaw, Myazigon, Seekhongyi and Myat Neinda are historic pagodas.

Ketumati Museum

510 years old Ketumati-Toungoo Township which has been passing successive eras left historic buildings and historical objects. Among them, U Khin Maung Aye (CB Bank Chairman), a local of Toungoo Township, keeps wooden, earthen, ceramic, lacquer wares and Buddha images of his old generations in 12 wooden cupboards at Royal Ketumati Hotel.

To showcase such objects, Vice Chair of Kaung Myanmar Company Daw Khin Hla Hla sought a permit to establish a regional museum in 2015 and

renovated the rest house of the golf training range as a two-storey building between the western wall and western moat of Ketumati City on Bohmu Po Kun Street in Ward 11 of Toungoo.

The Ministry of Culture provided assistance for systematic display of the ancient objects at the museum. The building and signboard of the museum were commissioned into service at the ceremony to mark the 505th founding anniversary of Ketumati-Toungoo City in 2015.

Retired professor/dean of Myanmar Department Dr Mar Mar Wai of Toungoo University took responsibilities for in-charge of the museum and applied for establishment of the museum at the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture in February 2016.

Bago Region Department of Archaeology and National Museum approved items, numbers and terms of the preserved objects in 2015 and 2017. The museum had got the permit to preserve ancient objects. The Department of Archaeology and National Museum in 2018 scrutinized more than 700 additional objects for registration.

Museum officials made field trips to Toungoo and environs and collected ancient and rare objects. And, more than 600 books were kept at the museum for public observation.

What is museum?

Myanmar encyclopaedia Volume VII stated the museum is the buildings to store various kinds of objects contributing to observers in all aspects. Likewise, Myanmar dictionary defined the museum as the building



Bronze weights in Toungoo era.



to display the objects observable for the people.

The basic museum science mentioned that the museum is a single site to gather ancient artefacts or recordable objects for public observation and for conducting research so as to widen knowledge scope of the people as a learning centre.

The Protection and Preservation of Ancient Monuments Law enacted on 22 July 2015 mentioned that museums are buildings operated by any government organization or regional administrative body or private sector for preserving and conducting research on artistically physical and mental heritages based on cultural and historical values for the sake of the people to conveniently observe and learn. At present, the museum bill has been drawn. After seeking approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the bill will be approved as a law.

There are more than 55,000 museums across the world. Among them, the museums can be classified depending on types, opened by governments of relevant countries and private sectors.

Objects on display

Royal Ketumati Cultural Museum building is of two-storey facility. Ancient objects are kept in glass boxes on each stair. On the ground, a bell made of lacquer and paper in shape of King Bayintnaung Bell can be seen. In fact, the genuine bell bore bell inscriptions recognized as a world heritage. The original bell can be seen at the eastern stairway of Shwezigon Stupa in NyaungU.

King Bayintnaung ordered to carve bell inscriptions in Pali, Mon and Myanmar languages with exact dates and events. So, it thoroughly contributed to amending different facts and figures of books in history.

King Bayintnaung's Bell is three feet and eight inches in height, three feet and six inches in circumference, 10 feet and three inches in basic circumference, six inches in thickness, one feet and seven inches in diameter, and one feet and seven inches in height of bell ring. Bell inscriptions were carved in Mon and Myanmar languages on the bell body and five lines of inscription in Pali on above the neck of bell.

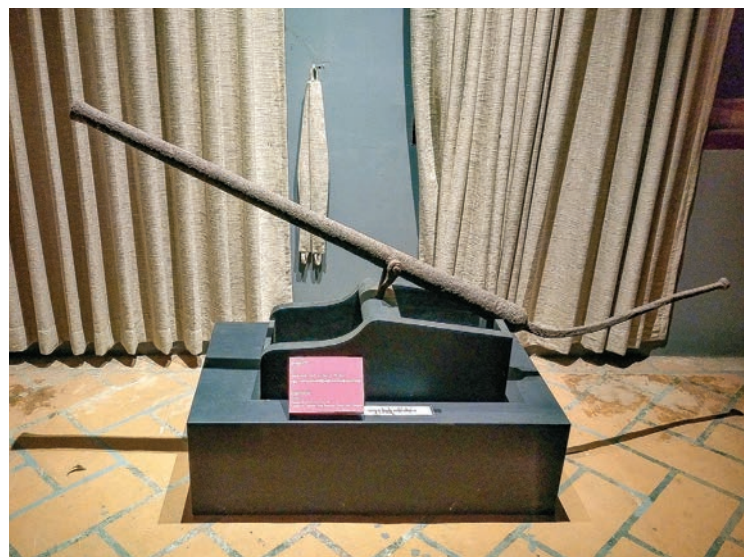
The bell inscriptions mentioned King Bayintnaung with the title of Thiri Pawara Maha Dhamma Razadiraza cast a bell and hung it on 23 May 1557, Sunday at Shwezigon Pagoda donated by Bagan Kings Anawrahta and Kyansittha.

As Bayintnaung bell inscription bore firm contemporary records, exact dates and days, exact names of King Bayintnaung and queen, and fulfilment of needs at Myanmar histories, the UNESCO recognized it as memory of the world for the fourth one of Myanmar in 2017. A total of 22 glass boxes in which the Bayintnaung bell replica and ancient objects are kept can be seen on the ground floor of the museum. These ancient objects are stone and bronze wares as well as iron sword, iron spear silver sword and others.

Three bronze tattooing devices, broken glaze pieces, glaze coated earthen plate, bronze spoons and an earthen plate



Royal Ketumati Cultural Museum.



Iron cannon salvaged from Toungoo Lake.

bearing offensive moves can be seen in the museum. Significantly, a five shelves wooden post box and silver embroidery sarong are also displayed.

Likewise, visitors can view bronze weights, silver and lead

coins, a string of beads made of petrified sal and pieces of bead in Toungoo era, strings of bead made of elephant statues and tiger statues, earplugs, earthen urns, bricks with signs, earthen and glaze reliefs and a gong of

clock.

Six bronze statues bearing episodes of giving birth to the Buddha embryo, trip to jungle, cutting hair, Enlightenment, preaching Dhammacakka Desana and attainment of Parinibbana are kept in 20 glass boxes on the first floor of the museum.

Moreover, earthen marble Buddha images, folded papers, gilt Kammava, gilt palm leave inscriptions, pipes, pieces of broken pots bearing designs and three bronze bells including a tusk carved into 28 Buddha images are displayed on the same floor. Human utensils such as clock cupboard, bracelet and necklace of Kayin ethnics, turban, meal box, trays, pots and one iron cannon of Kayah ethnic are also put on display. The cannon was salvaged from underwater of Toungoo Lake.

A replica of Myaceti stone inscription carved in 913 which is one of world heritage sites on the platform of Myaceti and Bagan Archaeological Museum is kept in centre of the museum. Likewise, one more replica of the stone inscription on collection of tax in Myanmar language by King Bayintnaung from Bagan Shwegugyi Pagoda is also showcased.

All objects displayed in the museum are labelled with term, work, era and location set by the Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

Two boats carved in logs found from Nyaungyan era found from Swa Creek and one boat made of log in Konbaung era from Chaungmange Creek are kept at back of the museum whereas a part of western wall of ancient Ketumati City excavated by the Department of Archaeology and National Museum can be seen on the left side of the museum.

There remain various historical and cultural heritages across the nation. Better preservation of these heritages can prove cultural value of Myanmar. So, establishment of government museums as well as private museums will much benefit the observers.

(Translated by Than Tun Aung)

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Boats carved in logs found from Swa Creek and Chaungmange Creek.



Stone weapons displayed at the museum.





The fighting and challenging styles of Aung La N Sang are featured in the mobile action game named "The Burmese Python Strikes" on the ONE Application. **PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Aung La N Sang invites fans to play his game to win US\$1,000

MYANMAR'S epic fighter and ONE Championship Light Heavyweight champion Aung La N Sang has invited his fans around the world via his social media page to play a action game mobile named, "The Burmese Python Strikes" to have a chance to win US\$1,000.

Aung La N Sang said, "I'm back training to get my middleweight belt back! But before we do that...help me save Myanmar and get a chance to win ONE Championship gloves signed by me and a chance to win 1,000 USD! Play it on the

ONE Super App - <https://onefc.onelink.me/T9HG/TBPSALNS>.

The game was created recently by ONE Championship to honour Myanmar's fighter Aung La N Sang for his big achievements in the ONE.

The winners of the game will automatically have a chance to participate in a drawing programme to win a thousand of US dollar and will get a pair of ONE Championship glove signed by the Burmese Python Aung La N Sang.

Aung La N Sang assisted ONE Championship in creat-

ing the mobile game design including background views of Kachin National Manau Park in Myitkyina, where his bronze statue situated.

Aung La N Sang's voice and ring announcer Dom Lau's voice are also included in the game, ONE Championship stated.

The game was created with challenging levels, and fans need to pass 20 episodes in the non-stop action game to have a chance to win the big prize.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Lampard wants Premier League's early kick offs scrapped

LONDON—Frank Lampard has called for the Premier League's Saturday morning fixtures to be scrapped as Chelsea's tired players prepare to face Newcastle in that slot after a draining international break.

Lampard believes it is madness for the Premier League and television broadcasters to insist on one match being held at 1230 GMT on Saturdays as it places undue stress on over-worked players.

The issue is especially alarming for Chelsea boss Lampard when several of his stars were only just arriving back in England on Thursday after jetting around the world to play for their countries.

They will have barely any time to rest or train before the trip to St James' Park on Saturday and Lampard is concerned that their fitness is being put at risk.



Chelsea boss Frank Lampard. **PHOTO: AFP**

"The majority of our squad have been travelling, they are just getting back now. They will fly up to Newcastle, fly back, fly to Rennes on Tuesday and then back," Lampard told reporters on Thursday.

"Thiago Silva has just landed. He probably won't go to Newcastle because of the length of the

journey and the timings.

"When you look at the scheduling the broadcasters have never had as many slots. How much does that 12:30 slot need to be there?"

"It is absolutely not the optimum way to have players preparing for Premier League games.—AFP ■

Nadal beats Tsitsipas to reach last four at ATP Finals

LONDON—Rafael Nadal kept alive his hopes of a first ATP Finals title on Thursday, beating defending champion Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 in London to qualify for the last four.

The Spaniard, whose haul of 86 singles titles includes just one on indoor hard courts, is chasing the biggest prize missing from his resume at the eight-man elite event.

The 34-year-old has qualified for the ATP Finals for a record 16 consecutive years but has been forced to withdraw on six occasions.

The second seed won his opening round-robin match

against Andrey Rublev but defeat against Dominic Thiem meant he faced a shootout against 2019 champion Tsitsipas to reach the semi-finals.

Both players were rock solid on serve until Nadal earned the first two break points of the set in the seventh game, which he failed to convert.

Tsitsipas was again under pressure in his next service game and this time he cracked, double-faulting on break point.

Nadal pressed home his advantage, serving consecutive aces to take the set 6-4 against his 22-year-old opponent.—AFP ■

'Emotional distress': S. Korea court orders compensation for Ronaldo no-show



Cristiano Ronaldo (C) stayed on the bench during the exhibition match in Seoul last year. **PHOTO: JUNG YEON-JE/AFP**

SEOUL—A South Korean promoter was ordered to compensate fans on Friday after Juventus superstar Cristiano Ronaldo failed to play an exhibition match as promised.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner stayed on the bench throughout a 3-3 draw with a K-League all-stars team in July last year, despite the pleas and anger of a sell-out 65,000 crowd at the Seoul World Cup Stadium.

Match promoter The Fasta had run adverts promising the Portuguese striker would play.

The Seoul Central District Court ordered The Fasta to refund half the ticket price and an additional 50,000 won (\$45) in compensation to each of 162 plaintiffs who had sued the promoter.

Tickets -- priced from 30,000 won to 400,000 won -- had sold out in less than three minutes, such was the clamour to see the 35-year-old.

"The defendant has contractual obligations of Ronaldo playing in the game barring any unforeseen circumstances," the court said, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

The fans who had come expecting Ronaldo to play suffered "emotional distress", it added.

No order was made against Ronaldo or Juventus.

The verdict followed a court in a different district ordering The Fasta to compensate two fans who had accused it of false advertising.

Anger over the superstar's absence spread beyond sports fans to the wider public, prompting the coining of an online phrase "acting like Ronaldo", referring to someone who doesn't live up to their promises.—AFP ■