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UEC chairman receives special envoy of Japanese government



Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein receives a courtesy call of Mr Yohei Sasakawa. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein received a courtesy call of Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, the UEC chairman explained the successful holding of general elections on 8 November, in which 27 million voters out of 38 million eligible voters cast their ballots with more than 71 per cent voter turnout.

The chairman of Nippon

Foundation made a congratulatory remark on the elections with a considerable rate of voter turnout.

He also recognized systematic holding of the elections, including the vote counting and polling station management.

They also discussed the constituencies where the elections could not be held.

Japan supplied indelible inks in the 2020 General Election of Myanmar on 8 November.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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1,411 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 2 December, total figure rises to 93,600

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 93,600 after 1,411 new cases were reported on 2 December according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 93,600 confirmed cases, 1,998 died, 72,601 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 2 December 2020

Total Cases

93,600

New Cases

1,411

Total Death Tally

1,998

Discharged from Hospital

72,601

Daily death toll until 8 pm 2-12-2020

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Appointment of Chief Justice in
Mandalay Region High Court

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 308 section (b), sub-section (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, article 82 section (b) of the Union Government Law, article 44 of the Union Judiciary Law and article 17 section (d) of Region or State Government Law, U Kyi Thein (a) U Kyi Thein Aung, Judge of the Mandalay Region High Court, has been appointed as Chief Justice of the Mandalay Region High Court.

Sd/ Win Myint
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objectives for 100th Anniversary of
National Day 2020

- Rights to basic education for all school-age children
- Rights to life-long learning of practical and useful subjects for socio-economics
- More education investment in ethnic areas for multi-sectoral development of the Union
- Technological and infrastructural inputs for education development
- Establishment of a Democratic Federal Union with the collective strength of all the nationals

Motto of 100th Anniversary of National Day 2020

- Make the Union Peace with collective efforts of all the nationals commencing 100th anniversary of National Day

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Lower and affordable cost housing buyers need to register via DUHD sale housing FB messenger

THE lower and affordable cost housing buyers with ODA loan need to register the information via DUHD sale housing social website in order to prevent them from being crowded with the people, according to the announcement of the Ministry of Construction.

Those who are involved in

4,710 named lists which have a minimum of K3 million savings account in Construction, Housing, and Infrastructure Development Bank (CHID bank) as of 30 September need to register through DUHD sale housing social website.

The registration via messenger will be accepted from 7

to 11 December within the office hours. The buyers can check the information of the housing in the social media, and they need to register by giving name, NRC, the name of the housing project, type of building, CHID bank's down payment serial no and contact number.

The Urban and Housing

Development Department has constructed a total of 388 apartments of lower and affordable housing project such as Shwelinban, Htee Hlaing Shin, Kanaung and Thilawa housing. The department will sell the apartments from those housing projects in December to those who have a minimum K3 million

saving account in CHID bank. The Urban and Housing Development Department under the Ministry of Construction has constructed a total of 55,600 flats including 28,901 flats for sale and 26,699 flats for rent since 2011. —Aye Chan Moe

(Translated by Hay Mar)

CMB Governor attends 56th SEACEN Governors' Conference, 40th SEACEN Board of Governors Meeting online



Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung joins the 56th SEACEN Governors' Conference and the 40th SEACEN Board of Governors Meeting via videoconference on 1 December. PHOTO: MNA

THE 56th SEACEN Governors' Conference and the 40th SEACEN Board of Governors Meeting, jointly organized by the South East Asian Central Banks and the Monetary Authority of Brunei which is the rotating chair of the meeting, took place via videoconferencing on 1 December.

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Vice-Governor U Soe Thein, the Director-General and Deputy Director-General joined the events together with the Governors of 19 SEACEN members Central Banks.

During the 56th SEACEN Governors' Conference, Dr

Chen Yulu, Vice-Governor of the People's Bank of China discussed under the topic "Opportunities and Challenges in Adopting Central Bank Digital Currencies", and other Governors of SEACEN members exchanged views on the benefits of digital currency amid COVID-19 pandemic.

Then, the 40th SEACEN Board of Governors Meeting was continuously held, and Managing Director for Monetary Authority of Brunei Ms Yang Mulia Dayang Hajah Rokiahbinti Haji Badar and Executive Director of SEACEN Centre Dr Manga Goswami respectively made an opening speech.

Dr Mangal Goswami also presented the management of SEACEN Centre for using online to conduct training, meetings and workshops and publishing of research papers in 2020.

The meeting discussed the 2020-2022 strategic plan of SEACEN Centre, capacity building for officers of the Central Banks of member countries, budget managements, recruitments, criteria for new SEACEN memberships, the appointment of the external auditor, expenditures in 2019, 2021 scholarships of SEACEN Centre for member Central Banks, Project on Development a SEACEN Leadership Competency Framework Project of SEACEN Technical Working Group 2 and instructions of the Governors of 19 SEACEN members Central Banks regarding with the expenditures for coming projects.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

Build a Union with a diversity of strength

The word Union is such a beautiful word. It is imbued with grace. It is very important for all of us to value, love and cherish this word. A Union means something which has been established collectively. A country which has been established collectively, a great country which has been established collectively is not the same as those countries which have not been established collectively. We will be able to establish a Union only after transforming our diversity and differences into strength.

(Extract from a Message of Greetings delivered by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 15 January 2020 at the ceremony to celebrate Kayah State Day)



Myanmar Folk Dance - U Shwe Yoe and Daw Moe. PHOTO BY: ZAW MG MG OO (SANDAKU)

Procurement Committee for Medicines and Medical Equipment on COVID-19 Prevention, Control and Treatment Meets

THE 3rd Meeting of the Procurement Committee for Medicines and Medical Equipment on COVID-19 Prevention, Control and Treatment was held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the Committee, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun, Deputy Minister for Health and Sports and Secretary of the Committee, Dr Mya Lay Sein, and other committee members, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Myo and U Aung Htoo, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Chan Aye, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry U Ko Ko Lwin.



Union Minister U Thaung Tun chairs the third meeting of the Procurement Committee for Medicines and Medical Equipment on COVID-19 Prevention Control and Treatment on 2 December. PHOTO: MNA

The Committee discussed matters relating to the procurement of medicine and medical equipment under COVID-19 Emergency Relief Plan (CERP) and the effective utilization of loans and grants provided by the World Bank, the ADB and INGOS.

The Committee also discussed matters regarding logistics and cold storage for the vaccines. The committee agreed to recommend the necessary operation procedures (SOPs) for private sector participation in the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19.

The Committee Chair and members exchanged views on the need to develop a comprehensive national strategy for procurement, logistics and the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine locally.

The committee further discussed promotion of public awareness campaigns regarding COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment, including the efforts to procure vaccines for the people.—MNA

124 Myanmar citizens fly back home from Taiwan (Chinese Taipei)

A total of 124 Myanmar citizens arrived back home by a Chinese Airlines relief flight organized by Myanmar Consulate-General in Hong Kong yesterday.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region govern-

ment arranged 7-day quarantine at specific places or designated hotels, followed by the 7-day home quarantine. To bring back the Myanmar citizens who were stranded in foreign countries by relief flights and chartered flights in accordance with the instructions from National-Level Central Com-

mittee on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective countries and 8 relief flights have been arranged for the nationals who wanted to return from Taiwan (Chinese Taipei).—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

“People are the key”

Preparations for 100th National Day celebrations discussed via videoconferencing



Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education and Yangon Region government meet to discuss preparations for the successful holding of the 100th National Day celebrations via videoconferencing on 2 December 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Education and the Yangon Region government yesterday morning jointly organized a virtual meeting to discuss preparations for holding the 100th National Day celebrations.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, Yangon Regional Social Affairs Minister U Naing Ngan Lin, Permanent Secretaries and

other relevant officials.

During the meeting, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint said that the spirit of nationalism was precious in the time when the country was enslaved, and it was the main force for collective struggles for independence. He added that the people of Myanmar must have the spirit of nationalism even after independence in order to protect the independence the country has gained.

On the other hand, he warned that if the spirit of nationalism turns into a nar-

row-minded mindset, it can go to extremes. And it goes to extremes, bad actions and behaviours will emerge, he said.

But the spirit of striving to be at the forefront in all sectors such as politics, economic and social sectors are a peaceful national spirit, said Union Minister Dr Pe Myint.

One of the unique features of the National Day of Myanmar is that it is linked to education. The day the 1920 University of Yangon Students' Boycott began, was designated as National Day of Myanmar.

The objectives of this year's National Day are to ensure that all school-age children have access to basic education, to enable access to practical subjects that will be beneficial to the socio-economy, to create lifelong learning opportunities for the people of Myanmar, to increase investments in education in ethnic areas for the comprehensive development of the Union, and to establish a Democratic Federal Union with the collective strength of all ethnic groups of Myanmar, according to Union Minister Dr Pe Myint.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said that he discussed with the Myoma Alumni Group and some students' unions in Yangon on plans to hold the National Day.

Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said that the 100th National Day of Myanmar would fall on 9 December, and the COVID-19 crisis has caused some obstacles in celebrating the National Day. He said that his Ministry would cooperate with other ministries and departments in accordance with the decisions of the meeting.

During the meeting, Education Research, Planning and Training Department Director-General Dr Win Tun explained the plans for the 100th National Day ceremony, Yangon Regional Social Affairs Minister U Naing Ngan Lin explained the plan for the publication of a book marking the 100th National Day, and MRTV Director-General U Ye Naing explained MRTV's plan to broadcast programmes marking the 100th National Day.—MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

MoHS organizes meeting on effective COVID-19 treatment, decline in death toll

THE Ministry of Health and Sports organized a meeting on effective COVID-19 treatment and a possible decline in the death toll via videoconferencing yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe said Myanmar reports 1,645 confirmed cases out of every one million people and ranks at 143 out of 230 world countries according to the statement of WHO on 29 November 2020. Moreover, there are 35 deaths in one million people, and so it also ranks at 132 out of 230 countries. The death rate is 1,918 and ranks at 57 among 230 world countries regardless of population.

The Union Minister also discussed more effective treatment to reduce the death rate, sharing of experience in healthcare services among the relevant medics, exact lab results, efforts of social welfare teams and donors, cooperation works with Public Health Department in COVID-19 treatment, prevention and control sectors, educating programmes

for early diagnosis for COVID-19, conducting facemask campaigns across the nation, medical supplies to the COVID-19 treatment centre, hospitals and ICU.

He continued to say the high death rate due to poor health knowledge regarding with the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and underlying diseases, the death cases of COVID-19 suspects after shortly arriving at the hospitals in the second wave of COVID-19, permission to allow one family member for the COVID-19 patient with disabilities, sharing of COVID-19 health guidelines in line with the findings to the hospitals via internet or E-mail, weekly discussion with the medics for treatment sector, efforts of ministry to fulfil the needs of the healthcare services and proposal to National-Level Central Committee on COVID-19 Prevention, Control and Treatment Centre.

Then, Prof Dr Zaw Wai Soe, Rector of University of Medicine (1) presented the better treat-



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe addresses the MOHS-organized meeting for more effective treatment to reduce the death rate in the fight against COVID on 2 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

ment for the patients before they arrive at the hospitals while other medics briefed the volunteers inside the ward system, SPO2 on exertion, challenges in treatment sectors and other COVID-19 related matters.

The Union Minister coordinated the discussion and

concluded the meeting after appreciating the efforts of doctors, nurses and other volunteers in the fight against COVID-19 and emphasized on plans to conduct a separate meeting with the Professors and Specialists, research on mental and physical supports for healthcare workers.

The Union Minister then urged the officials to keep carrying out the HIV/AIDS prevention programmes and other healthcare programmes amid COVID-19 pandemic.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

We will relax the restrictions as soon as the situation improves



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.

(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s report on COVID-19 situation amid containment measures, on 21 November 2020)

IPRD organizes paper reading session to mark Centenary of National Day

THE Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information held a paper reading session virtually.

To mark the 100th Anniversary of National Day, the ceremony was joined by Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, heads of departments and officials from district IPRD offices across the country.

In his remark, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint said that as the MoI is concerned with media works and other publications, it should have objectives to produce the books for capacity building of staff members of the departments.

In addition to book readings and discussions of the various authors Researcher U Aye Maung Kyaw and U Ye Myint Kyaw of Centre for Myanmar

Affairs Studies presided over the paper reading session.

Then, the resource persons read out the papers about the socio-economy status of Myanmar in 1920, Myanmar’s political affairs in 1920, YMBA and GCBA, footwear issue, boycott against Rangoon University Act, beginning of National Schools, administration, social affairs, economy, livestock, trade, industry, forest, mine,



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint makes the speech at paper reading session of IPRD on 2 December to mark 100th anniversary of National Day. **PHOTO: MNA**



IPRD officials present their papers at paper reading session on 2 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

energy, Myanmar Arts, Myanmar Film and the first students’ boycott in 1920 and so on.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun coordinated the discussions before seven IPRD officers presented their papers

on Myanmar’s affairs between 1920 and 2020. The paper reading session will continue on 7 and 11 December.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

MoEA discusses approval of strategy for ethnic rights

THE Ministry of Ethnic Affairs held a coordination meeting on the approval of strategy for the rights of ethnic nationals yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin, Deputy Minister U Hla Maw Oo, the permanent secretary, the directors-general and officials.

The Union Minister said that the government worked for the socio-economic development of ethnic people and the need for clear strategies for their rights and welfares.

The strategy was drafted after conducting surveys on the needs of national people, and it needs to meet the government’s policy and goals while the gov-

ernment is working for the establishment of a Democracy Federal Union, national reconciliation and lasting peace.

He also discussed the efforts of his office to accomplish the objectives of the next administration on the ethnic nationals.

Strategic goals include equal citizen rights for all ethnic people, ensuring constitutional rights for all, rights for legal protection and implementation of Myanmar Sustainable Development Goals.

Deputy Minister U Hla Maw Oo discussed the needs for coordination with relevant ministries, departments, NGOs and INGOs in implementing the strategy to align with the MSDP.

Senior officials from the re-

spective departments presented their discussions.

The MoEA enacted rules for the protection of ethnic

rights on 23 August 2019.—MNA
(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin chairs the coordination meeting on approval of strategy for the rights of ethnic nationals on 2 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

Figures of voters and votes for Pyithu Hluttaw from regions and states in 2020 General Election

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

Pyithu Hluttaw candidates winning votes (2020 General Election)

Sr	constituencies	Number of eligible voters	Number of voters			Per cent of vote	Number of cancel/lost vote			Name of candidate	Party/individual	Winning confirmed vote			Per cent of confirmed vote	Remark
			Vote in polling station	Advance voting	total		Cancel	Lost	total			Vote in polling station	Advance vote	Total		
3	Nagmon	4899	3717	655	4368	89.16	88	-	88			3638	642	4280		
										U Ral Den Tan	USDP	1866	368	2234	52.20	
										U Tan Shin Tan	NLD	1571	211	1782	41.63	
										U Tu Raw	KSPP	201	63	264	6.17	
4	Putao	39268	23414	7393	30807	78.45	1133	10	1143			22471	7193	29664		
										U Moe Shwe	NLD	9580	2445	12025	40.54	
										U Rar Ni	USDP	4346	1861	6207	20.92	
										U Sam Bon Sin	KSPP	2797	929	3726	12.56	
										U Dane Khan Dar Wi	UBP	2145	1001	3146	10.61	
										U Ri Li Wu (a) Arr Raw	LNDP	1994	472	2466	8.31	
										U Kyaw Sar	NUP	1194	323	1517	5.11	
										U Khin Lwan Sar Rem	KNC	415	162	577	1.95	
5	Machanbaw	5902	3676	1291	4967	84.16	183	-	183			3562	1222	4784		
										U Akyauing La Aung	NLD	1248	379	1627	34.01	
										U Ral Dam Wan Yaw Sat	USDP	1102	451	1553	32.46	
										U Kha Rean Sin Warr	KSPP	1009	325	1334	27.88	
										U Hngar Phu Sar	LNDP	203	67	270	5.65	

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Figures of voters and votes for Amyotha Hluttaw from regions and states in 2020 General Election

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

Numbers of vote for each candidate of Amyotha Hluttaw in 2020 General Election

Sr	constituencies	Number of eligible voters	Number of voters			Per cent of vote	Number of cancel/lost vote			Name of candidate	Party/individual	Winning confirmed vote			Per cent of confirmed vote	Remark
			Vote in polling station	Advance voting	total		Cancel	Lost	total			Vote in polling station	Advance vote	Total		
	Kachin State	1150407	596510	163856	760366	66.10	23520	229	23749			577370	159247	736617		
3	Constituency 3	108269	65271	18236	83507	77.13	5296	32	5328			61088	17091	78179		
										U Soe Naing Kyaw	NLD	33499	8002	41501	53.08	
										U Kyaw Win	USDP	16830	5838	22668	29.00	
										Daw L Kaing Yaw	KSPP	4976	1302	6278	8.03	
										U Aung Win	SNDP	3447	791	4238	5.42	
										U Myo Htut Ohn	UBP	1260	523	1783	2.28	
										U Myint Shwe	NUP	1076	635	1171	2.19	
4	Constituency 4	50300	26357	8583	34940	69.46	1183	10	1193			25380	8367	33747		
										Dr Khun Win Thaug	NLD	8201	2365	10566	31.31	
										Sai Kyaw Thiha	SNLD	5234	934	6168	18.28	
										U Da Shi Tu Lwan	USDP	3575	2478	6053	17.93	
										U Sein Shwe (a) Myi Tone Eii Sat	KSPP	2567	798	3365	9.97	
										Dr Khaun La	KNC	2430	677	3107	9.21	
										U Thein Than Zaw	T N D - P(Shanni)	2202	680	2882	8.54	
										Daw Sabei Oo	SNDP	1171	435	4606	4.76	
5	Constituency 5	184062	90237	13129	103366	56.16	2749	26	2775			87855	12736	100591		
										U Khin Maung Myint	NLD	59329	5900	65229	64.85	
										U Zaw Phan	KSPP	16408	3171	19579	19.46	
										U Bran Saing	USDP	8752	2823	11575	11.51	
										U Khin Maung Lwin	TNDP	3366	842	4208	4.18	

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Figures of voters and votes for Region/State Hluttaw from regions and states in 2020 General Election

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

Sr	constituencies	Number of eligible voters	Number of voters			P e r c e n t of vote	Number of cancel/ lost vote			Name of candi- date	Party/ individual	Winning confirmed vote			Per cent of con- firmed vote
			Vote in polling station	Advance voting	total		Cancel	Lost	total			Vote in polling	Advance vote	Total	
	Kachin State	1150407	596739	163828	760567	66.11	19775	233	20008			580666	159893	740559	
4	Sumprabum Township (2)	1247	775	306	1081	86.69	36		36			747	298	1045	
										U Ain Shan San Aung	KPP	238	85	323	30.91
										U Set Gam	USDP	143	139	282	26.99
										Daw Nam Bu	NLD	212	43	255	24.40
										U Zaw Dwal	Individual	120	21	141	13.49
										U Ain Gyaing Naw Jar	KNC	34	10	44	4.21
5	Nagmon Town- ship (1)	2673	1836	489	2325	86.98	28		28			1815	482	2297	
										U Chan Tan Khin	USDP	921	257	1178	51.29
										U Ma Laung Dee Sarr	NLD	743	165	908	39.53
										Daw Baut Jar (a) Lawn Nyal	KPP	143	56	199	8.66
										U Zaw Koon Zaw Sann	KNC	8	4	12	0.52
6	Nagmon Town- ship (2)	2226	1877	165	2042	91.73	44		44			1840	158	1998	
										U Ma Laung Aung Yam	NLD	735	54	789	39.49
										U Chan Tan Mar Khaw	USDP	544	61	605	30.28
										U Sone Dam Aung Tan	Individual	503	32	535	26.78
										U Ya Khwi Yin Htam	KPP	58	11	69	3.45

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Figures of voters and votes for Region or State Hluttaw (Ethnic Nationals) from regions and states in 2020 General Election

Sr	Constituencies	Number of eligible voters	Number of voters			P e r c e n t of vote	Number of cancel/ lost vote			Name of candi- date	Party/ individual	Winning confirmed vote			Per cent of con- firmed vote
			Vote in polling station	Advance voting	total		Cancel	Lost	total			Vote in polling	Advance vote	Total	
	Kachin State	787956	428404	117729	546133	69.31	13063	312	13375			416986	115772	532758	
1	Bamar Nation- als	468852	252605	71318	323923	69.09	6740	180	6920			246449	70554	317003	
										U Khin Maung Myint (a) U Deik	NLD	148296	29684	177980	56.14
										U Soe Thein	USDP	66447	29603	96050	30.30
										U Min Min Tun	PCSDP	15726	5388	21114	6.66
										U Soe Myint	T N D P (Shanni)	10808	3455	14263	4.50
										U Thant Zin	UBP	2601	1264	3865	1.22
										U Win Myint	KSP	2571	1160	3731	1.18
2	Shan Nationals	210968	115398	31746	147144	69.75	4240	92	4332			111913	30899	142812	
										U Sai Sein Lin	NLD	40622	11326	51948	36.37
										U Tin Aung	TNDP	26859	6940	33799	23.67
										U Soe Moe Aung	SNLD	18548	3857	22405	15.69
										U Tun Pe	USDP	12557	4600	17157	12.01
										U Kyaw Oo	SNDP	8516	2424	10940	7.66
										U San Wai	Individual	3550	1153	4703	3.30
										U Tin Nyunt	KSP	1261	599	1860	1.30
3	Lisu Nationals	73414	39894	8913	48807	66.48	1370	37	1407			38697	8703	47400	
										U Shwe Min (a) Si Falar Luu	LNDP	20025	4047	24072	50.80
										U Arr Ti Yaw Han	NLD	11596	2749	14345	30.26

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More support to healthcare workers is urgently needed

WITH the daily count of COVID-19 deaths in our country hovering around 25 in the second wave period, the death toll reached nearly 2,000 yesterday out of 93,600 cases.

Such deaths can mount over time as COVID-19 patients arrive in hospitals too late to seek health care for their life threatening conditions.

Too often, they were only taken to hospitals after their conditions became serious, and after they received medications at home, while under their own care. This situation demands a good health care system which is well equipped to deal with life threatening situations before the patients are taken to the hospital.

Besides, we should step up raising public awareness to ensure that the public are not anxious about seeking help at hospitals, as hospitals are specially equipped with necessary machines and supplied with medicines to treat COVID-19 patients. Today is not the time to become careless, as we all must remain ever vigilant.

Also, relatives are allowed to stay with patients at hospitals, if a patient's health condition is serious.

Additionally, with the COVID-19 outbreak infecting around 1,400 daily, our country is facing an unprecedented public health emergency. In Myanmar, COVID prevention remains most important, as the cost of treatment is a very heavy burden for a country such as Myanmar, which is still a developing country.

Meanwhile, healthcare workers who are essential to the COVID-19 response are under the burden of treating COVID-19 patients.

Hence, we should seek ways to support medical institutions including volunteering in ward system, adjusting staff deployment and shift plans in advance.

While controlling the pandemic is clearly a priority, it is also imperative to take the long view as many of the risk factors for dying from covid-19—such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, and deprivation—are also leading contributors to the COVID-19 mortality rate.

Other countries also face these challenges.

The local governments need to work with their healthcare communities to avert disaster through measures which can support healthcare workers and volunteers working on the front lines of to protect our lives.

The lessons of other countries with high infection rates must be learnt and should influence policy decisions for averting the disaster.

The Ancient Heritage of King Kyansittha Preserved in the University of Yangon Library

Dr Aung Myint Oo

CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS ARTICLE ON 2 DECEMBER

THE scholar who first revealed the clue of the original location of the inscription, now already finding a new home in University of Rangoon Library, was Sayagyi U Pe Maung Tin (1888-1973), the principal of University College, University of Rangoon (University of Yangon), who may be regarded as the founder of the future Department of Myanmar Language and Literature. During the April vacation in 1963, he made a study tour around the Kelasa Mountain, assumed to have been Thahton, the seat of ancient Suvannabhumi Empire. On his visit to Ayethema ("The Weaver Woman") Village, he had interviews with the local elderly people, and from these interviews, learned that about fifty years ago (around 1886), the authorities of the British government made an excavation of a huge inscription pillar, inscribed in ancient Mon characters, at the Kyaik-ta-Lan (the present Mya Thein Tan Pagoda), located at the foot of the Kelasa near the village.

The pillar was carried aboard a barge, towed by a ship. A villager happened to visit Yangon and, on his return, informed the other local people that he had seen the long-lost inscription pillar there at the Zoological Gardens. This new finding was reported in the article, "A Mon Inscription by Kyanzittha at Ayethema Hill" in the Journal of the Burma Research Society (JBRS) (Vol. 28, Part 1), published in 1938.

On making a trace of the location of the inscription pillar, Sayagyi U Pe Maung Tin made a reference to the Government Archaeologist Taw Sein Ko's record named Archaeological Tour Through Ramannadesa, which appeared in print in Indian Antiquary, December Issue, 1981. It was mentioned on Page 7 in this research article that an ancient inscription pillar excavated near Ayethema Village about eight years ago was brought to Phayre Museum, Yangon. According to the interviews with the local people of Ayethema Village and the missing link of the Superintendent of the Archaeological Survey Taw Sein Ko, Sayagyi U

Pe Maung Tin confirmed his research finding that the origin of location of the inscription, which was moved from Phayre Museum to Yangon University Library, was the Kyaik Ta Lan Pagoda near the Ayethema Village at the foot of the Kelasa Mountain in the region of the Mons.

Ayethema ("Yet Kan The Ma") Village, being the original location of the ancient inscription, now housed in University of Yangon Library, is located at the foot of the Kelasa Mountain, Taung Sun Village Group, Bee Lin Township in the Mon State. The Kyaik Ta Lan Pagoda as referred to in the inscription is located on the Veponla Hill to the west of Ayethema Village. On this hill, which descends from the slope of the Kelasa Mountain, stands the Kyaik Ta Lan Pagoda (the present Mya Thein Tan Pagoda), renovated by King Kyansittha since Bagan Period through the successive periods.

King Kyansittha, having succeeded to the throne in the ancient capital of Bagan in M.E 446 (AD 1084), toured the various regions to found the Bagan Empire. On arriving at the site of the Kelasa in Ramanya Region, he found the ruined Kyaik Ta Lan Pagoda and renovated it as a deed of merit. The pagoda, which was already ruined at the time of King Kyansittha's discovery, must have been a very ancient pagoda. After having renovated the pagoda, the pious king made a record of his deed of merit in the form of a Mon inscription.

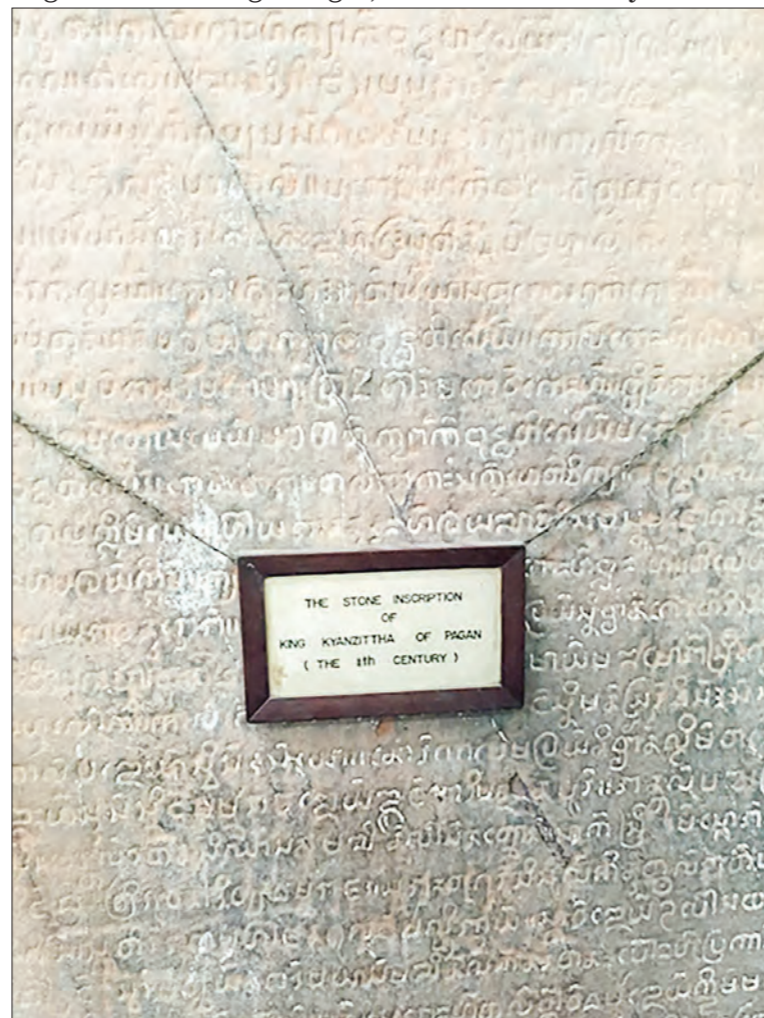
The Inscription carried the date of inscribing, which reads: Friday, 13th of the waxing of Kason, M.E 460 (Friday, 16th April, AD 1098). So its life span is already over 922 years. The exact date of inscribing the inscription may be regarded as making a great contribution to the study of the history of literature and culture. It is an artefact of ancient heritage dating over 820 years if compared with the centenary of University of Yangon, which falls on 1 December 2020.

During his reign, King Kyansittha was considered to be a great monarch who made utmost efforts to promoting friendship and unity among the nationalities,



The University of Yangon Library which houses the inscription pillar of King Kyansittha.

carrying out the nation building tasks and consolidating the expanding Union. He made tours all over the country and performed nation building tasks, and had the record of his great deeds of merit inscribed in Mon language. The Mya Kan Lake and the Alan Bagan Lake were dug in Bagan,



The Inscription Pillar of King Kyansittha in University of Yangon Library

and the Mya Kan Mon Inscription and the Alan Bagan Mon Inscription were erected. After the Kyaik Ta Lan Pagoda of Thahton had been renovated, the Kyaik Ta Lan Mon Inscription was erected. After the renovation of the Kyaik Tè Pagoda at A-Lu Village, Thahton, not far from the Kyaik Ta Lan

Pagoda, had been made, the Kyaik Tè Mon Inscription was erected. The Shwezigon Mon Inscription and the Shwesantaw Mon Inscription of Pye are now well known as those carrying a historic record of King Kyansittha, who had un-faillingly fulfilled the needs of his people.

It may be noted that the characters of Myanmar language had not yet been fully developed at the time King Kyansittha did inscribing in the Mon language. The phrase Let swè khi ye (the water from the Let Swè Chi Lake) that was mentioned in the Mya Kan Mon Inscription was considered as marking the earliest evidence of Myanmar language. Hence, the Mon inscriptions of King Kyansittha may well be regarded as serving as the models for developing the characters of the Myanmar language. Moreover, these inscriptions also marked the efforts of King Kyansittha in building the love and friendship between the Mon and the Myanmar people. So scholars studying the trend of the development of the writing system in Myanmar language, as well as the rise and development of Myanmar culture and history must not ignore the Mon inscriptions of the great king.

It was when, during the colonial period, the Phayre Museum was disbanded that the Mon inscription pillar of King Kyansittha

was moved from there by the far-sighted authorities of University of Rangoon at the expense of their own to the university campus. Here, in the university campus, this heritage of literature and culture, symbolic of love and understanding among our nationalities, was given most proper space as its new home inside the University of Rangoon Library, the treasure house of knowledge. Many other inscriptions of historic values have suffered damage due to the ravages of wars, winds and weather, but very fortunately, this inscription pillar has stood intact, housed safe and secure in the University of Yangon Library.

Primary sources are highly valued in doing research in the field of various disciplines. It is quite an invaluable asset to get access to the primary source of about one thousand years ago for the study of literature, culture and history of a nation. But such a source, located in University of Yangon Library, is within our reach. Scholars from abroad, who were invited to visit the Library, as they passed the entrance, were shown this massive inscription pillar, and when given an explanation that this is the evidence of ancient writing of about one thousand years ago to the credit of our country, they were all were filled with awe, and were very much impressed in observing this ancient inscription.

The presence of such a precious ancient heritage in the university campus is indeed a great pride to the university staff and students of University of Yangon as well as scholars engaged in doing research in collaboration with the University. Not only students studying higher education in University of Yangon but also those visiting the campus may not miss the chance of observing this inscription of great historical value. Therefore, on the occasion of the centennial celebration of University of Yangon, you all are invited to come and visit the University of Yangon Library, where you can observe the ancient inscription of the life span of nearly one thousand years, which is King Kyansittha's ancient heritage.

(Translated by Dr Zaw Tun)



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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 2 December, 2020)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (18:30 hrs M.S.T today, the Cyclonic Storm (Burevi) over Southwest Bay of Bengal has moved West-Northwestwards and it is centered at about (35) Nautical miles North-Northeast of Trincomalee (Sri Lanka), about (140) Nautical miles East-Southeast of Pamban (India) and about (245) Nautical miles East-Northeast of Kanyakumari (India). Weather is cloudy over the Southwest Bay and partly cloudy over the Andaman sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 3 December, 2020: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be generally fair in Lower Sagaing, Magway Region and Chin State and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong easterly winds may reach (30-35)m.p.h. Sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (6-9) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (3-5) feet Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 December, 2020: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 December, 2020: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 December, 2020: Generally fair weather.

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MoPFI discusses EU financial support for education, nutrition sector reforms

DEPUTY Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Maung Maung Win held a virtual meeting with EU Delegation to Myanmar Head of Cooperation Dr Johann Hesse and his group yesterday morning.

During the meeting, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win expressed thanks to the EU for its financial support for Myanmar's Education Sector Reform and Nutrition Sector Reform.

The Deputy Minister said that the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) had been developed and implemented in line with the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP). He continued that Myanmar is cooperating with international organizations such as the World Bank, IMF, JICA, ADB and other development partners to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 crisis efficiently.

Myanmar also acquired the Debt Service Suspension



Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win holds a virtual meeting with EU Delegation to Myanmar on financial support for sectoral reforms in education and nutrition. **PHOTO: MNA**

Initiative (DSSI) provided by G20 countries, according to the Deputy Minister. He continued that EU support for education and health sectors will significantly contribute to human resource development in Myanmar.

During the meeting, the EU side asked Myanmar questions about the situation of Myanmar Economic Resilience and Reform Plan (MERRP), which has been drafted by Myanmar. Deputy Ministers and other Myanmar

officials answered the questions.

The EU presented further plans to continue providing support for Myanmar's COVID-19 response efforts. —MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

Farmers making good profit from growing maize the whole year

THE local maize growers from Latpanchaypaw village in Nyaung-U district, Mandalay region are making a good profit by growing maize the whole year, according to the local maize growers.

The villagers from Latpanchaypaw village are living by growing the crops on farmlands next to the Nyaung U-Myingyan-Pakokku highway road.

The villagers from Latpanchaypaw village-tract are growing maize the whole year. They are growing maize four times per year. They are also developing other crops like sugarcane with underground water and river water.

The yielded maize is piled on the side of the road and sold to the pilgrims and the maize traders from Myingyan, Pakokku, Ngathayouk, Nyaung-U and Bagan. The Pilin Kanthayar elephant camp also comes to buy the maize to feed the elephants.

The maize is also sent to



Maize plantation in Nyaung-U Township. **PHOTO: KO HTEIN (KPD)**

Yangon and Mandalay by trucks. Each time, the local growers are sending 20,000 or 30,000 maize.

The wholesale price is K120 for ten maize when they are sent to Yangon and Mandalay. If the local trader comes to buy on the farmland, the maize is sold for

K80. We have to grow the maize for 90 days in monsoon season and 75 days in summer," said U Win Tin, a local maize seller.

The maize is mostly grown in Shan State (South & North), Kachin State and Kayah State. The corn is also grown in Nay

Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Sagaing, and Ayeyawady regions.

Myanmar exports maize annually to Thailand, China, Bangladesh, Singapore, Malaysia, and Hong Kong markets. —Ko Htein (KPD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Avocado growers urged to pick pedigree plants amid high demand

MYANMAR'S avocado has market potential in European countries, and so, Myanmar Avocado Producers and Exporters Association urged the growers to expand the cultivation with the pedigree plants only.

A half tonne of Myanmar's avocado produced by grafted avocado trees was sent to England on a trial basis and it gave good feedback. Now, Germany and Italy are also proposing to buy Myanmar avocado.

"We have agreed to export 30 tonnes as a preliminary event. We exported only a half tonne of avocado by air amid the COVID-19 crisis," said U Kyaw Soe Min, joint secretary of the association.

However, air freight forwarding is not profitable. Among Amara Variety (local variety), Hass and Buccaneer varieties, Buccaneer variety does not last longer than the other two. The foreign buyers prefer Hass and Amara varieties. They want the second batch of export.

"This year, the grafted avocado tree season is going to end. The association is making an effort to export them in the post-coronavirus era. A tonne of avocado fetches US\$3,500-\$4,500 in the international market. The domestic demand is also high, and the price moves in the good range of K7,500 and 12,500 per kilo in the domestic market. It

takes 21 days to ripe under normal room temperature while the avocado in cold storages is not ripe yet," said U Kyaw Soe Min, joint secretary of the association.

Moreover, the foreign buyers have sent a purchase order for about 100-200 tonnes next year. Sea transport will last about 20 days, and Singapore cargo liner has proposed to ship them.

Myanmar signed a G-to-G agreement with China for avocado export in April 2020. The Agriculture Department started to carry out pest inspection. The avocado will be exported to China through legal trade channel in 2021.

Myanmar Avocado Producers and Exporters Association has over 500 members. There are 25,000 acres of grafted avocado plantation in the country. Local varieties can be grown across the country, and about 20,000 tonnes are yearly produced.

Moreover, they are demanded by Thailand, China, India, Singapore and Hong Kong (SAR). As a result of this, quality maintenance of avocado plays a vital role in expanding the market, the association stated.

Myanmar has exported 50 tonnes to China beginning in 2010, and the export volume rose to 100,000 tonnes in 2018.



A woman grower is picking Myanmar avocado.

PHOTO: SANDAR MYO FB

Thailand purchases 80 per cent of avocado (local variety) production. Singapore also offered to buy them.

However, exporters still cannot meet the demand owing to low production. Thus, the increase in acreage is crucial

for market expansion.

The third Myanmar Avocado Festival was held in December 2019, including talk shows for growing methods and fruit competitions.—Thant Zin Win

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

US dollar gains against Kyat in local forex market

By Nyein Nyein

THE US dollar has risen against Kyat to K1,330 in the local forex market on December 2, from K1,320 before the Tazaungdaing holiday although it appreciated against some currencies in the international market as an impact of the US election, Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association chair U Myo Myint said.

Despite the gain in US dollar in the local forex market, domestic gold dropped to below K1.3 million per tical (0.578 ounces, or 0.016 kilogrammes) tracking the global cues. The international gold is pegged at US\$1,809 per ounce. This year, the exchange rate moved in the range of K1,465-1,493 in January, K1,436-1,465 in February, K1,320-1,445 in March, K1,395-1,440 in April, K1,406-1,426 in May, K1,385-1,412 in June, K1,367-1,410 in July, K1,335-1,390 in August, K1,310-1,355 in September, K1,282-1,315 in October and K1,302-1,330 in November.

Last year, the rates are pegged at K1,508-1,517 in July, K1,510-1,526 in August, K1,527-1,565 in September, K1,528-1,537 in October, K1,510-1,524 in November and K1,485-1,513 in December. On 20 September 2018, the dollar exchange rate hit an all-time high of K1,650 in the local currency market.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar's coffee export drops by half this year

MYANMAR'S coffee export has fallen by half this year on the weak demand triggered by the coronavirus.

Typically, Myanmar exports about 500-600 tonnes of coffee to external markets. The volume plummeted to 300 tonnes

this year, said U Thi Ha, general secretary of Myanmar Coffee Association.

Following the development of a vaccine for the COVID-19, the association is expecting a recovery of the market next year.

The impacts of coronavirus

hurt the coffee industry as the lockdown, and physical distancing caused a reduction in consumption.

The COVID-19 crisis changed the dynamics of coffee consumption this year, and roasters, cafe owners and distributors are identifying specific trends in Asian markets that may expedite recovery to a new normal, according to ASEAN Coffee Federation.

"Myanmar primarily produces Arabica coffee. Specialty coffee fetches as much as US\$4,500-10,000 per tonne. Specialty coffee beans are highly demanded due to their high quality and organic production," said Chair U Myo Aye of the Myanmar Coffee Association.

"Myanmar's coffee has already earned a good reputa-

tion. It has penetrated markets in Asia such as Hong Kong and Singapore, European countries, and the US, and it has a good potential in the global market," said an official from the Agriculture Department.

Myanmar's coffee has grabbed a market share in the US, with the support of USAID and Winrock International NGO. Efforts are being made to penetrate markets in Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Canada.

At present, the export of coffee is extremely low as the COVID-19 hit hard the western countries.

In response to the COVID-19 in the coffee sector, innovative trade offer and digital market are required to adapt to a new normal, coupled with client-oriented supply.

Moreover, the coffee growers and producers need to increase quality to enter competitive markets. As a result of this, the government-backed loan is needed to help the stakeholders survive in the crisis.

There are 40,000 acres of highland coffee plantations and about 10,000 acres under lowland coffee in Myanmar, totalling 50,000 acres. Shan State is the leading producer of coffee beans.

Coffee beans are harvested between December and February. They are distributed and exported throughout the year after harvest time. Myanmar yearly exports around 400 tonnes of coffee. In 2019, it shipped about 500 tonnes of coffee to foreign markets.—Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



Workers dry coffee berries under the sun shine.

PHOTO: GNLM

QUIET CHRISTMAS IN WINDSOR

Queen Elizabeth to miss family Christmas over virus fears

QUEEN Elizabeth II, who has spent much of the coronavirus outbreak in self-isolation because of her age, will forego her traditional family Christmas, the royal household said on Tuesday.

The 94-year-old monarch and her husband Prince Philip normally spend the festive season at her Sandringham estate in eastern England with other members of the family.

“Having considered all the appropriate advice, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have decided that this year they will spend Christmas quietly in Windsor,” the royal household said, referring to a castle west of London.

The queen postponed public engagements and moved from her official residence in the British capital to Windsor on March 19 as the coronavirus outbreak took hold.

Britain has seen more than 59,000 deaths from nearly 1.65 million cases, with the elderly among the highest risk groups.

Prince Philip, who turned 99 on June 10, has been in poor



Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip will forego their traditional family Christmas over virus fears. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

health in recent years and spent four nights in hospital last December for an unspecified pre-existing condition.

Their eldest son Prince Charles and his son Prince William have both been isolating

after showing mild Covid symptoms.

The queen made a rare televised address to the nation in early April calling on Britons to summon the “Blitz spirit” of World War II to get through the

months-long lockdown.

She has also made a video-conference call to carers. Her weekly meeting with Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been conducted by telephone.

SOURCE: AFP

A “SECRET LOBBYING SCHEME”

US probes ‘bribery’ scheme to seek White House pardon

THE US Justice Department is investigating an alleged bribery scheme involving campaign donations to secure a presidential pardon, a court filing showed Tuesday.

The document, which discusses the legality of searching communications and electronic devices of individuals, including attorneys, is highly redacted, with all identifying information blacked out.

But it refers to a “secret

lobbying scheme” directed at “senior White House officials” to gain a presidential “pardon or reprieve of sentence” for an unnamed individual.

The scheme, under investigation since at least August, appears to have involved lobbyists and lawyers, a well-heeled donor to political campaigns, and a man or woman who is or was in prison and is hoping for presidential intervention.

The filing indicates that the

lobbyists and lawyers contacted White House officials requesting a presidential pardon or reprieve, citing the “past substantial campaign contributions” and “anticipated future substantial political contributions” from a donor.

It suggests that the donor is making the offer on behalf of the person seeking clemency.

The document does not indicate when the actions involved took place, and, in the sections not redacted, there is no reference to

Trump or his campaign.

But the filing was revealed amid speculation that, with six weeks left in the White House after losing the November 3 election, President Donald Trump is preparing to grant executive clemency to more people, after pardoning his former national security advisor Michael Flynn last Wednesday.

Trump tweeted late Tuesday, “Pardon investigation is Fake News!”

Trump has granted pardons or sentence reductions to several political allies, including campaign consultant Roger Stone, controversial former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio and Republican activist Dinesh D’Souza.

The New York Times reported that Trump has discussed granting preemptive pardons to his lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, his three oldest children and his son-in-law Jared Kushner. There is also public discussion of Trump issuing a pardon for himself, for any crimes he might be charged with related to his time in office — though the legality of that has never been tested.

SOURCE: AFP



A red ribbon for World Aids Day adorns the White House on December 1, 2020, in Washington, DC.. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWS
IN BRIEF

PURSUIT OF TRUTH

US attorney-general says no evidence of decisive election fraud

US Attorney-General Bill Barr said Tuesday that the Justice Department has found no evidence of voter fraud significant enough to reverse Democrat Joe Biden's defeat of President Donald Trump in the November 3 election.

“To date, we have not seen fraud on a scale that could have affected a different outcome in the election,” Barr told the Associated Press in an interview. Barr made the comments as Trump's campaign persists in trying to prove there was fraud in key states Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and elsewhere, hoping to prevent Biden's win from being made official in the Electoral College on December 14. “With all due respect to the Attorney-General, there hasn't been any semblance of a Department of Justice investigation,” Trump lawyers Rudy Giuliani and Jenna Ellis said in a statement reacting to Barr's announcement.

SOURCE: AFP

BREAKING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Hungarian MEP resigns after lockdown breaking ‘sex party’

A conservative Hungarian MEP and close ally of Prime Minister Viktor Orbán apologized Tuesday after Belgian police caught him at a lockdown-busting party that local press described as an orgy.

Jozsef Szajer, who helped write Hungary's constitution, resigned over the weekend for what he then said were “personal reasons”, but admitted on Tuesday he had received a police caution. Brussels prosecutors told AFP that 20 men were caught at a city centre party on Friday and fined 250 euros each. Local press called it a “sex party”. Szajer, 59, made no reference to sexual activity and denied taking drugs, but he apologized to his family for breaking Covid-19 restrictions.—SOURCE: AFP

TRADE POLICY

Biden vows no quick rollback of Trump's China tariffs



Containers are transferred at a port in Qingdao in China's eastern Shandong province. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

JOE Biden will keep Donald Trump's trade-war tariffs on China for the time being when he moves into the Oval Office next month, the president-elect has told US media.

Rancor and recrimination have defined the relationship between the world's two biggest economies over the last four years, with Trump slapping import fees on billions of dollars' worth of Chinese goods with tariffs.

Biden meanwhile has been a strident critic of China's human rights record

and analysts have predicted his administration will maintain a hawkish posture towards Beijing.

"I'm not going to make any immediate moves, and the same applies to the tariffs," Biden told the New York Times in an interview published Wednesday.

"I'm not going to prejudice my options." Since winning last month's presidential election, Biden has hinted at a trade policy that would mend Washington's alliances with Europe and the Asia-Pacific.

He has said the United

States must join forces with other world democracies to present a united front in global trade policy as a counterweight to China.

Biden has targeted Beijing on several fronts and singled out Chinese President Xi Jinping during a debate with other presidential candidates in February.

"This is a guy who doesn't have a democratic — with a small d — bone in his body," he said then. "This is a guy who is a thug."

SOURCE: AFP

ECONOMIC INDICATORS MASK DIFFICULTIES

Australia exits first recession in almost 30 years

AUSTRALIA has exited its first recession in almost 30 years, after official figures on Wednesday showed the economy grew 3.3 per cent in July-September compared with the coronavirus-hit previous quarter.

With local transmission of Covid-19 largely under control, official data showed businesses have begun to rebound and consumer spending has surged.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics said household spending largely drove the economic bounce, rising 7.9 per cent compared with the previous quarter.

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said the figures "can give Australians cause for optimism and hope", declaring that Australia "has performed better on the health and on the economic fronts than nearly any other country in the world".

SOURCE: AFP

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MyCO's salient points (6)

By Maung Digar

Capacity and powers of companies

Some customers are unaware that they frequently ask if they would have to renew their company licences every five years as they thought Myanmar Companies Law as the old one. Since the introduction of MyCO, it said there is no need to renew licences.

Section 5 (A-1) of Myanmar Companies Law (2017) states that a company will be a legal entity in its own right separate from its members having full rights, powers, and privileges and continuing in existence until it is removed from the Register.

The Section 5 (A-2) also indicates that subject to this Law and any other law, has both within and outside the Union full legal capacity to carry on

any business or activity, do any act, or enter into any transaction, including the power to issue shares, debentures or securities which convert into shares in the company; grant options to subscribe for shares or debentures in the company; grant a security interest over any of its property; and distribute any of the company's property among the members, in kind or otherwise.

According to the Section 52 of Myanmar Investment Law, the government guarantees not to nationalize any investment carrying out in accordance with the law. Similarly it is not stated in Myanmar Companies Law as the section, but the companies that are legally formed are alive just like a human. Their registration can't be revoked and they will never be an ending of the period of time as long as they respect and follow the provisions prescribed in the law.

Why should a company be established?

The benefits that result from the establishment of a company are to the following.

- (1) Limitation of responsibility (Protection is provided for company owners and investors.)
- (2) Continual existence (A company will be able to go on survival by changing ownership and administration)
- (3) Transfer of shares
- (4) Public's acceptability in the market (Internationally-recognized business)
- (5) Close supervision by shareholders

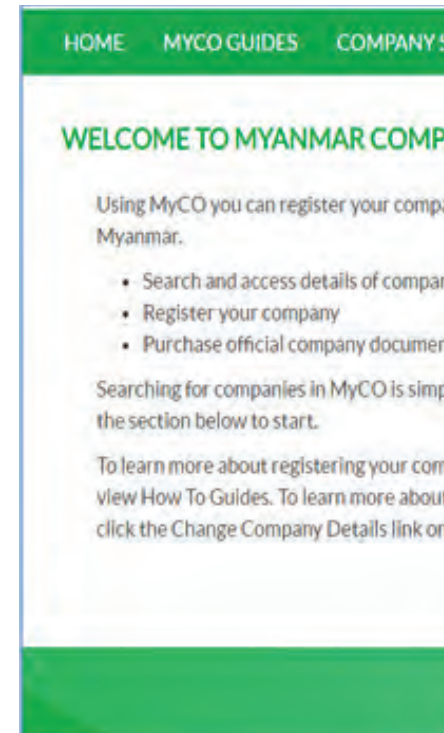
Is there company blacklist prescribed in the new law?

The company blacklist is not found in Myanmar Companies Law (2017), but according to the provisions, rules and regulations, overall authority is vested in the registration of-

ficier to revoke the registration if the companies fail to comply with the provisions prescribed in the Myanmar Companies Law (2017), however legal action can't be taken against them for any violation in accord with the other laws by the submission of the blacklist. As regards, no provision is prescribed in Myanmar Companies Act (1914). The companies sent by the ministries concerned to put their names on the blacklist have to be handled through a process of management.

In accordance with the Section 8 of Myanmar Companies Law (2017), the registrar conducts the company registration proposed in line with Section 6 of Myanmar Companies Law (2017).

The companies have to apply for licence in accordance with law, by-law, rules and regulations of the relevant ministries and organizations



with regard to the type of company. The companies are responsible for the observance of the principles laid down by the relevant ministries and organizations. If the licenced companies failing to follow these criteria, then they will be taken action according to the provisions prescribed in the law.

The companies have to submit the report on annual return according to the Section 97 of Myanmar Companies Law (2017), but if they fail to do, they will have to be suspended in line with Section 430 (d). The registrar is authorized to revoke the names of the suspended companies from

ASEAN and EU's new online Customs Transit System set to

Cross-border traders in ASEAN can now take advantage of a new online Customs transit management system - the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS). The ACTS was developed with the support of the European Union.

THE private sector in ASEAN now has access to a powerful new online system, the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS), which will reduce intra-ASEAN trading challenges and enable companies to benefit fully from the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and the free movement of goods across the ASEAN region.

In 2017, ASEAN Economic Ministers set the twin goals of reducing trade transaction costs by 10% by 2020 and doubling intra-ASEAN trade

between 2017 and 2025. To realize this goal, the ASEAN Customs Transit System has been developed to allow businesses to lodge e-transit declarations directly with ASEAN Customs Authorities and to track the movement of their goods from loading at departure to delivery at the final destination.

"The implementation of the ASEAN Customs Transit System plays a vital role in facilitating seamless movement of goods in the region. I believe the system would be an excellent tool in en-

hancing ASEAN's trade and production networks as well as establishing a more unified market for its firms and consumers," said Dato Lim Jock Hoi, the Secretary-General of ASEAN. "The ACTS could also support post COVID recovery to accelerate the transit movement of medical supplies, vaccines and Personal Protective Equipment within the Member States," he added.

ASEAN Customs Transit System is simplifying the movement of goods across the region, making it more

efficient and cost-effective. Under the ACTS, the private sector can make a single Customs transit declaration that covers the transport of goods across multiple ASEAN countries, without the need to make repeated Customs declarations or change vehicles at each border. Special arrangements allow reliable traders to load their goods at their own premises in the country of departure, and to deliver the goods to their own premises at destination. Faster Customs clearance at borders helps accelerate transit movements, and reduce the time and expense of carrying out regional trade in goods, to the benefit of producers and consumers across the continental ASEAN region.

The system is managed

by a permanent ACTS Central Management Team based in the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, with support from the EU-funded ARISE Plus programme. Regional and national ACTS helpdesks are available (see <https://acts.asean.org>).

"The ACTS is a remarkable achievement that is testament to the strong, dynamic and long-standing partnership between ASEAN and the European Union," said Mr Koen Doens, Director-General for International Cooperation and Development at the European Commission. "The ACTS will make the movement of goods by road quicker and easier across the borders of the participating ASEAN Member States, thereby reducing costs for



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C-6(A,B) is a kind of registration already and how many days to wait for C-3 registration

It cannot be immediately registered just like C-3 because it concerns the capital reduction. C-6(B) can receive the registration 28 days following the date of the advertisement published in the newspaper. (It is the solution to the question by the

customers about how many days to wait for the official registration for C-3.)

Can the customer reduce share capital once more with the further submission of C-3?

No, he can't. The newspaper already stated the amount of the capital the customer reduced in the first time capital reduction. The next amount of the capital reduction can't be the same as that of the first capital reduction. For that reason, the customer must put forward the submission according to the process of C-6(A,B) and C-3.

Is the basic principles of constitution need to be bought?

No it isn't. The customer can download Notification No 60/2020 from MyCo website www.myco.dica.gov.mm and type his/her company in the place of the company's name and then it can be kept as a handbook at the office after being bound.

Only the companies that have chosen own constitutions are able to buy the basic principles of the constitution. The article is aimed at the customers being able to know the salient points of MyCo.

(Translated by Htut Htut (Twantay))

to boost trade in the ASEAN region

Customs Transit System (ACTS), to accelerate trade in goods by road within Asian Union.

businesses and citizens. The EU is proud to have joined ASEAN to make the ACTS a reality, providing European technical expertise and EUR 10 million since 2012, in addition to the EUR 5 million invested by our ASEAN partners," he added.

ARISE Plus has provided extensive ACTS training for stakeholders in the public and private sectors, including Customs authorities, Government transport agencies, freight forwarders, transporters, banks and insurance companies. Following the ASEAN Customs Transit System pilot activities in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, the system has now been formally launched for general use.

The first successful ACTS transit movement occurred on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th October with a truck travelling from Singapore via Malaysia to Thailand. The system will soon be available in Myanmar, and depending on business needs may later be expanded to Brunei, Indonesia and the Philippines.

"We are excited to have the ASEAN Customs Transit System in place," said Mr Yukki Nugrahawan, Chairman of the ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Associations (AFFA). "The freight forwarding community will be one of the main beneficiaries of this system as it offers simplified Customs and transport control procedures between different ASEAN Member States,

and provides predictability on door-to-door delivery times and most importantly reduced transport costs. The ACTS will significantly accelerate transit movements across the region and help us reduce time and expenses of carrying out cross border trade in ASEAN," he added.

The ASEAN Customs Transit System is an online system developed by ASEAN with the financial support of the European Union under the ARISE Plus programme. See <https://acts.asean.org> for full details, including a promotional video, downloadable brochures, quick guides, the legal framework and procedural manuals for the private sector.—GNLM



Useful Information

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AFC confirms Canal+ Myanmar as sports media partner

THE Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has recently announced that CANAL + Myanmar will be its new media partner in Myanmar from 2021 to 2024, according to the official statement with the AFC.

The agreement includes the media partnership in major AFC national team and club competitions, including the AFC Asian Cup: Road to Qatar, AFC Champions League and AFC Cup starting from 2021 season, AFC Asian Cup China 2023 and AFC U23 Asian Cup Finals 2022 and 2024 respectively.

CANAL +, a joint venture between France-based Vivendi's CANAL + International Group and Forever Group in Myanmar, provides multi-channel TV services, digital broadcaster and linear platforms, including my-



Asian Football Confederation (AFC) General Secretary Dato' Windsor John welcomes Canal+ Myanmar for its participation in the AFC's goals. **PHOTO:AFC**

CANAL, to a wide range of coverage and distribution of AFC football matches across South-east Asia.

Upon the agreement, AFC

General Secretary Dato' Windsor John said: "We are delighted with this new partnership in Myanmar, and this agreement demonstrates the value of the

AFC's competitions. We thank CANAL+ for the confidence they have shown in the future of Asian football by entering into this agreement."

Erwan Luherne, CEO CANAL+ Myanmar LTD said: "We are very enthusiastic and excited to offer our subscribers the richness of the AFC's competitions. CANAL+ customers will have the unique opportunity to follow the performances of Myanmar's teams (the national team and clubs) in the best Asian football competitions. The commitment of CANAL+ Myanmar FG is to highlight and value all Myanmar talent in all environments (which include cinema, music, boxing), and we are looking forward to showing AFC football now."

Manuel Rougeron, Executive Vice-President APAC for

CANAL+ Group, said: "It is an important step of our development in Myanmar and more generally the confirmation of our willingness to develop our distribution and presence on the Asia-Pacific footprint. We believe that the AFC's competitions are the perfect match for our programming offer and for our customers."

Patrick Murphy, Board Member and CEO at Football Marketing Asia, added: "We are delighted to welcome CANAL+ as our valued media partner in Myanmar for the upcoming cycle. We are confident that CANAL+ will do a fantastic job in growing the exposure of AFC football and in building on the popularity of AFC competitions in the territory."—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

English football agrees plan for overseas players after Brexit

LONDON — English football's governing bodies have agreed a plan for entry requirements that must be fulfilled for clubs to sign overseas players after Brexit.

The English Football Association, the Premier League and the Football League joined forces to submit their proposal to the UK government last month.

It has now been approved by Home Office officials, providing the framework for Premier League and Football League clubs to sign overseas players when the UK leaves the European Union (EU) after December 31.

After Brexit, clubs will not be able to sign EU players freely.

Players from EU countries who want to play in the Premier League or EFL will be required to gain a 'governing body endorsement'.

That will be decided on a points-based system, where points are scored for senior and talented young players based on senior and youth international appearances, quality of the selling club — based on the league they are in, league position and progression in continental competition — and the total number of club appearances. In the Premier League, the number of overseas Under-21 players a club can sign will be limited to three in the January transfer window and six per season moving forwards. —AFP ■



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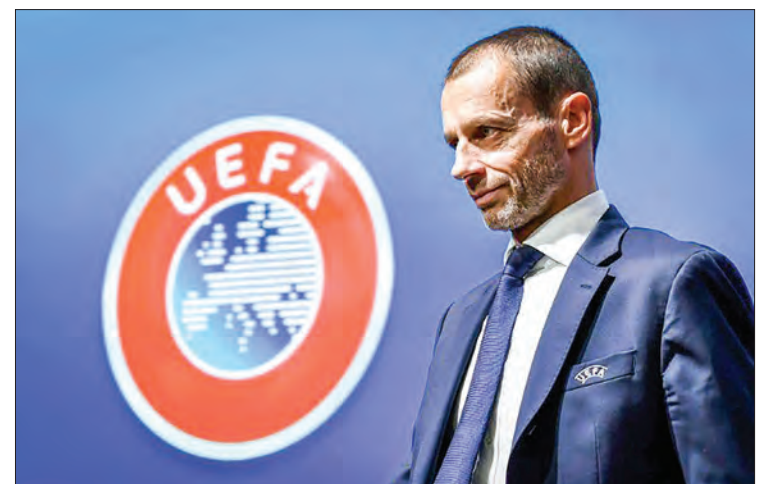
UEFA to discuss new 10-game model for Champions League group stage, says report

LONDON — UEFA is to hold talks over proposals that would see the Champions League group stage transformed to guarantee 10 matches for each side in the competition, according to a report yesterday.

Champions League reform is expected from 2024 onwards as European football's governing body aims to ward off the threat of a breakaway super league from the continent's biggest clubs.

British newspaper The Times reported that a "Swiss system" that would see all sides in the competition compete in one league and play 10 different opponents, selected by a draw, is now UEFA's favoured model for reform.

The system is designed to have fewer meaningless group matches and more games between the continent's biggest



UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin. **PHOTO: AFP PHOTO/FABRICE COFFRINI/FILE**

clubs.

After the 10 games, the top 16 clubs in the standings would progress to the knockout rounds. The team that finished top of the league standings would play the club in 16th, second would play 15th and so on in a system similar to that used by the NBA

playoffs. The teams finishing 17th-24th would drop into the Europa League knockout rounds.

Currently, the 32-team group stage is divided into eight groups of four with the top two in each section progressing to the last 16 and third-place dropping into the Europa League.—AFP ■

Australian Open tennis Grand Slam delayed to February 8: report

MELBOURNE — The Australian Open tennis Grand Slam will start three weeks late on February 8, reports said on Wednesday, with players cleared to train during quarantine following lengthy negotiations with state authorities.

According to Australian media, the start date was announced to players by tournament director Craig Tiley. If confirmed, it will join the three other major tournaments in being disrupted by the coronavirus.

Tennis Australia has been in protracted talks with Victoria state authorities in Melbourne, which only emerged from a months-long lockdown in October following a second wave of cases.—AFP ■