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“Social protection works help poverty alleviation and human resources development” – VP U Myint Swe



Vice-President U Myint Swe presides over the fourth meeting of the National Committee on Social Protection at MSWRR office in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 December 2020. PHOTO: MNA

THE National Committee on Social Protection held its 4th meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Vice President U Myint Swe, in his capacity as the chairman of the committee, delivered a speech at the meeting.

At the meeting, the Vice-President explained that the social protection works can help poverty alleviation and human resources development and that the National Committee on Social Protection was formed with 12 members on 17 May 2018. In furthering the objectives of the national committee, small-

er sub-committees have been formed such as working committee, technical support committee, monitoring and evaluation committee as well as task forces as needed by the nature of the work.

He added that more efforts were still needed in social protection works while some progress had been made between the third and fourth meetings and some changes had to be made in the cash assistance programmes due to the unexpected outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

New plans of the ‘Financial Support Programmes for Social Protection’ is a component of the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan, and the Ngwe Bite mobile appli-

cation was also developed to provide cash assistance to pregnant women to overcome restrictions in social distancing.

He also highlighted the importance of social protection works during the COVID-19 crisis and the needs to modify existing action plans and programmes by learning from recent experiences in order to respond to future pandemics.

The Vice-President also discussed the development of the SMIS - Social Management Information System by the Department of Social Welfare and cooperation in implementing and maintaining the system.

He continued to talk about

the cash assistance programme for pregnant women and their children under 2-years of age, which was carried out by the World Bank loan and Union government funds in Ayeyawady Region and Shan State in 2019-2020 FY, and the electronic cash transfer system in Ayeyawady Region, Shan State and Rakhine State.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is also drafting a strategy on the long-term availability of funding for social protection works and the social assistance law.

The Vice-President also called for the cooperation of relevant ministries and partner

organizations in fundraising for social protection works.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, the Vice-Chairman (1) of the committee, discussed the progress of the Social Management Information System, the Myanmar Social Assistance Law (draft), the Social Pension Programme, cash assistance to pregnant women and their children, the implementation of CERP, fundraising and human resource development programmes.

Senior officials from the ministry also reported on the implementation of decisions made in previous meetings.

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Announcement on voter list of 2020 General Election

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- Now, regarding the 2020 multiparty democratic general election voter list, Tatmadaw True News Information Team recently published a voter list of some townships. The UEC announced a voter list for the second time from 1.10.2020 to 14.10.2020 so that if a person was not on the relevant voter list, he/she could use Form 3 to request to include his/her name on the list, and Form 4 could be used to make objections to the inclusion of persons who should not be included on the list (including deceased persons) and Form 4-c could be used to correct false information on voter list. And before the voter list was announced in October for the second time, we sent the PDF copies of the voter list to political parties and Hluttaw candidates. The voter list recently published by the Tatmadaw True News Information Team is the list sent to the political parties and candidates. The Tatmadaw True News Information Team converted the PDF voter list file to Excel file format, and said that some voter names were repeated on the list, some Citizenship Scrutiny Card numbers on the list were wrong, and electoral frauds were possible, but their remark was just based on the unconfirmed voter list which was announced in October for the second time.
- When that second list was released in October, people checked that second list, and by using Form 3, Form 4 and Form 4-C, they submitted applications to correct the list, so the voter list had to be amended accurately.
- There were eligible voters who came back from foreign countries to Myanmar during the COVID-19 pandemic, voters who could not go back from his/her then-location to the town/village where he/she must vote (where his/her name is registered), and several voters whose names were missing on the list. To ensure that all eligible voters did not lose their right to vote, the voter list was amended and updated in accordance with relevant Hluttaw Election Laws, and by-laws. The voter list recently referenced by the Tatmadaw True News Information Team is not the updated confirmed voter list for the 2020 General Election, which was held on 8 November.
- The voter list was jointly compiled by the Ministry of the Office of the Union Government, the General Administration Department; the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and the Union Election Commission. On Election Day, the voting processes were transparently conducted in the presence of teachers who served as polling station chiefs and polling station members (the Ministry of Education); staff members of the Ministry of Health and Sports, Hluttaw candidates and their polling station agents and assistants.
- Although the 2020 multiparty democratic general election took place amid the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 70 per cent of eligible voters turned out to cast their ballots. Hence, local/foreign observers, foreign embassies, international leaders and voters themselves recognize the election.
- This is also a period of reviewing an investigation into complaints against electoral crimes and electoral frauds occurred in the pre-election period and on the Election Day.
- We would like to advise political parties, organizations and institutions not to be involved in issuing statements that disrupt the above-mentioned electoral processes, statements that do not seem to accept the election results and similar actions.

Union Election Commission

Myanmar nationals, seamen brought back home by relief flights

THE relief flight of Myanmar Airways International organized by the Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur landed at Yangon International Airport, bringing back a total of 175 Myanmar nationals after they were stranded in Malaysia due to the temporary suspension of international flights yesterday evening.

Another MAI relief flight organized by the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul and the Crew Change Supporting Committee (CCSC) also brought back a total of 131 Myanmar seafarers from the Republic of Korea, yesterday evening. Among them, 77 seafarers were from the ROK, 25 from Indonesia, 4 from Singapore, 7 from the UAE, 3 from Germany, 2 from France, 8 from Cyprus, 1 from Egypt and 4 from Japan.

Moreover, the 18th relief flight of Myanmar National Airlines, organized by Riyadh, brought 108 citizens back home in the same

evening. The group included 83 from the UAE, 1 from Egypt, 5 from South Africa, 1 from Tanzania, 14 from Maldives and 4 from Sri Lanka.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government arranged 14-day quarantine at specific places or designated hotels, followed by the 7-day home quarantine.

To bring back the Myanmar citizens and Myanmar seamen who are stranded in foreign countries by relief flights and chartered flights in accordance with the instructions from National-Level Central Committee on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective countries.—MNA

(Translated by E'i Phyu Phyu Aung)

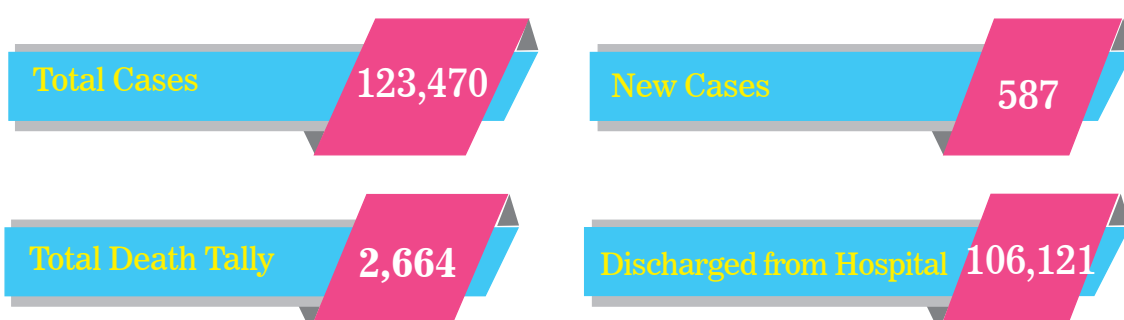


Myanmar returnees are seen at the Yangon International Airport on 30 December 2020. PHOTO: MNA

587 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 30 December, total figure rises to **123,470**

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **123,470** after **587** new cases were reported on 30 December according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these **123,470** confirmed cases, **2,664** died, **106,121** have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 30 December 2020



Daily death toll until 8 pm 30-12-2020



Ministry of Health and Sports

Benefits from working together

If we want the whole country to develop, we need to combine all our human, financial and material resources and work strenuously together. Only then shall we benefit. It will be of no benefit if the Bamars, the Karens, the Shans, the Kachins and the Chins are divided, each going their own way. We will enjoy benefits only if we work together. And you will find that out only if you try it out.

(Extract from a speech delivered by General Aung San on 11 February 1947 in Panglong at a dinner with Sawbwas)



Shwe-Kyet-Yet and Shwe-Kyet-Kya Pagoda. PHOTO BY: THANT ZAW OO

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Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, Vice-Chairman (2) of the committee, discussed social welfare programmes, insurance for unemployment benefits and assistance to Myanmar migrant workers.

Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe ex-

plained the works of his ministry in social protection.

The members of committee also reported on the social protection works of relevant departments.

Finally, the Vice-President called for implementing the 11 tasks of the committee after which the meeting was concluded.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe. PHOTO: MNA



Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe. PHOTO: MNA



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye. PHOTO: MNA

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- In accordance with the directives of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry will continue the government's tax relaxation scheme until the end of January 2021.
- Regarding income taxes levied once in three months and monthly commercial taxes to be paid by CMP businesses, hotel and tourism businesses, and small and medium-sized enterprises for 2019-2020 Financial Year and 2020-2021 Financial Year—
 - The income taxes for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 Financial Year (which will end on 31 March 2020), for the third quarter of the Financial Year (which will end on 30 June 2020), and for the fourth quarter of the Financial Year (which will end on 30 September 2020) and for the first quarter of the 2020-2021 financial year (which will end on 31 December 2020) shall be paid until 31 January 2021.
 - The monthly commercial taxes for the period from 31 March in 2019-2020 Financial Year to 31 December in 2020-2021 Financial Year shall be paid until 31 January 2021.
- The 2 per cent advance income tax in export items approved by the Union Government will be exempted until 31 January 2021.

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Notification to Taxpayers

- The period for deduction of tax relief according to the Union Taxation Law 2019 for the incomes exempted from the income was announced up to 30 September 2020 at the latest. Due to this announcement, the taxpayers have crowded into branches of Myanma Economic Bank during the COVID-19 outbreak to be able to enjoy the deduction of tax relief in line with the notice 'Payment to the bank not later than 30-9-2020' on the tax payment challan form. The Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry has issued Announcement 4/2020 for the extension of tax payment to 30 December 2020, not to occur crowds at these places.
- For proper enforcement of the COVID-19 preventive rules among the public, the tax payment period included in the above-mentioned paragraph (1) will be extended to 31 January 2021.

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- For ensuring strict adherence to COVID-19 preventive rules among the public in accordance with the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and not to occur crowds of taxpayers during the period closer to the deadline for filing tax declaration, the respective deadlines will be extended.
- Therefore, the tax declarations for the following deadlines are extended until 31 January 2021.
 - Income tax declaration, annual salary report and annual commercial tax declaration to be filed for 2019-2020 Financial Year
 - Quarterly declaration for Specific Goods Tax from 1-10-2020 to 31-12-2020

Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry

**Announcement on Extension of the Precautionary
Restriction Measures Relating to Control of the
COVID-19 Pandemic until 31 January 2021**

- With a view to the further strengthening of measures to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has issued the following announcements regarding temporary entry restrictions for visitors from all countries. All those restrictions were extended until 31 December 2020 by the Ministry's announcement dated 15 December 2020.
 - Announcement dated 15 March 2020 regarding precautionary measures for all travellers visiting Myanmar;
 - Announcement dated 20 March 2020 regarding additional precautionary measures for travellers visiting Myanmar and temporary suspension of issuance of visa on Arrival and e-visa;
 - Announcement dated 24 March 2020 regarding additional precautionary measures for travellers from all countries visiting Myanmar;
 - Announcement dated 28 March 2020 regarding temporary suspension of all types of visas (including social visit visas) and visa exemption services.
- In order to continue its effective response measures to protect the population of the country from the risks of importation and spread of the COVID-19, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has decided to extend the afore-mentioned entry restriction measures until 31 January 2021.
- In case of urgent official missions or compelling reasons, foreign nationals, including diplomats and United Nations officials, who wish to travel to Myanmar by available relief or special flights, may contact the nearest Myanmar Mission for possible exception with regard to certain visa restrictions. However, all visitors must abide by existing directives issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports relating to the prevention and control of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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MoBA discusses reopening of training schools, construction works

THE Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs held a virtual coordination meeting on preparations for the reopening of training schools and construction works of training schools in 2020-2021FY yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Phone Myat, the Permanent Secretary, the Directors-General, Rectors, Deputy Directors-General, principals of Degree Colleges, Regions/States/Districts Heads, Principals of Youth Training Schools and Vocational Trainings.

The meeting discussed reopening the University for the Development of the National Races of the Union, Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon, Sagaing), 45 border youth development training centres, 9 mechanical schools and 46- women's vocational training schools in the post-COVID-19 pandemic.

The Union Minister highlighted the need for preparations for new normal lifestyles to co-exist with COVID-19 and plan to study the technologies which play a key role in the future.

He said the people need



Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung chairs meeting on preparations for reopening of training schools and construction works of training schools on 30 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

to follow the COVID-19 health rules released by National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19, Ministry of Health and Sports and relevant regions/states government with their own knowledge and reasoning skills.

He also discussed the efforts of the department for the development of ethnic people in border areas and plans to implement the 7 objectives and short and long term plans of ministry by linking with the 3 pillars and 5 goals of Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP).

He highlighted the 7 goals and 10 strategies of COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) in conducting the operations amid COVID-19, Affiliate learning system for higher education system among the universities and co-operation work in drafting the Phase II of National Education Strategic Plan (NESP) 2021-2030 and the curriculums for relevant universities by holding Board of Study (BOS) meetings.

The Union Minister said the Education and Training Department was established with the purposes of promoting and

teaching basic and higher educational subjects to the nationalities youths from border areas and training and nurturing them to be intellectuals and intelligent-sia who can serve for the development of their regions and providing domestic vocational courses for the socio-economic development.

The principals and the officials need to make preparations to offer the best teachings, to complete the constructions of 2020-2021FY and to manage the operations to achieve quality buildings in accordance with the

allocated budgets.

The Director-General of the Education and Training Department briefed the work plans of the department while other officials presented the plans being conducted in line with the COVID-19 health rules, preparations for reopening of training schools, capacity building courses for teachers and instructors and management sectors. The Deputy Minister and other attendees to the meeting coordinated the discussions and then the Union Minister concluded the meeting.—MNA (Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

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Defence Services Personnel representatives announced for Pyithu Hluttaw

The Union Election Commission, in accordance with the Section 31 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, has scrutinized and announced the following Pyithu Hluttaw representatives of Defence Services Personnel who were submitted by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, in line with Chapter 8 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law in the third multiparty democracy general elections held on 8 November 2020.

Sr.	Commission No	Rank	Name	Sr.	Commission No	Rank	Name	Sr.	Commission No	Rank	Name
1.	BC 18834	Maj-Gen	Aung Myo Tun	39.	BC 22648	Lt-Col	Moe Kyaw	78.	BC 30716	Major	Aung Myat Thwin
2.	BC 19642	Maj-Gen	Than Htut Thein	40.	BC 24230	Lt-Col	Hla Naing	79.	BC 30766	Major	Win Naing Tun
3.	BC 17287	Brig-Gen	Win Maung	41.	BC 24981	Lt-Col	Thein Soe Tun	80.	BC 33500	Major	Zay Phyo
4.	BC 18162	Brig-Gen	Zaw Win	42.	BC 25064	Lt-Col	Kyaw Moe Aung	81.	BC 33593	Major	Win Min Tun
5.	BC 18804	Brig-Gen	Kyaw San Linn	43.	BC 25257	Lt-Col	Myo Htet Win	82.	BC 34752	Major	Saw Kyaw Aung
6.	BC 18841	Brig-Gen	Tint Hsan	44.	BC 26070	Lt-Col	Daw San Thida Khin	83.	BC 36423	Major	Naing Lin Aung
7.	BC 18856	Brig-Gen	Tin San Naing	45.	BC 26811	Lt-Col	Zaw Myo Htet	84.	BC 37073	Major	Soe Moe Lwin
8.	BC 19511	Brig-Gen	Ye Naing Myo	46.	BC 27059	Lt-Col	Kyaw Zin Win	85.	BC 37077	Major	Zwe Nay Zaw
9.	BC 19586	Brig-Gen	Maung Maung	47.	BC 28207	Lt-Col	Zeyar Min	86.	BC 37317	Major	Kyaw Ba Tun
10.	BC 20177	Brig-Gen	Win Moe	48.	BC 28286	Lt-Col	Zaw Min Oo	87.	BC 37463	Major	Lwin Maung Soe
11.	BC 20299	Brig-Gen	Nay Win Aung	49.	BC 28362	Lt-Col	Naing Min	88.	BC 38564	Major	Tay Zar Phyo
12.	BC 20331	Brig-Gen	Thet Tun Aung	50.	BC 28380	Lt-Col	Min Kyi	89.	BC 39566	Major	Than Aung Soe
13.	BC 21881	Brig-Gen	Tun Myat Shwe	51.	BC 28388	Lt-Col	Aung Kyaw Moe	90.	BC 39740	Major	Tun Tun Aung
14.	Navy 1335	Commodore	Nay Win	52.	BC 29040	Lt-Col	Sai Eik Hla	91.	BC 40789	Major	Zaw Min Soe
15.	Navy 1369	Commodore	Aung Zaw Hlaing	53.	BC 29372	Lt-Col	Win Myint Tun	92.	BC 41628	Major	Aung Pyae Phyo
16.	BC 18029	Colonel	Aung Myint	54.	BC 30538	Lt-Col	Sai Ohn Myint	93.	BC 41900	Major	Aung Kyaw Myo
17.	BC 18701	Colonel	Myint Han	55.	BC 31372	Lt-Col	Tin Thaug Lin	94.	BC 42223	Major	Aung Khant Zaw
18.	BC 18837	Colonel	Min Thaw	56.	BC 31376	Lt-Col	Htein Lin	95.	BC 43108	Major	Pyae Phyo Ko
19.	BC 19307	Colonel	Khin Maung Tun	57.	BC 31644	Lt-Col	Nay Lin Aung	96.	Navy 3890	Lt-Comdr	Tun Tun Lat
20.	BC 19368	Colonel	Min Oo	58.	BC 31714	Lt-Col	Nay Lin Tun	97.	Navy 4367	Lt-Comdr	Kyaw Thu Phyo
21.	BC 19504	Colonel	Nay Lin	59.	BC 32280	Lt-Col	Arker Soe	98.	Air 2741	Major	Moe Oo Kyaw
22.	BC 19528	Colonel	Soe Lwin	60.	BC 32845	Lt-Col	Thant Zin Tun	99.	Air 3053	Major	Thein Lin Tun
23.	BC 20103	Colonel	Tun Than Ohn	61.	BC 33243	Lt-Col	Wunna Tun	100.	Air 3297	Major	Hein Min Tun
24.	BC 20979	Colonel	Aye Kyaw Lin	62.	BC 33289	Lt-Col	Naing Lwin	101.	N 537	Major	Daw Aye Aye Mar
25.	BC 21349	Colonel	Kyaw Kyaw Min	63.	BC 33320	Lt-Col	Aung Naing Ko	102.	N 628	Major	Daw Thu Zar Shwe
26.	BC 21662	Colonel	Than Hlaing	64.	BC 34892	Lt-Col	Moe Myint Aung	103.	BC 63108	Captain	Daw Theint Theingi Htwe Aung
27.	BC 22382	Colonel	Han Thu	65.	BC 34894	Lt-Col	Htin Lin Oo	104.	BC 67517	Captain	Daw Khin Nyein Chan
28.	BC 22435	Colonel	Than Naing	66.	Navy 3630	Commander	Kyaw Tun	105.	N 827	Captain	Daw Tin Mar Swe
29.	BC 23011	Colonel	Kyaw Aung	67.	Navy 3993	Commander	Thin Maung	106.	N 925	Captain	Daw Myint Myint Nwe
30.	BC 23089	Colonel	Saw Kyi Naing	68.	BC 24079	Major	Nay Win	107.	BC 67499	Captain	Daw Ei Ei Tun
31.	BC 23706	Colonel	Thet Tun	69.	BC 24107	Major	Thurain Zaw	108.	BC 70202	Captain	Daw Ei Mon Hlaing
32.	BC 23708	Colonel	Aye Lwin	70.	BC 25251	Major	Thein Tun	109.	BC 71497	Captain	Daw Hlaing Moe Thwel
33.	BC 23712	Colonel	Aung Kyaw Myo	71.	BC 25295	Major	Zaw Zaw Moe	110.	BC 71526	Captain	Daw Yuzana San Win
34.	BC 25504	Colonel	Daw Soe Soe Myint	72.	BC 26204	Major	Ye Tun				
35.	BC 19768	Lt-Col	Than Oo Lwin	73.	BC 26257	Major	Zaw Win Naing				
36.	BC 20193	Lt-Col	Nyi Nyi Lwin	74.	BC 27246	Major	Zin Lin				
37.	BC 21514	Lt-Col	San Naing Oo	75.	BC 29713	Major	Kyaw Min Han				
38.	BC 21880	Lt-Col	Thein Htut	76.	BC 29791	Major	Tin Lin				
				77.	BC 29821	Major	Soe Tun				

(Hla Thein)

Chairman

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Defence Services Personnel representatives announced for Amyotha Hluttaw

The Union Election Commission, in accordance with the Section 31 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, has scrutinized and announced the following Amyotha Hluttaw representatives of Defence Services Personnel who were submitted by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, in line with Chapter 8 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law in the third multiparty democracy general elections held on 8 November 2020.

Sr.	Commission No	Rank	Name	Sr.	Commission No	Rank	Name	Sr.	Commission No	Rank	Name
1.	BC 17953	Maj-Gen	San Myint	9.	BC 22050	Brig-Gen	Nyi Nyi Zaw	18.	BC 22666	Colonel	Phone Tint
2.	BC 18035	Brig-Gen	Kyaw Kyaw Soe	10.	BC 19378	Colonel	Aung Kyaw Soe	19.	BC 23055	Colonel	Win Zaw Oo
3.	BC 19404	Brig-Gen	Tin Swe	11.	BC 19729	Colonel	Soe Moe Aung	20.	BC 23057	Colonel	Aung Kyaw Tun
4.	BC 19490	Brig-Gen	Tint Lwin	12.	BC 20368	Colonel	Than Naing Win	21.	BC 23197	Colonel	Thein Toe
5.	BC 20714	Brig-Gen	Aung Myo Than	13.	BC 21109	Colonel	Saw Tun Aung	22.	BC 23742	Colonel	Nay Lin Tun
6.	BC 20808	Brig-Gen	Nay Myo Aung	14.	BC 21123	Colonel	Kyaw Kyaw	23.	BC 23802	Colonel	Sein Win
7.	BC 20834	Brig-Gen	Win Ko Ko	15.	BC 21658	Colonel	Myo Min Aung	24.	BC 28293	Colonel	Tin Maung Win
8.	BC 21334	Brig-Gen	Myint Maung Oo	16.	BC 21934	Colonel	Aung Kyaw Moe	25.	Air 1934	Colonel	Khin Myint
				17.	BC 22621	Colonel	Khaing Min				

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Defence Services Personnel representatives announced for Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw

The Union Election Commission, in accordance with the Section 31 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law, has scrutinized and announced the following Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw representatives of Defence Services Personnel who were submitted by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, in line with Chapter 8 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law in the third multiparty democracy general elections held on 8 November 2020.

Sr.	Commission No	Rank	Name										
Kachin State Hluttaw													
1.	BC 29197	Colonel	Kyaw Lin Aung	6.	BC 29670	Major	Kyaw Soe	17.	BC 54318	Captain	Htein Lin Kyaw		
2.	BC 23752	Colonel	Khin Maung Maung	7.	BC 33946	Major	Han Win	18.	BC 56660	Captain	Aung Myo Zaw		
3.	BC 31494	Lt-Col	Soe Min Aung	8.	BC 36638	Major	Zaw Myo Yi	19.	N 859	Captain	Daw Kyu Kyu Tun		
4.	BC 27430	Major	Thein Zaw Oo	9.	BC 37207	Major	Naing Zin Thet	Magway Region Hluttaw					
5.	BC 30003	Major	Tin Ko Ko	10.	BC 37810	Major	Kyaw Thet Naing	1.	BC 20825	Colonel	Min Oo		
6.	BC 30764	Major	Kyaw Thu Myo	11.	BC 41961	Major	Hla Htut Naung	2.	BC 19310	Colonel	Thet Naing		
7.	BC 34736	Major	Htin Lin Tun	12.	BC 35075	Captain	Kyaw Win Hlaing	3.	BC 36502	Major/Lt-Col	Zaw Oo Latt		
8.	BC 39706	Major	Win Thet Naing	13.	BC 42640	Captain	Aung Tun	4.	BC 28463	Major	Kyaw Kyaw Soe		
			Myint	14.	BC 42652	Captain	Myint Thwe	5.	BC 28818	Major	Thet Khine Tun		
9.	BC 43169	Major	Nyan Lin Tun	15.	BC 45303	Captain	Lin Aung Thet	6.	BC 30083	Major	Ye Maung		
10.	N 645	Major	Daw Phyu Phyu Phwe	16.	BC 47934	Captain	Thurain Tun	7.	BC 38381	Major	Nay Zaw Hein		
			Myint	17.	BC 50172	Captain	Yan Myo Aung	8.	N 803	Major	Daw Ei Ei Win		
11.	N 782	Major	Daw Nwe Nilar Aye	18.	BC 51586	Captain	Pyi Kyaw Hein	9.	BC 28576	Captain	Tun Myint Latt		
12.	BC 52472	Captain	Yan Aung Htike	19.	BC 52139	Captain	Soe Min	10.	BC 47456	Captain	Kyaw Ko Oo		
13.	BC 56671	Captain	Htin Oo	20.	BC 53865	Captain	Nyan Tun	11.	BC 51702	Captain	Zaw Min Htike		
Kayah State Hluttaw													
1.	BC 22000	Colonel	Myint Wai	21.	BC 54204	Captain	Yan Kyaw	12.	BC 51847	Captain	Hlaing Myint Tun		
2.	BC 39565	Major	Myo Min Htet	22.	BC 54385	Captain	Thein Htike	13.	BC 52631	Captain	Tin Maung Lwin		
3.	N 721	Major	Daw Maw Maw Than	23.	BC 66238	Captain	Zin Ko Maung	14.	BC 54441	Captain	Myo Min Tun		
4.	BC 48567	Captain	Myat Ko Ko	24.	N 783	Captain	Daw Nu Htwe Zan	15.	BC 59266	Captain	Zin Min Tun		
5.	N 919	Captain	Daw Kyu Kyu Khine	25.	N 815	Captain	Daw Yu Yu Wai	16.	Air 3409	Captain	Han Win Aung		
Kayin State Hluttaw													
1.	BC 22617	Colonel	Myo Min Naung	Taninthayi Region Hluttaw						17.	N 854	Captain	Daw Khin Thidar Hlaing
2.	BC 22798	Lt-Col	Naing Win	1.	BC 26934	Colonel	Kyaw Ze Ya	Mandalay Region Hluttaw					
3.	BC 34702	Major	Win Min Lwin	2.	BC 27374	Colonel	Aung Myo Min	1.	BC 26109	Colonel	Kyaw Kyaw Min		
4.	N 781	Major	Daw Swe Nwe Win	3.	BC 35143	Major	Ngwe Soe	2.	BC 22701	Lt-Col	Ye Myint		
5.	BC 60471	Captain	Hein Htet Naing	4.	Navy 4453	Lt-Cmdr	Han Htoo Nyi	3.	BC 23277	Major	Thein Han		
6.	BC 62245	Captain	Aung Sitt Maung	5.	N 788	Major	Daw Thi Thi Myint	4.	BC 25097	Major	Aung Thiha		
Chin State Hluttaw													
1.	BC 25995	Colonel	Han Win Aung	6.	BC 48448	Captain	Kyaw Sithu	5.	BC 25205	Major	Aung Min Htwe		
2.	BC 35419	Major	Arkar Kyaw Moe	7.	N 951	Captain	Daw Htet Thinzar Aung	6.	BC 27385	Major	Kyaw Thu Shwe		
3.	BC 48180	Captain	Khine Lwin Htoo	Bago Region Hluttaw						7.	BC 32528	Major	Kyaw Lwin Moe
4.	BC 56071	Captain	Nyan Lin Phyo	1.	BC 27294	Colonel	Hla Myo Shwe	8.	BC 33532	Major	Myo Min Latt		
5.	BC 57678	Captain	Pyi Soe Aung	2.	BC 20080	Colonel	Nay Win Aung	9.	BC 37909	Major	Aye Lin Tun		
6.	BC 64113	Captain	Thein Zaw Win	3.	BC 24050	Major	Hla Moe Thein	10.	BC 37953	Major	Wai Yan Min		
Sagaing Region Hluttaw													
1.	BC 24993	Colonel	Win Tin Soe	4.	BC 31366	Major	Thein Htoo	11.	BC 39247	Major	Htay Oo Khine		
2.	BC 23004	Colonel	Soe Paing	5.	BC 32393	Major	Ye Win Tun	12.	BC 42381	Major	Zaw Myo Wai		
3.	BC 20235	Lt-Col	Khin Maung Lwin	6.	BC 32804	Major	Kyaw Nyein	13.	BC 29037	Captain	Soe Naing		
4.	BC 27601	Major	Thet Naing Aye	7.	BC 34907	Major	Phyo Hein Kyaw	14.	BC 42712	Captain	Khin Maung Zaw		
5.	BC 28470	Major	Thet Naing Oo	8.	BC 36387	Major	Aung Moe Lwin	15.	BC 46411	Captain	Kyaw Thura		
				9.	BC 38102	Major	Tin Naing Win	16.	BC 49984	Captain	Kaung Htet		
				10.	BC 40474	Major	Win Aung Than	17.	BC 53383	Captain	Aung Hlaing Phyo		
				11.	Air 2833	Major	Aung Myo Min	18.	BC 67490	Captain	Daw Nyein Su Yee		
				12.	N 720	Major	Daw May Hnin Aung	19.	BC 70132	Captain	Daw Ngu Shwe War Oo		
				13.	BC 33772	Captain	Kyaw Min						
				14.	BC 35132	Captain	Khin Maung Win						
				15.	BC 36645	Captain	Myo Min Zaw						
				16.	BC 46125	Captain	Min Thein Htike						

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Defence Services Personnel representatives announced for Amyotha Hluttaw

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26.	Air 2084	Colonel	Aung Myo Kyaw	37.	BC 23432	Major	Pyey Tun	49.	Air 3305	Major	Than Tun Oo
27.	BC 23378	Lt-Col	Nyan Shwe	38.	BC 32577	Major	Zaw Win Oo	50.	BC 54959	Captain	Win Myint Than
28.	BC 27466	Lt-Col	Aung Tun Lin	39.	BC 32850	Major	Kyaw Soe Oo	51.	BC 63098	Captain	Daw Win Thiri Swe
29.	BC 28292	Lt-Col	Thant Swe	40.	BC 33152	Major	Thein Bo Bo Htwe	52.	BC 67491	Captain	Daw Aye Thinzar Kyaw
30.	BC 31314	Lt-Col	Myo Tun Aung	41.	BC 33752	Major	Win Min Thant	53.	N 850	Captain	Daw Than Than Win
31.	BC 32763	Lt-Col	Kyaw Kyaw Oo	42.	BC 39221	Major	Zaw Tun	54.	N 917	Captain	Daw Mar Mar Myint
32.	BC 33447	Lt-Col	Kyaw Thiha	43.	BC 40653	Major	Kyaw Min Tun	55.	N 928	Captain	Daw Thazin Hlaing
33.	BC 26876	Major	Ye Aung Saw	44.	BC 41097	Major	Min Ye Tun	56.	N 935	Captain	Daw Khin Yadanar Hlaing
34.	BC 27365	Major	Kyaw Soe Thant	45.	BC 41205	Major	Phyo Wai Aung				
35.	BC 28733	Major	Win Lwin Oo	46.	BC 44419	Major	Kyaw Soe Win				
36.	BC 29866	Major	Tin Naing Oo	47.	BC 45454	Major	Win Min Tun				
				48.	Navy 4111	Lt-Cmdr	Kyaw Thura				

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Defence Services Personnel representatives announced for Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw

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Sr. Commission No	Rank	Name						
Mon State Hluttaw			19. Navy 4268	Lt-Comdr	Kyaw Tay Za	23. BC 45963	Captain	Thet Oo San
1. BC 26939	Colonel	Nay Htut Oo	20. Air 2243	Major	Kyaw Aung	24. BC 46113	Captain	Win Min Htwe
2. BC 19367	Colonel	Tin Htut	21. Air 2940	Major	Hlaing Win Aung	25. BC 46348	Captain	Tint Tun Naing
3. BC 31068	Major	Thet Khine	22. Air 3138	Major	Khine Myo Tun	26. BC 46643	Captain	Lin Htike Aung
4. BC 33523	Major	Hlaing Aung Min	23. N 748	Major	Daw Khin Min	27. BC 48611	Captain	Thet Khine Myint
5. Navy 4384	Lt-Comdr	Kyaw Kyaw Min	24. BC 42715	Captain	Min Myat	28. BC 49851	Captain	Nyein Chen Soe
6. N 577	Major	Daw Saw Thidar	25. BC 45945	Captain	Soe Min Htay	29. BC 50319	Captain	Myo Naing Lin
7. N 749	Major	Hlaing	26. BC 52090	Captain	Win Kyaw Thu	30. BC 50344	Captain	Aung Thu
8. BC 58513	Captain	Daw Ngu Wah Kyi	27. BC 53763	Captain	Ye Yint Win	31. BC 51331	Captain	Nyein Wai Htet Ko
		Kyaw Thet Naing	28. BC 54557	Captain	Kyaw Khine Lin	32. BC 52019	Captain	Myo Min Soe
			29. BC 64135	Captain	Ko Ko	33. BC 53887	Captain	Htin Kyaw
			30. BC 70133	Captain	Khin Maung Oo	34. BC 54467	Captain	Hlwan Moe Aung
					Daw Thet Phoo	35. N 950	Captain	Daw May Thi Han
					Pwint Wai			
					DawThetNandar			
					Htet			
Rakhine State Hluttaw			31. BC 71560	Captain		Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw		
1. BC 23158	Colonel	Min Than				1. BC 25130	Colonel	KyawSwarHlaing
2. BC 27010	Lt Col	Win Bo	Shan State Hluttaw			2. BC 29109	Major	Min Htut
3. BC 30804	Major	Aung Myo Zaw	1. BC 26759	Colonel	Hla Oo	3. BC 34717	Major	Nay Win Naung
4. BC 32418	Major	Ko Ko Oo	2. BC 19315	Colonel	Min Min Lwin	4. BC 38505	Major	MonMyatThuSoe
5. Navy 4086	Lt-Comdr	Aung Zaw Moe	3. BC 23342	Lt-Col	Win Myint Oo	5. Navy 3782	Lt-Comdr	Aung Zaw Thin
			4. BC 23821	Lt-Col	Hline Tun Aung	6. Navy 4244	Lt-Comdr	PhyoThuraKyaw
			5. BC 33642	Lt-Col	Myo Htike	7. Air 2859	Major	Zeya Myint
			6. BC 27185	Major	Myint Thiha	8. Air 2953	Major	Myo Myint Aung
			7. BC 27488	Major	Zaw Moe Lwin	9. BC 36692	Captain	Tun Ko Aung
			8. BC 28474	Major	Aung Thu Khine	10. BC 48127	Captain	Tun Lin Than
			9. BC 29752	Major	Nyi Nyi Min	11. BC 49089	Captain	Zin Min Htike
			10. BC 33494	Major	Lin Kyaw Khine	12. BC 52790	Captain	Tin Aung Thu
			11. BC 36137	Major	Myo Min Tun	13. BC 53750	Captain	Arkar
			12. BC 36201	Major	Myo Min Thu	14. BC 56391	Captain	Min Aung
			13. BC 37462	Major	Soe Yan Naing	15. BC 58122	Captain	Khin Maung Cho
			14. BC 38162	Major	Aung San Day	16. BC 60159	Captain	Zaw Lin Tun
			15. BC 39322	Major	Khin Hla Win	17. BC 62522	Captain	Kyaw Thu
			16. BC 39866	Major	Thet Paing Tun	18. N 866	Captain	Daw Myint Thu
			17. BC 40046	Major	Pyae Phyo Aung			Htike
			18. BC 40134	Major	Kyaw Zin Htike			
			19. BC 40248	Major	KyawKyawNaing			
			20. BC 40257	Major	Kyaw San Min			
			21. N 665	Major	Daw Lin Lin Ko			
			22. BC 39382	Captain	Han Lin Tun			

(Hla Thein)

Chairman

Union Election Commission

'Notice to Proceed' letter handed over to launch power project in Ayeyawady delta

A ceremony to hand over the 'Notice to Proceed' letter for the integrated domestic gas to power project was held at the Ministry of Electricity and Energy yesterday morning.

The 592 MW power project is invested by Thai-based PTTEP company in Kyaiklat Township in Ayeyawady Region.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister U Win Khaing, Deputy Ministers U Khin Maung Win and Dr Tun Naing, Permanent Secretary U Than Zaw and departmental heads.

CEO of PTTEP Mr Phongsthorn Thavisin and company officials joined the event via videoconferencing.

The Union Minister said that the natural gas from the offshore blocks M-3 (Aung



Union Minister U Win Khaing joins the handover ceremony of 'Notice to Proceed' letter to launch power project in Ayeyawady delta, on 30 December. PHOTO: MNA

Theinkha project) and M-9 (Zawtika project) would be supplied to the integrated domestic gas to power project with the investment of PTTEP under IPP/BOT system.

The gas from M-3 blocks will be conveyed through 16-

inch diameter subsea pipelines for 92-km length, from M-9 block in Taninthayi Region through 26-inch diameter subsea pipelines for 300-km length to Daw Nyein Control Station.

The 26-inch diameter inland pipelines will be used for

70-km length to the receiving station in Kyaiklat Township and 16-inch diameter pipeline for another 6-km length to the 592 MW power station.

The investment value of the project will be about US\$2 billion, and it will be imple-

mented in the first six months of 2024 to supply electricity to the development projects in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and it will be transferred to Myanmar after 20 years of power.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Keeping public safe is top priority

THE Ministry of Transport and Communications modified its order yesterday to extend the suspension of international flights till Jan 31, 2021.

The ban does not affect relief flights, all-cargo flights, medical evacuation flights and special flights approved by the ministry.

The extension comes in the wake of the discovery of cases of a mutated Covid-19 strain in the United Kingdom and in some other countries including some parts of Asia.

The suspension comes in the wake of the discovery of cases of a new infectious strain of SARS-Cov-2 first detected in the United Kingdom.

This decision reflects that keeping the public safe remains the top priority of the Union Government.

The daily count of coronavirus infection has been spirally downward from over 2000 last month to around 600 these days. But, we need to continue to make efforts to stop the spread of the infection in our country.

Meanwhile, it is worth noting that the ministries concerned are also working together on resumption of international commercial passenger flights in line with the health guidelines depending on the progress of the containment on coronavirus infection in our country to ensure that our country's economy recovers quickly.

The coronavirus, like all viruses, mutates over time, but there is no evidence that any of the mutations pose an increased danger to people.

The World Health Organization has said it is too early to jump to conclusions.

The mutated coronavirus strain has raised alarms that this could further accelerate the spread of the virus and cast a shadow over our economic recovery efforts.

Our country shares land borders with India, Bangladesh, China, Laos and Thailand, and we have also closed land borders to foreign tourists, while suspending all visa-free privileges and visa issuances as part of efforts for fighting the pandemic.

We will continue our efforts that have been effective in preventing infections and reducing the impact of the virus at every opportunity.

Each citizen is also responsible to cooperate with the authorities and take appropriate measures, as their contribution is playing an important role in minimizing the risks to our health, as well as the socio-economic impact of the pandemic during this time of crisis.

Sayagyi (Uncle) U Tha Hto, University of Rangoon and University of California (Berkeley) Alumnus

By Dr Myint Zan

IN this article I would like to present a personal profile and tribute of Sayagyi Uncle U Tha Hto (6 June 1919-4 February 2011), an economist who is a University of Rangoon (as it was then formally named) and University of California (at Berkeley) alumnus.

Sayagyi Uncle U Tha Hto was born in Thin Phyu Bin village သင်ဖြူပင်ရွာ near Nga Thaung Gyaung township ငါးသိုင်းချောင်းမြို့နယ် in what was then Irrawaddy Division in lower Burma. He attended University of Rangoon perhaps starting from the academic year 1936-37 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) in the year 1940 and another Bachelor degree in 1942. Both those Bachelor degrees were obtained just before or soon after the winds of the (Second World) War reached our shores and our land.

This writer has learned that Uncle U Tha Hto during the war years and Japanese occupation (or is it at least initially liberation?) was involved in the activities of 'young Asians associations' အရှင်လူငယ်အသင်း for which he was awarded the Naing Ngant Gon Yi (2nd class) နိုင်ငံ့ဂုဏ်ရည် ဒုတိယအဆင့် sometime in 1980 by the then Council of State. (Professor of Economics U Tha Hto was a different person from Saya Tha Hto who wrote school text books regarding among others Burmese poetry).

The Missed Seaplane Flight

From my conversations with Uncle U Tha Hto sometime in September 2010 (less than 4 months before he passed away in February 2011) he told me that he was supposed to leave by seaplane from Rangoon port on 23 August 1947 to study in the United States.

After he arrived at seaport the gathered Burmese state scholars were informed that the seaplane's arrival was delayed and they had either wait or they could come back to the seaport later. Uncle U Tha Hto decided to go back to his hostel to have a meal or to do other chores.

While he was away from the seaport the seaplane (perhaps earlier than expected) arrived and the concerned persons tried to contact him through perhaps his Rangoon University halls of residence phone number to no avail but in a more important sense (soon to be explained) to great good fortune for him and his future family, students and friends. (Incidentally the use of mobile phones with its attendant applications such as Viber and WhatsApp were, in 1947, quite far in the 'misty future').

When 'Maung Tha Hto' (or M. T. Hto as named when he graduated at University of California at Berkeley several years later) arrived at the seaport the plane had left with a few other Burmese state scholars on board. Among those on the flight were the late Dr Hla Shwe (also known during the pre-war Years as 'dictator Hla Shwe') အာဇာနည် လှရွှေ.

Sayagyi U Tha Hto told me that those who boarded the seaplane had to sign the passenger list so that the airline could charge the then British government as all the students travelled on British passports and he recalled seeing a 'big' signature of Dr Hla Shwe on the passenger manifest.

Uncle U Tha Hto had missed the flight of 23 August 1947 which probably saved his life. The wonders of the world wide web are such that on 25 October 2020 I was able to search what happened on 23 August 1947 to the British Airways Overseas Corporation (BOAC) plane. The information from the web site is that there were a total of '10 fatalities' among 26 occupants of the BOAC plane which crashed or had a mishap on landing at the Bahrain marine air base. <https://aviation-safety.net/database/record.php?id=19470823-1> (accessed 25 October 2020)

And when U Tha Hto boarded the seaplane that would took him to the United States (initially, I think, to New York) perhaps the next day (24 August 1947) he apparently was not aware of the disaster that had befallen the earlier flight which he missed. Only when he arrived in the Gulf state of Bahrain marine base he knew what had happened to the earlier flight. The seaplane that he had missed was in a nose-dived position in the sea off the coast of Bahrain. Though I am not sure how many Burmese state scholars were on that ill-fated flight at least one of them Dr Hla Shwe - scheduled for post graduate study in medicine at the University of Minnesota - was among those who perished in the disaster.

Study at University of California at Berkeley (1947-1951)

In response to my query around February 1974 I recall Uncle U Tha Hto telling me that since his 'school' University of California, Berkeley will only start classes at 'September 18, [1947]' ကျောင်းကတော့ စတင်ဖွင့်တော့ he took a train from New York (perhaps) to San Francisco which took two weeks! (I checked on line just now and the train journey from San Francisco to New York on Amtrak would take around 80 hours - over three days - in the year 2020. In 1947 it could have arguably taken slightly longer but Uncle U Tha Hto perhaps took a break in Chicago or elsewhere to do some sightseeing on his way to Berkeley which is near San Francisco.)

Enrollment at and Graduation from Berkeley

U Tha Hto arrived (perhaps



The photo taken at registration of Burmese state scholars in late August 1947 presumably in New York. In the photo, Burmese state scholars were in the 'queue' to register before they were sent to various Universities across the United States. The person in front was (as he was known then) 'Maung Tha Hto (M.T. Hto)'.

My fairly firm memory is that Uncle U Tha Hto mentioned to me that (in 1947) fall semester at Berkeley started on 'September 18'. I was able to verify, on line, a few years ago when I saw on the '1947 Fall semester timetable' that in late August 1947 presumably in New York. In the photo where Burmese state scholars were in the 'queue' to register before they were sent to various Universities across the United States the person in front was (as he was known then) 'Maung Tha Hto (M.T. Hto)' and behind him would be (I think) 'Ma Thin Kyi' (later Professor of Geography the late Dr Daw Thin Kyi) who obtained her doctorate in Geography at Clarke University in 1950.

Teaching at Mandalay University Economics Department (from around) 1952 to 1964

Uncle U Tha Hto returned to Burma perhaps in latter part of 1951. From what I gathered at least part of his return journey (unlike his visit to the United States for the first time in 1947) was by ship. I recall grandmother Daw Sein Oke, late mother-in-law of Uncle U Tha Hto telling me around 1974 that when she saw Uncle U Tha Hto (as the then prospective mother-in-law I might cheerily add) his complexion was somewhat dark brown. Grandma Daw Sein Oke told me that Maung Tha Hto was apparently playing football on the ship's deck (apparently some of the time on his return journey) that was why his skin was darkened! မောင်သာထို အသားတွေ မည်းလာတယ်ဆိုတော့ သဘောပေါ်တော့ (လုံး)ကန့်လာတယ်ဆိုပဲ

When the Institute of Economics was established around September 1964 Uncle U Tha Hto was appointed as a Professor in the Institute of Economics and was transferred to Rangoon. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1980.

Master Thesis Submission at Berkeley and Presentation of copies to him 49 years later in 2010

But back, briefly, to his Berkeley days and the scholarly work that he had done there. U Tha Hto ('M.T. Hto') submitted his thesis entitled 'The Readjustment of Malaya to the Great Depression of the 1930s' on 20 April 1951 in partial fulfillment for the Master of Arts (Economics) degree at the University of California (Berkeley). (His signature and agreement that he gave permission for reproduction for

research purposes reproduced by him was signed by M T Hto on that date). Three examiners approved the thesis and it was deposited in University of California, Berkeley on 'August 9, 1951'.

Yours truly take some pride that he had arranged to 'deposit' (or donate) a copy of the MA thesis of Uncle U Tha Hto (at University of California, Berkeley) with the Universities Central (or) Yangon University library in 2010.

Around mid-2010 I discovered on line U Tha Hto's thesis title. I wrote to the library personnel at Berkeley and queried whether I can obtain a copy of his thesis. On payment of 45 US dollars the librarian sent me a PDF version of U Tha Hto's thesis. I printed it, make several copies and presented a copy to the library of Multimedia University in Malacca, Malaysia, where I was working then.

In my visit to Yangon in September 2010 I brought 3 or 4 copies of Uncle U Tha Hto's thesis with me and read parts of it on the aeroplane from Kuala Lumpur to Yangon.

When I visited Uncle U Tha Hto's house in September 2010 I told him that I had a present and surprise for him and then showed him a copy of his thesis (submitted April 1951) of more than 59 years ago. He looked at it for about half a minute or more and then in great astonishment proclaimed 'Ah that is my thesis!' ငါ့ thesis ပါလော့

'The Najdorf surprise' and exclamation

Just before I write these words I am reminded of the late Polish-Argentinian Chess Grandmaster Miguel Najdorf (15 April 1910 - 4 July 1997) apparent exclamation as reported by *Newsweek* magazine in one of its August 1972 issues. In August 1972 there was a world chess championship match between then world chess champion Boris Spassky (born 30 January 1937) and the late Bobby Fisher (9 March 1943-17 January 2008). Apparently, one of the players opened one of the games with what was known as the 'Najdorf opening' (in full 'Najdorf variation on the Sicilian defence'). *Newsweek* reported that the chess Grandmaster Najdorf who was watching the game live (perhaps in the game venue itself) where the chess moves were displayed on the board exclaimed 'It's the Najdorf! It's the Najdorf!'

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73rd Independence Day Anniversary (2021)

National Objectives

1. All Union nationals to protect and strive with "collective strength" for Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of National Unity, and Perpetuation of National Sovereignty.
2. All citizens to be able to enjoy on the same level - social equality, economic equality, political equality, equality as citizens, equal opportunity, and equality before the law.
3. To strive towards the amendment of the Constitution for the emergence of a genuine Democratic Federal Union.
4. To build a modern developed Democratic Federal Union by nurturing a Union spirit for the perpetuation of the Union.
5. The government, together with the people to confront with collective strength the challenges faced by the entire people with increased momentum for all-round development of the country.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 4:00 pm Wednesday 30 December, 2020)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 31 December, 2020: Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Chin States and generally fair 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 moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-9) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (4-6) feet Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT: Decrease of night temperatures in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 December, 2020: Fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 December, 2020: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 December, 2020: Fair weather.

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MIC Greenlights Five New Investment Proposals Approved Projects Include Two 30 MW Solar Projects

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) held its final meeting for the year yesterday via video conference.

The meeting, chaired by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Chairman of the MIC U Thaung Tun, was attended by Vice-Chairman Dr Than Myint, Union Minister for Commerce and members of the Commission.

The meeting approved 5 new investments proposals and an increase in capital in 4 existing projects. The approved investments covered the energy, fishery, hotel

and services sectors and totalled US\$ 138.178 million and K109.204 billion. The projects are expected to create over 4,000 job opportunities. The new projects approved by the MIC include two 30 MW solar power projects in Sagaing Region and a shrimp farm project in Tanintharyi Region.

The solar power projects are in keeping with the commitment made by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to tackle climate change in her address to the virtual Climate Ambition Summit held on 12 December 2020. In her statement, the State Counsellor



Union Minister U Thaung Tun chairs the MIC final meeting for 2020 via videoconference on 30 December. PHOTO: MNA

announced Myanmar's intention to submit its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) by the end of the year. The NDC will aim to reduce over 243 million tonnes of carbon dioxide by increasing

the share of renewable energy to 39% and reducing the net emission from the forestry sector by 25%.

It is learnt that Singapore, People's Republic of China and Thailand currently head the list

of 51 countries/regions investing in Myanmar. Investments in 12 sectors include – 26.11 % in the electricity sector, 26.03 % in the oil and gas sector and 14.58 in the manufacturing sector. —MNA

Sayagi (Uncle) U Tha Hto, University of Rangoon and University of California ...

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Taking a little poetic and personal licence Uncle U Tha Hto's pleasant surprise and delight might have been somewhat like that of Grandmaster Najdorf. 'It's the Najdorf!' to 'That's my thesis!'

U Tha Hto then went to search for his thesis in the upstairs of his house. After about 15 minutes or so he came back with a worn out copy of his thesis which he said he had arranged to bind it during his Mandalay days i.e. the binding of his thesis copy was made in Mandalay sometime before he transferred to Rangoon in 1964.

I presented two copies of PDF version of the thesis to Uncle U Tha Hto, a copy to Yangon University (or) Universities Central Library and a copy to Saya U Thaw Kaung, former librarian of University of Yangon library.

Ko Myo Thant Tun who occasionally writes articles for magazines was for several years U Tha Hto's neighbour. Myo Thant Tun quite frequently visited Uncle U Tha Hto's house. He told me that Uncle U Tha Hto did not quite understand how I was able to obtain a copy of his MA thesis!

In April 1951 when he submitted his thesis U Tha Hto had a choice whether to prohibit production of his thesis or to put a 'time limit' for such productions (for future scholars). The liberality of spirit by U Tha Hto in giving permission for reproduction and systematic 'storage' of it all these years by the University of California had made it possible for me to

'deposit' or donate his thesis to two other Universities around the world (Multimedia University in Malaysia and Yangon University).

U Tha Hto's family and a family tragedy

As stated, I was first acquainted with Uncle U Tha Hto during his Mandalay days in the early 1960s. His eldest son was Ko Khaing Soe. When he passed away he was only about 19 years old and the circumstances of Khaing Soe's passing away was tragic.

Sometime around October 1972 Khaing Soe, then a second year (2nd MB junior) medical student influenced by a person (may be one of his class mates) decided to join the (former overthrown Prime Minister) U Nu's resistance movement then stationed in parts of the Burma-Thai border. (I recall that in October 1969 Bagyi-elder Uncle -- U Nu declared and as reported in official Burmese newspapers then that 'he would return to Burma within a year' that is by October 1970. IF, if U Nu had returned to Burma as he had declared in October 1969 'in victory' then there was no need for my friend Ko Khaing Soe to run across the border to join his 'forces' in October 1972).

Sadly, Khaing Soe passed away of malaria perhaps even before he reached the border. I met the person who induced or persuaded him to run to the border, by chance, in a Rangoon street (he had returned and surrendered to the then Burmese authorities when I accidentally

met him in the street) perhaps in the late 1970s. That person informed me that Khaing Soe had died 'on his lap'. As this was an unfortunate family tragedy I rarely mentioned this unpleasant event to Uncle U Tha Hto, later his widow Daw Khin Myint Myint and his two younger brothers the late singer Khaing Htoo (1958-2017) and Dr Khaing Moe (now residing in New York state).

'Singer Khaing Htoo is U Tha Hto's son'

When I talked on the phone querying the Chief Editor whether a profile of U Tha Hto would be of interest to him (and the Board which decides ultimately) the Chief Editor queried whether U Tha Hto was the 'father of singer Khaing Htoo'. I responded as I had also done to a few persons who asked me that question with the answer that 'Khaing Htoo was U Tha Hto's son'. Neither of U Tha Hto's surviving sons were able to attend the funeral of their father on 5 February 2011 since Dr Khaing Moe was in America and Ko Khaing Htoo was then on a tour in Singapore.

The Last Day of Uncle U Tha Hto (as narrated by neighbour and writer Ko Myo Than Tun)

According to a neighbour of Uncle U Tha Hto (as narrated above) Ko Myo Thant Tun, (his neighbour and frequent almost daily conversationalist in U Tha Hto's last months) was with Uncle U Tha Hto on the day U Tha Hto passed away, 4 February 2011.

Myo Thant Tun bought some medicines for him and U Tha Hto insisted on paying him and despite Myo Thant Tun's protests he paid for it. Myo Thant Tun said he had lunch with him at U Tha Hto's house that day. Around 5 pm or so U Tha Hto felt unwell and went upstairs to his bed and covered himself with a blanket to 'sweat it out'. Concernedly, he told Myo Thant Tun to go back to his house as he had family members to look after. Myo Thant Tun did and was having dinner at his house when a phone call from Auntie Lay (Daw Khin Myint Myint) came which informed him that your Saya was very ill. When he arrived back at U Tha Hto's house which he had left no more than 2 hours ago U Tha Hto's widow informed him that his Saya was no more.

I recall reading the late junior (in age) economist U Thet Tun's short tribute in Burmese soon after Uncle U Tha Hto passed away. (U Thet Tun was a semi-regular contributor to the GNLN's predecessor The Working People's Daily in the years 1973 to 1975). There must have been other tributes too but perhaps not in English and not as extensively as this one.

Unpublished? Obituary in California (Alumni) Magazine

Around mid-2011 I sent a 3 to 5 sentence obituary of U Tha Hto to a contact person (then student Editor from what I recall) of California magazine which is an alumni magazine of University of California (Berkeley). (The instructions regarding obituaries

sent to them specifically states that they be no longer than 4 or 5 sentences). I then lost contact with the student Editor and did not know whether it was published or not. On 24 October 2020 I searched on line the California magazine website but under both 'Tha Hto' and 'M. T. Hto' nothing turned up. Perhaps the obituary of U Tha Hto that I sent to the magazine was not published or perhaps it was published in 'hard copy' but not 'on line'.

Three Bachelor Degrees, a Master Degree holder and a Personalized Tribute

As stated above U Tha Hto obtained two Bachelor degrees (A.B. as written in the front page of his Berkeley thesis) in 1940 and 1942 respectively from the University of Rangoon. He obtained another A. B. (Bachelor degree) from Berkeley in 1949 and a MA in Economics in 1951. Ko Myo Thant Tun informed me that U Tha Hto initially specialized in history and then later in economics. Perhaps his first Bachelor degree from University of Rangoon was in history.

The year 2020 marks not only the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the University of Rangoon (now University of Yangon) but also the 80th anniversary of the first degree Professor Uncle U Tha Hto earned from one of his alma maters. It is a honour to record some of U Tha Hto's accomplishments and a few aspects of his personality in this personalized tribute.



Effective period for Temporary Measures to Prevent Importation of COVID-19 to Myanmar through Air Travel extended till 31 Jan 2021

The effective period the Temporary Measures to Prevent Importation of COVID-19 to Myanmar through Air Travel issued on 29 March 2020 by the Ministry of Health and Sports was extended up to 31 December 2020 23:59 Hours Myanmar Standard Time, in line with the approval of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19.

As the infection of this disease remains increasing in most of the countries and more infectious variant of the COVID-19 virus first found in Britain has spread to other countries, including Asian nations, the existing effective period will be further extended with the approval of the National-Level Central Committee for Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19, till 31 January 2021, 23:59 hours of Myanmar Standard Time.

Meanwhile, in order to recover the country's economy affected by the COVID-19, the relevant ministries are discussing phase-by-phase resumption of international commercial flights under the guidance of the national COVID-19 committee in line with healthcare standard procedures depending on the situation of this disease.

Ministry of Transport and Communications

MoC organizes online event to review activities in 2020, next year plans

THE Ministry of Commerce yesterday organized an online event to review its activities and tasks in 2020 and their future plans for 2021.

During the ceremony, Union Minister Dr Than Myint said that from March 2020, the global COVID-19 pandemic affected health, economic and job sectors across the world. He added that the COVID-19 crisis also affected Myanmar's economy, so it is necessary to think about how to remedy economic impacts and future plans.

Amidst many challenges posed by COVID-19 crisis, the Ministry could create the Trade Net 2.0 online platform, by using which importers and exporters can apply for export/import licences online, according to the Union Minister, who said that it is necessary to increase exports, as well as domestic trade, needs to be fast and efficient.

He pointed out that if illegal trade can be eradicated, exports/imports will be increased by a large percentage.



Ministry of Commerce reviews its activities and tasks in 2020 and its future plans for 2021 during the online event on 30 December. PHOTO: MNA

The Union Minister said that the government and private sector need to collaborate in order to strengthen the private sector effectively.

He called on employees of

the ministry to pay great attention to policies of the government and strive to improve their capacities so that the ministry will be able to effectively contribute to the economic development of

the country.

He said that in addition to the original duties, the ministry is responsible for the development of the private sector and special economic zones,

processes related to "Ease of Doing Business", and the establishment and implementation of the China-Myanmar border economic zone, so officials and staff members of the ministry need to enhance their management skills.

He also called on senior officials to encourage young officials and staff members to study relevant subjects. He said that senior officials need to listen to innovative ideas of young people, and on the other hand, young people need to follow the guidance of senior officials.

The Deputy Minister also delivered a speech, saying that his ministry is the one with the most contacts with the private sector and could provide efficient support to solve their problems.

The participants, including the Union Minister, the Deputy Minister and the Permanent Secretary made discussions and suggestions in the videoconference.—MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

3 commemorative stamps of 73rd Independence Day to be issued

The Myanmar Post of the Ministry of Transport and Communications will issue the three commemorative stamps to mark 73rd

anniversary Independence Day on 4 January 2021.

The K200-special stamps will be sold at the central post office

in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and other branches in respective regions and states commencing 9:30 am on 4 Jan-

uary.

As a special programme, Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, Yangon Post Office and Mandalay

Post Office will stamp postmark and date on the commemorative stamps and First Day Covers bought on 4 January.—MNA



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MoE discusses drafting NESP (2021-2030) with Hluttaw representatives



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi chairs meeting with Hluttaw representatives to discuss National Education Strategic Plan (2021-2030) on 30 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Education organized a coordination meeting with Hluttaw representatives to discuss drafting the National Education Strategic Plan (2021-2030) yesterday via videoconferencing.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi said the ministry is working together with the Hluttaw representatives and ethnic people in conducting education reforms according to NESP (2016-2021).

The ministry is also implementing its objectives such as non-discrimination, leaving

no one behind, no dropout and rights to learn while ensuring for decent citizens, cooperation, accountability and creation.

The Union Minister also highlighted the cooperation of Hluttaw representatives in raising the budget for education sector while the ministry is fulfilling the needs of teachers, technology and infrastructure in ethnic regions, ethnic language syllabus for Grade 1,2 and 3, plans to distribute the school textbooks for free, the appointment of qualified teachers and encouragement for local ethnic

people who conform to the criteria to join the education degree colleges and universities.

He also emphasized the increase of the numbers of students who complete primary, middle and high schools education, more than 1 million high school students for the first time in 2018-2019 academic year, 566,174 students who received high school completion certificates in 2020 and achievement of 6 Honorary Mentions in International Mathematical Olympic between 2016 and 2020.

The Union Minister also

discussed the Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) 2019 Results, IQ, EQ, upgrade of the syllabus in basic education, technology and vocational sectors for 21st Century Skills and Competencies, teaching techniques, assessment, appointment and transformation of teachers.

He also stressed the Reskilling and Upskilling, Massive Open Online Courses, Massive Open Distance Learning and Myanmar Digital Platform Education (MDPE) of ministry amid COVID-19 pandemic.

He continued to say the English Language and ICT skills play a key role in life-long learning. It is crucial to conduct English proficiency courses, ICT courses and management training by using the public budget effectively.

The ministry also emphasizes on Value for money while utilizing the budget in the education sector.

He also highlighted the use of AI, robots, Cloud Computing, Big Data, Automation Technology and Internet of Things in IT era. He expressed the need to reduce the differences to have good job opportunities and qual-

ity education while the labour market becomes more intense.

He then explained the Traditional Education System and New Normal Education. He also said it needs to follow the instructions of State Counsellor in learning.

He also stressed the importance of cooperation works of Hluttaw MPs and ethnic people, implementation of Master Plan, University Council, Senate and Administrative Boards for University Autonomy, the combination of research and theory to provide employment opportunities for degree holders.

In his concluding remarks, he emphasized the High-Tech Learning for Understanding and Remembering Skills, High-Tough Learning or Face-to-Face Teaching Learning, upgrade of Application, Analysis, Evaluation and Innovation via High-Touch and Blended Learning in the digital era.

Then, the Permanent Secretary of Education and the Directors-General of Basic Education, Technical, Vocational Education and Training discussed their respective sectors.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

UPR Work Group to review Myanmar's third cycle report on human rights

THE Universal Periodic Review Working Group will review Myanmar's third cycle report about human rights on 25 January during its 37th session.

Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo chaired the meeting to choose the departments and officials in response to reviewing the report which was submitted

by Myanmar to UPR Work Group on 7 October this year. The review session will be attended by the officials from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar Office to the UN Office in Geneva, and the representatives from Myanmar will join the session via videoconferencing.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo holds meeting to reply to UPR review on Myanmar's third cycle human rights report. **PHOTO: MNA**

Insolvency Practitioners' Regulatory Council organizes 2/2020 meeting



THE Insolvency Practitioners' Regulatory Council held an online meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 December.

The Auditor-General of the Union U Maw Than, in his capacity as the council's chairman, discussed collaboration in insolvency issues amid the

Auditor-General of the Union U Maw Than presides over Insolvency Practitioners' Regulatory Council meeting on 29 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

economic downturn caused by the COVID-19.

The meeting focused on approving the Insolvency Practitioner Association, scrutinizing the recommendations of council members on insolvency practitioner certification and order for charges, the appointment of registration officers, the formation of committee and nomination of document examiners who will represent the council for insolvency practitioner registration on MyCo online system.

The meeting was taken part

by the member of Bar Council on behalf of its chairman, the governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, the president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the chairman of Securities and Exchange Commission, the patron, the chairman, and the members of the Association of Myanmar Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the deputy director-general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

NEW UNITY GOVERNMENT

Blasts hit Yemen's Aden airport as new government arrives

EXPLOSIONS rocked Yemen's Aden airport on Wednesday shortly after the arrival of a plane carrying the new unity government, with the information minister accusing Iran-backed Huthi rebels of the "cowardly" attack.

"At least two explosions were heard as the cabinet members were leaving the aircraft," an AFP correspondent at the scene said.

The number of casualties remains unclear, although all the government ministers were reported to be unharmed.

Plumes of smoke billowed from the airport building in the southern city as debris lay strewn across the area, with people rushing to tend to the wounded, footage broadcast by Saudi television channel Al-Hadath showed.

Crowds who had gathered on the airport apron waiting to greet the new government fled, terrified. Sporadic gunfire was heard soon after.

Yemen's international-ly recognized government



Smoke clouds billowed into the air after explosions at Yemen's Aden airport on December 30, 2020, shortly after the arrival of a plane carrying members of a new unity government. PHOTO: SALEH AL-OBEIDI /AFP

and southern separatists formed a power-sharing cabinet on December 18, forging a joint front against the Huthi rebels who have seized the capital Sanaa and much of the north.

Yemeni Information Minister Moammar Al-Eryani said that all the members of the government were safe.

"We assure our great people that members of the government are fine, and we assure you that the cowardly terrorist attack by the Iran-supported Huthi militia will not deter us from

carrying out our patriotic duty," he said on Twitter.

The cabinet members arrived in Aden days after being sworn in by Yemeni President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi in Saudi Arabia, which leads a military coalition against the insurgents.

Hadi fled to the Saudi capital Riyadh after Sanaa fell to the Huthis in 2014.

Humanitarian crisis

Tens of thousands of people, mostly civilians, have been killed and millions displaced in Yemen's grinding five-year war,

which has triggered what the United Nations has called the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

The new government includes ministers loyal to Hadi and supporters of the secessionist Southern Transitional Council (STC), as well as other parties.

Prime Minister Main Said has retained his position in the new government, while changes have taken place in several ministries, including the foreign ministry.

SOURCE: AFP

INTERMINABLE NEGOTIATIONS

How Germany's Cuxhaven port is navigating Brexit

THE German port of Cuxhaven has felt every twist and turn of the Brexit saga, from the shock of the referendum result to the interminable negotiations.

Now, with the end

of the transition period that has effectively kept Britain in the EU fast approaching, port manager Hans-Peter Zint has only one wish: "It has to finally happen."

But Brexit will remain an unprecedented challenge for the North Sea port long after Britain's newly agreed deal with the EU kicks in on January 1.

Around 85 per cent of maritime freight to and from Cuxhaven involves the UK, making it one of the harbours worst affected by Brexit.

SOURCE: AFP

DRAWN-OUT DIVORCE

EU leaders sign Brexit deal as UK MPs debate ratification

EU leaders signed their post-Brexit trade deal with Britain and dispatched it to London on an RAF jet Wednesday, setting their seal on a drawn-out divorce just hours before the UK

EU chiefs Ursula von der Leyen and Charles Michel, the heads of the European Commission and European Council, smiled at a brief televised ceremony to put their names to the 1,246-page Trade and Cooperation Agreement. "It has been a long road. It's time now to put Brexit behind us. Our future is made in Europe," von der Leyen said

Britain will leave the European single market and Customs union at

11:00pm (2300 GMT) on Thursday, the end of a difficult year and of a post-Brexit transition period marked by intense and tortuous trade negotiations. But first the hefty document, bound in blue leather, will be flown by the Royal Air Force to London for Prime Minister Boris Johnson to add his signature, as the UK parliament began a rushed debate to clear the decks before the looming deadline.

Introducing the legislation to ratify the deal, Johnson told lawmakers it heralded "a new relationship between Britain and the EU as sovereign equals, joined by friendship, commerce, history, interests and values".

SOURCE: AFP

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RTAD Ywarthaggi new office to perform driving licence test

DRIVING licence test will be carried out only at the Road Transport Administration Department (RTAD) new office in Ywarthaggi, Dagon Myothit (South) Township near No 2 Main Road, according to a media conference held at RTAD office in Yangon Region on 30 December.

After RTAD has been granted permission to resume its operation during the pandemic period, RTAD will carry out matters regarding applying for a new licence at the new building until issuance of smart card licence. The RTAD new office's opening date in Ywarthaggi will be announced before its opening date. People do not need to apply for the permit at RTAD (Myintha) office.

The meeting was led by Daw Thwin Thwin Htwe, the deputy director of the RTAD (Ywarthaggi) office and the investigators from RTAD (Ywarthaggi) office.

"The building for the new RTAD's traffic rules and regulations awareness giving centre in Ywarthaggi was completed now. When we resume RTAD operations during the pandemic period, we will implement our working process in the new building at which the



Road Transport Administration Department (RTAD) new office in Ywarthaggi, Dagon Myothit (South) township will carry out the driving licence test. **PHOTO:MYINT MAUNG KYAW**

driving tests will be conducted, and the traffic rules and regulations awareness training will be given. We will limit the number of people who reach the office for taking the practical driving test and the written test in line with the Ministry of Health and Sports guidance. Those who will take the traffic rules and regulations test need to make an online booking. We will announce the opening date of the RTAD

office," said Daw Thwin Thwin Htwe, the deputy director of the RTAD (Ywarthaggi) office.

Those from four Yangon Region districts can apply for a new licence at RTAD new office in Ywarthaggi until the smart driving licence is issued. The COVID-19 committee already inspected the new building.

Those who want to take the driving test will have to book online one day ahead. Those who

want to take the written test will have to book online three days ahead. The driving test will be conducted at this new building.

The driving licence application process will be completed under one roof when the applicants receive the driving smart card licence, according to Region RTAD branch office in Ywarthaggi. — Myint Maung Kyaw

(Translated by Hay Mar)

MoHT to provide online training in occupational safety

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, an occupational safety online training will be provided under the "Enchanting Myanmar Health and Safety Protocol" programme.

Under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism's supervision, the occupational safety training regarding hotels and guest houses, restaurants, transportation, travel companies, tour

guides, tourist destinations and attractions and souvenir shops will be provided in states and regions. The training will be conducted four times, and each time will be accommodating only 30 trainees. A total of 60 pieces of training will be launched through an online system in states and regions including Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

The training will be led by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and lectured by the representatives from the Ministry of Health and Sports, the representatives from the related associations and COVID-19 Safe Service Master Trainer and Inspector graduated trainers. The training will involve 10 hours of teaching time for five days.

The occupational safety training for hotels and tourism sector will be launched in states and regions. Therefore, Myanmar Tourism Federation and its 11 affiliated associations can contact the directorate of hotels and tourism department from state and regions to send the participants to the training. —Thiri

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Truckers, helpers to get COVID detected with test kits during holidays

TRUCK drivers and conductors will have COVID-19 test conducted with the test kits during the New Year holidays, according to a statement of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

The truck drivers and their helpers entering Yangon Region will have a Covid test conducted using the rapid antigen test kits during the

New Year holidays to ensure the smooth flow of goods into Yangon Region and prevent the spreading of COVID-19. The tests will be carried out at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) on Min Dhamma Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon.

The discussion was held between Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and the officials on 28 December. The discussion was also participated by UMFCCI's

Secretary-General U Aye Win and Joint Secretary-General U Myo Thant and Dr Win Sithu.

During the discussion, concerning conditions for detecting Covid with rapid test kits at MCC, efforts are being made to ensure Covid detecting effectively with the use of test kits. Additionally, the prevailing situations in this respect were also discussed.

Besides, the mobile mar-

kets in townships, jointly implemented by Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC), UMFCCI and brotherhood organizations, will be abiding by the guidance of Yangon Regional Government during the New Year holidays for the people to be able to buy goods conveniently and at affordable prices during the pandemic period. —Thiri

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Illegal export of natural rubber to Thailand damages Myanmar's image: MRPPA reports

By Nyein Nyein

ILLEGAL export of Myanmar's natural rubber to Thailand and re-export by Thailand damage the country's reputation, according to the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association (MRPPA).

"This matters with the country's image. Our products are illegally sent to other countries and the recipient country of Myanmar rubber re-exports them to other foreign markets under its label. Otherwise, it damages our country's image. We need to build national branding," said MRPPA Chair U Aung Myint Htoo.

Furthermore, quality and country risk are more closely related to premium pricing.

Earlier, the price of Thailand's rubber stayed lower than Malaysia's rubber rate, he continued.

"The uniformity is an important quality measure. Tyre manufacturers do not need to change the formula in the production process because of raw material risks. The product uniformity can



A woman is preparing to smoke raw rubber sheets in a warehouse in Thuwunna Waddi, Mon State. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

bring sustainable development for both sides. If there is no raw material variability and risk factor, the price will automatically go up," he affirmed.

Myanmar's rubber body is endeavouring to export its natural rubber with a country of origin labelling to external markets. Nevertheless, illegal exports are happening, contributing to revenue losses, U Khaing Myint, secretary of MRPPA.

"We want to sell them in the external market with the country of origin label. Illegal exports

cannot make large profits, also damage the country's image. Thailand will re-exports those illegally imported rubber under its origin label. This being so, we want to earn country of origin label," he said.

Additionally, the natural rubber fetched K1,300 per pound in Thailand, whereas Myanmar's rubber is priced K400-K500 lower than their prices, he added.

"When Thailand experienced a slump in natural rubber production amid the labour shortage and flood problems, they sent the

domestic and foreign goods together to the external market. In that case, we can see market exploitation. They bought Myanmar's natural rubber at a lower rate than the current market price in Thailand. For instance, they purchase natural rubber at a lower cost of K800 per pound when the market value is around K1,300.

Thailand is the world's biggest natural rubber producer, making an estimated 4.8 million tonnes of rubber per year. Additionally, they can make premium pricing, MRPPA stated.

"Myanmar's rubber has raw material variability, and it may lead to quality compliance issues, process inconsistency, productivity problem and high input cost. Meanwhile, Thailand's rubber is priced at a premium due to quality and consistency. Thailand's rubber fetches US\$2,500 per tonne, while the global rate is at \$2,200 per tonne, said the MRPPA secretary.

Thailand is buying Myanmar's natural rubber at a reasonable price through the black mar-

ket in Payathonzu, Kawthoung and Myeik towns.

Myanmar's natural rubber is valued only K750-800 per pound in legitimate export, the MRPPA stated.

Rubber is primarily produced in Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi, Bago, and Yangon regions in Myanmar. As per 2018-2019 rubber season's data, there are over 1.628 million acres of rubber plantations in Myanmar, with Mon State accounting for 497,153 acres, followed by Taninthayi Region 348,344 acres and Kayin State with 270,760 acres. About 300,000 tonnes of rubber is produced annually across the country. Seventy per cent of rubber made in Myanmar goes to China. It is also shipped to Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, India, Japan, and other countries, according to the MRPPA.

Myanmar yearly exports over 200,000 tonnes of natural rubber to foreign countries, generating over \$200 million.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Domestic, foreign enterprises create over 9,000 jobs in Oct-Nov

THE domestic and foreign enterprises permitted and endorsed by the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and other regional and state investment committees created 9,031 jobs in the first two months (Oct-Nov) of the current financial year 2020-2021, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The job creation in the past two months slowed further than the rate in September, according to statistics issued by the Myanmar Investment Commission

(MIC). The job creation stood at 4,485 in November and 4,546 in October, which plunged from 11,990 jobs in September.

During the October-November period, the foreign enterprises created over 7,081 jobs for locals, adding the existing foreign enterprises' recruitment. The domestic enterprises under the Myanmar Investment Commission created 1,950 jobs for local people, including increased employment by the existing enterprises.

MIC and the relevant investment committees in the past two

months gave the go-ahead to 14 foreign enterprises from China, Singapore, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, India and Viet Nam in manufacturing, livestock & fisheries and agriculture and other service sectors. They brought in an estimated capital of US\$199.756 million, including the expansion of capital by existing enterprises. Meanwhile, 17 domestic enterprises invested K69.86 billion in manufacturing, real estate, hotel & tourism, agriculture and other service sectors.

In the previous financial

year ended 30 September 2020, the domestic and foreign enterprises have created about 200,000 jobs since October 2019. The job creation includes employment of about 5,000 expatriate workers in Myanmar, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

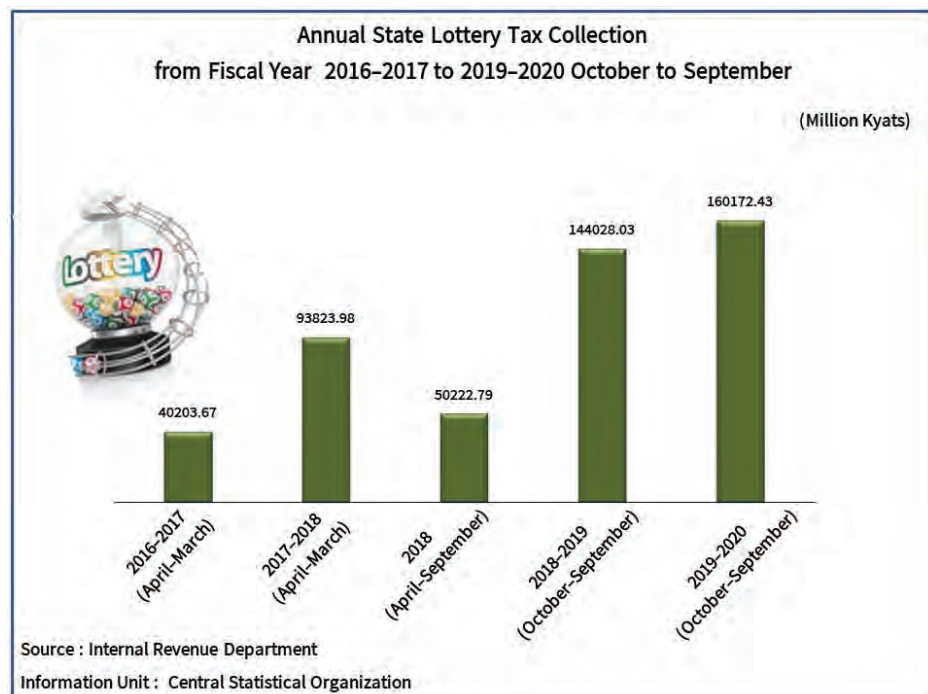
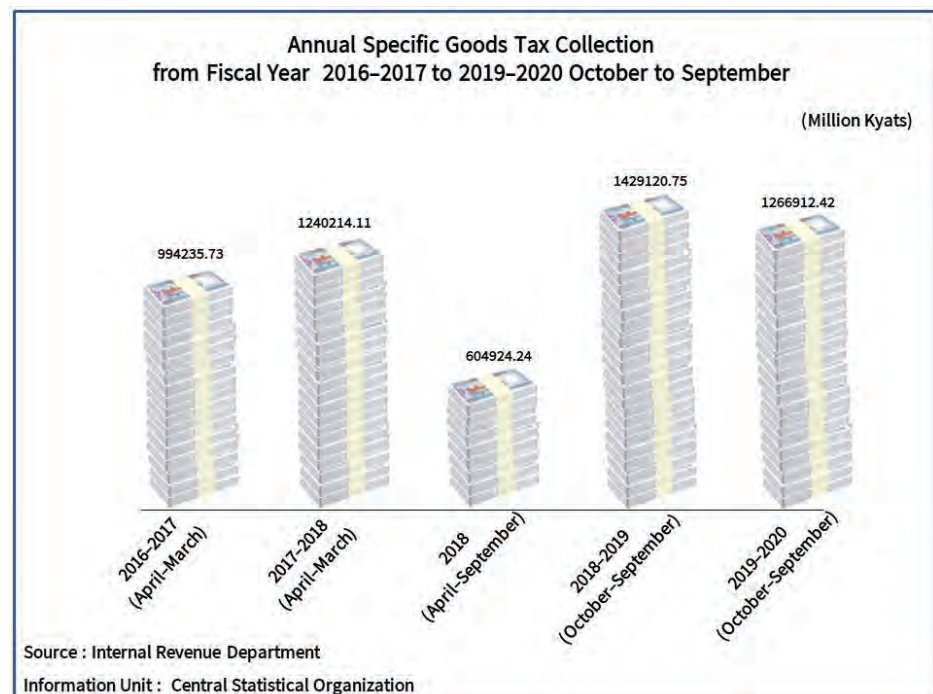
MIC is prioritizing the labour-intensive businesses. The commission ensures to approve responsible companies by assessing environmental and social impacts. The commission is working together with the relevant depart-

ments to screen the projects, said U Thant Sin Lwin, director-general of the DICA.

According to the DICA, domestic and foreign projects employ over 670,000 residents in the incumbent government period.

Those enterprises have created over 96,000 jobs in the FY2016-2017, 110,000 jobs in the FY2017-2018, over 53,000 jobs in the 2018 mini-budget period, over 180,000 jobs in the FY2018-2019 and 210,000 jobs in the FY2019-2020 respectively. —GNLM

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Myanmar football star Hlaing Bo Bo whose action will be seen soon in Thai League I club Sukhothai **PHOTO: YDNB FC**

Yadanarbon star Hlaing Bo Bo to join Sukhothai FC

YADANARBON FC and Myanmar National Football Team midfielder Hlaing Bo Bo will join the Sukhothai Football Club of Thai League I on a season-long loan, according to an official statement with the Yadanarbon Football Club.

Hlaing Bo Bo, the Yadanarbon FC captain in the 2020 Myanmar National League season, has been officially offered by the Sukhoi Thai FC this month.

The captain won the Ya-

danarbon Fans' Player of the Year award for 2020 and he made best assistances to his teammates during the football season.

Hlaing Bo Bo also participated in the Myanmar National Football Team in the previous years and also took a captain role for the U-23 Myanmar National Football Team in 2019 SEA Games in the Philippines.

With the offer from the Thai club, the Myanmar football star's

action in the team will be seen in the coming days, officials stated.

Sukhothai is currently interested in recruiting more and more Myanmar talented players and Zaw Min Tun, a former Yadanarbon defender, is now playing in the team.

The Sukhothai FC was established in 2009 and entered the Regional League Northern Division. The team has qualified for AFC Champions League in 2017.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

6th Asian Beach Games postponed

KUWAIT CITY — The Olympic Council of Asia announced on Wednesday that the 6th Asian Beach Games, due to be held in Sanya City, China from April 2-10, 2021, have been postponed.

The OCA released a statement that the situation regarding the global COVID-19 pandemic, travel restrictions, and health protocols around the continent had brought about the postponement.

It said that the new dates of the OCA's 6th Asian Beach Games will be determined after joint consultation between the stakeholders.

The Games were originally

scheduled to take place from November 28 to December 6, 2020, but were moved back to April 2021.

"The OCA consulted all members of the Executive Board to seek their approval of the move to postpone, and it was met with unanimous agreement," said the OCA.

"The OCA Executive Board decision was made after an in-depth discussion between the Olympic Council of Asia, the Chinese Olympic Committee and the Sanya Asian Beach Games Organising Committee (SABGOC).

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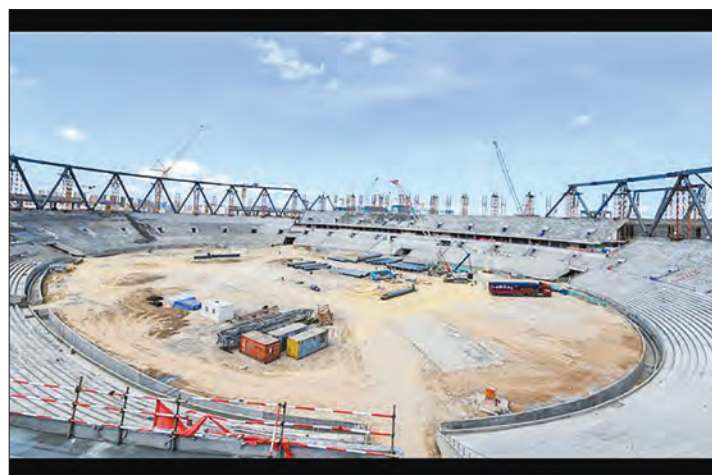


Photo taken on May 11, 2020 shows the 6th Asian Beach Games stadium under construction in Hainan, China. **PHOTO: XINHUA/YANG GUANYU**

Record 18 COVID-19 cases casts doubt on Premier League's future



Newcastle United players warm up prior to the English Premier League football match between Newcastle United and Liverpool at St James' Park in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, north east England. **PHOTO: AFP**

LONDON — The Premier League confirmed on Tuesday (Dec 29) that 18 players and staff have tested positive for coronavirus, plunging the continuation of the season amid a mass spike in infection rates across England into doubt.

That figure is the highest since weekly testing began, surpassing the previous high of 16 recorded for November 9-15.

Manchester City's clash at Everton was postponed on Monday after an outbreak of multiple positive cases at City.

"The Premier League can today confirm that between Monday Dec 21 and Sunday Dec 27, 1,479 players and club staff were tested for COVID-19. "Of these, there were 18 new positive tests," the league said in a statement.

Sheffield United said they have recorded a number of positive tests, but their trip to Burnley later on Tuesday and the other six Premier League games this midweek are still set to go ahead.

Southampton will be with-

out manager Ralph Hasenhuttl for the visit of West Ham as a member of his household has tested positive.

"Sheffield United can confirm the club recorded a number of positive coronavirus tests after the latest round of testing," the Blades said in a statement.

"The individuals who have tested positive have now entered into a period of self-isolation in accordance with Premier League and Government guidelines."—AFP ■

Man. Utd move up to second amid Covid concerns for the Premier League

LONDON — Marcus Rashford's 93rd minute strike beat Wolves 1-0 to move Manchester United into second in the Premier League as fears over the continuation of the season due to rising coronavirus

infection rates grew on Tuesday.

A record 18 positive tests for Covid-19 among players and staff were detected in the weekly round of testing.

After Manchester City's trip

to Everton on Monday was postponed due to a Covid outbreak in Pep Guardiola's squad, all five matches scheduled for Tuesday went ahead despite disruption for Sheffield United and South-

ampton.

Bottom-of-the-table United revealed they had suffered a number of positive cases but were still able to field a squad of 18 for their 1-0 defeat at Burnley.

Southampton manager Ralph Hasenhuttl coached his side from his home for a 0-0 draw against West Ham after a member of his household tested positive.—AFP ■