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Message of Greetings sent by the State Counsellor to the Shan New Year Celebrations

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1. I send good wishes to all Shan nationals, our brothers and sisters, as they celebrate the auspicious occasion of the 2112 Shan New Year celebrations, that they may be blessed with auspiciousness. I am honored and happy to have this opportunity to send this Message of Greetings.
2. New Year is a time when we look back and assess our efforts and experi-

ences of the past year and it is also a time for us to renew our energies to obtain good blessings and hopes for the New Year.

3. As we celebrate the New Year, I wish to urge that all of you will sing and recite the Shan traditional songs and poems handed down throughout history by Shan nationals; as you revive and perform your traditional cultures,

I hope that you would be able to work for the stability and prosperity of the Union from this Shan State where the seeds of unity among the highlands and the mainland were sown.

4. So that all the sons of daughters of this Union would be able to create and leave behind an environment where all the mistrusts and conflicts of many generations are eliminated

forever and where we may enjoy the fruits of peace and leave behind as a good legacy a stable and united Democratic Federal Union, I wish to urge all of you to successfully march hand in hand with the Panglong Spirit, well-known in Myanmar's history of Independence, and send this Message of Greetings for the New Year.
—(Unofficial Translation)

ASEM Senior Official's Meeting continues

THE ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting and related meetings of the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Foreign Ministers Meeting hosted by Myanmar continued yesterday morning at MICC-I, Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting is attended by high-ranking officials from regional organisations such as the ASEAN Secretariat and European Commission and high-ranking officials from Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom and Viet Nam. The ASEM Senior Official's Meeting will be held until 19 November and ASEM dialogue partners include 28 member countries of EU, 2 non-EU member countries, 10 member countries of ASEAN, 11 countries of northeast and south Asia totaling 51 countries and regional organisations such as the ASEAN Secretariat and EU it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Senior officials from member countries attend the 13th Asia-Europe meeting (ASEM) at MICC-I in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



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11th Asia-Europe Foundation Journalists' Seminar

THE 11TH ASIA-EUROPE Foundation Journalists' Seminar was held yesterday morning at Tungapuri Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw and was attended by media representatives from member countries, media representatives from Myanmar and officials.

Ms. Natalia Ilieva of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, U Thiha Saw of Myanmar Press Council, freelance reporters Mr. Yermi Brenner of Germany and Ms. Samreen Khan Ghauri of Pakistan discussed the topic "Can constructive journalism support the implementation of sustainable development?"

Discussions covered the work processes of the media sector in implementation of sustainable development, raising the capacity of journalists, complications in reporting news of sustainable development, government as the main stakeholder for all to cooperate towards strong sustainable development and to cooperate with other organisations, requirement of special reporting by journalists on sustainable development and to report simply and clearly, the responsibility of journalists to point out and discuss the conduct of the government and to explain to the public about sustainable development in simple terms.



Media representatives and officials pose for documentary photo at the 11th Asia-Europe Foundation Journalists' Seminar in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Next, Ms. Sophie Rytter of World's Best News led a discussion on the topic "Constructive journalism and sustainable development goals." In her discussion she said there is progress and change due to sustainable development in the world and reports on sustainable development must include not only the difficulties.

"Journalists need to search and report the ways and means of overcoming and resolving the difficulties. For this, good

sources of the news need to be pursued. In order to achieve sustainable development, cooperation is required in dissimilar sectors. Both the bad and good news need to be reported. Only then can the benefits of the aims of the sustainable development will be known. Reporting must approach the real life situation of the public as much as possible", Ms. Rytter said during her discussion.

In the afternoon session, Ms. Grazyna Pulawska

of Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), Information and Public Relations Department Deputy Director General Dr. Daw Thida Tin, freelance reporters Ms. Sharada Balasubramanian of India and Mr. Mate Halmos of Hungary discussed the subject of "Reactive to proactive reporting on climate change."

The discussion included the need to transform from reactive to proactive reporting, as there are difficulties in reporting climate change, the

effect of incorrect reporting on climate change, government responsibility to disperse facts on climate change incidents to the public proactively instead of reactively, increasing the involvement of not only the government sector but also the people in climate change and increasing the education and information works for the public. The Ministry of Information should also release proactive news on climate change, as Myanmar is one of the countries most affected by climate change. The discussion also included how to overcome the system of obtaining news from government departments that requires numerous steps and the importance of reporting proactively, as there are many challenges related to climate change. The ASEF invited Asia-Europe editors to hold a natural environment forum.

Research Director Mr. Tim Hill of Eco-Business Research then led the discussion on "Strategies in reporting on conserving the natural environment, constructive journalism and the aims of sustainable development". Asia-Europe journalists discussed the difficulties and challenges in reporting about the natural environment.

The seminar will be continued on 19 November it is learnt. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Buildings donated for drug rehabilitation centres

A ceremony to transfer ownership of two new buildings that will be used as drug rehabilitation post-treatment centres was held yesterday at No. 64 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon.

One of the buildings is a 72 ft. x 30 ft. single story reinforced concrete structure, and the other is a renovated 100 ft. x 20 ft. building. The buildings were donated by Shwe Taung, a social development association. Yesterday's ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, who in his welcoming speech noted the importance not only of drug eradication, but also of drug rehabilitation.

"Easy access to drugs is the biggest danger and the drug producers, distributors and users are to be reduced until



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye addresses at the ceremony of transferring ownership of two new buildings for drug rehabilitation centres. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

there are none. Drugs affects the individual both physically and psychologically, as well as the society. Reintegrating former

drug addicts into society is important so that they don't fall back into the vicious cycle of drug addiction and the work

of reintegration is diverse as well as being important. The situation of the family of the former drug addicts needs to be learned and job opportunities must be created for former drug addicts and their families. Nine rehabilitation centres in operation are found to be lacking in effectiveness, and corrective measures will be put in place. Cooperation from the public (and the private sector) is required in this and much thank is owed to Shwe Taung social development association for their donation of new building and a renovation of an old building", said the Union Minister.

An official from Shwe Taung social development association explained the donations and then handed over the documents to the Union Minister. The Union Minister in turn presented a certificate of honour to

the donor. Department of Social Welfare Deputy Director General then gave words of thanks, after which the Union Minister and officials inspected the buildings and discussed the physical and psychological rehabilitation of former drug addicts, creating work opportunities for them and providing follow-up care.

A presentation to be used in informational and educational works was then presented to drug addict rehabilitation association (Myanmar) by the ministry.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister accepted Ks5.7 million donated by Myanmar citizens in Singapore for Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) and presented certificates of honour to the donors, it is learnt. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor attends opening of NCA-S EAO office in Yangon

By Zaw Gyi

THE office for the National Ceasefire Agreement Signatories Ethnic Armed Organizations (NCA-S EAO) was opened in a ceremony at No.6 Shwe Li Road in Kamaryut Township yesterday.

Opening ceremony ribbons were cut by Saw Mu Htoo Say Poe, the head of the steering committee for Peace Process and Chairman of the Karen National Union, U Kyaw Tint Swe, the Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, U Aung Kyi, Head of the advisory group of the peace process, and Mr. Manuel De Rivera, the Peace Support Programme Manager.

Chairman Saw Mu Htoo Say Poe delivered the opening address. He said the signing of the NCA was a fundamental first step in the peace process, but more support is needed to achieve that goal. He said the NCA-S EAO office is one such support that displays the unity and negotiations of the eight signatories and

connects the EAO groups. He said even though this office was built with the NCA signatories in mind, it serves as a focal point for connecting with international organisations in the peace effort.

Next, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe gave a speech saying that the road to peace is a long one, but since the NCA-S EAO office is located close to the office for National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC), he said he hopes the long road has been shortened even by a small portion. "This office will allow everyone to contact each other immediately anytime, anywhere," said the Union Minister. "This will build trust, familiarity and respect between the members, which in turn will lead to the Federal Democratic Nation that the public is hoping for."

Afterwards, U Aung Kyi and Mr. Manuel De Rivera delivered speeches and Khun Okkar, the Chairperson of Pa-O National Liberation Army and a member of the Peace Process, gave words of thanks. Also present



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe addresses the opening of NCA-S EAO office in Yangon. **PHOTO: ZAW GYI**

at the ceremony were Nai Thet Lwin, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs, members of the Peace Commission, leaders and representatives of the Ethnic Armed Groups, ambassadors of foreign embassies in Yangon and other invited guests. Chairperson Kun Okkar then answered questions

by the media and journalists after the ceremony. A report was published during the ceremony which says that the NCA-S EAO office has set a strong oath to speed up the peace process and national reconciliation of the country. The report also says the NCA is not the final destination

but a path for concerned Armed Ethnic Groups to find answers to political situations. The report also says all Myanmar citizens are important for the peace process and it says the signatories of the NCA are always ready to welcome the non-signatories armed ethnic groups to sign the NCA. ■

11th ASEF Journalists' Seminar kicks off

THE opening ceremony for the 11th Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Journalists' Seminar was held yesterday morning at Tungapuri Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw.

This year's theme is "Shaping Public Perceptions and Minds Towards Achieving the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)". The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, Permanent Secretary and senior departmental officials, Asia-Europe Foundation Executive Director Mr. Karsten Warnecke and officials, media representatives from member countries of the Asia-Europe Foundation and Myanmar media representatives.

At the ceremony, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint said it was the first time for Myanmar to host the ASEF seminar and the third country among ASEAN countries.

"In retrospect, the inaugural Asian-European 1996 Meeting (ASEM) convened by the leaders of 25 European and Asian countries, together with the European Commission, paved the way for the establishment



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivers the opening speech at the opening ceremony of 11th Journalists' Seminar in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 November 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in 1997. In this meeting, the ASEM leaders agreed to form an Asia-Europe Foundation with contributions from Asian and European countries in order to promote exchanges between think-tanks, peoples and cultural groups. Myanmar has become a member at the 5th ASEM Summit in October 2004. Nowadays, the total number of ASEM and ASEF Members has

become to 53."

"With the aforementioned objectives, we are able to hold the 11th ASEF seminar today. As all of us know, the theme for the 11th ASEF Journalists' Seminar is "Shaping Public Perceptions and Minds Towards Achieving the SDGs. They are 17 goals underpinned by 169 targets, which set the priorities for sustainable development through to 2030. Unlike the Mil-

lennium Development Goals, which were aimed at developing countries, the SDGs are universal goals for all countries, both developed and developing ones, and all sorts of organisations including public, private and third sector, to collaboratively work towards. So who are the Goals for? Everyone! These goals are the fundamental cornerstone to secure future economic and business growth and

other areas." "If we imagine a world where every country in the world had achieved all 17 of the SDGs, it must surely be enough motivation and capacity to discharge our part of responsibility towards achieving them. In doing so, public participation plays a very crucial role. Without it, we cannot succeed.

In order to achieve public participation, we need to know their perception and mind first. If necessary, we need to change theirs gradually for their betterment. Here, shaping their perception and mind becomes a key. Media is one of the ways and means in shaping them. But media, like a double edged sword, can do both good and bad things.

In order to bring only good deeds, our media landscape must be ethical and professional ensuring accountability, responsibility and impartiality. Moreover, it is essential to know how to write a good, accurate and informative story and news related SDGs in order for people to more understand in these goals for their participation."

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Community policing gives rise to public safety issues in Kayin State: residents

COMMUNITY-based policing across Kayin State is allowing people to help reduce fear of crimes and other nuisances such as drunks, gangs, and disorderly and obstreperous people on the streets, residents say.

To promote rules of law and provide effective protection to individuals against crimes, the community-based policing programme is being implemented in Kayin State, a programme in which police raise their level of cooperation with the local community through public safety efforts.

“Continuous efforts for public safety have been made throughout the region systematically. We extend a helping hand to the public by offering a wide range of social services including participation in collective sanitation activities in public areas, road



Police directs traffic on the street to provide public safety under the community-based policing programme being implemented in Kayin State. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

safety arrangements especially before and after school hours and organising some meetings with town's elders to discuss further arrangements with regard to rule of law”, a police officer said. One of the officers said that

a new police patrol schedule puts more police members on the streets at the most needed times, encouraging residents to ask them for help at any time.

“I think this close cooperation between police and res-

idents increases the positive image of police. As a member of the general public, I warmly welcome the police's safety enhancement services,” a local said.—Min Thu/Tun Tun Htwe (Hpa-an) ■

Hovercraft services available in Ngwehsaung Beach

ARRANGED by the Directorate of Hotels and Tourims (Ngwehsaung), hovercraft services are now available in Ngwehsaung Beach, a popular beach resort located about five and half-hours drive from Yangon, according to a report of the Myawady Daily's Saturday edition.

The launching of hovercraft

transport services is expected to make travel to popular areas easier for visitors. Thanks to the new services, travelers may easily visit not only Ngwehsaung Beach but nearby destinations including Chaungtha Beach, Gawyingyi Island and other areas, said a spokesperson of the department. After the Ngweh-

saung Hovercraft Association was founded this month, the hovercraft service launched its operations along the beach to transport visitors to sites where they can enjoy beautiful landscapes and observe the lifestyles of local fishermen and activities in the beach area by hovercraft.

According to official statis-

tics, Ngwehsaung Beach hosted over 100,000 holidaymakers including 25,000 foreign travelers between January and October of this year. The figures increased by 16 per cent from the same period of last year. There are 29 hotels and guesthouses with 1,300 rooms in Ngwehsaung Beach.—GNLM ■

Waste-to-fuel plant in Monywa's Butalin Tsp nearly complete

CONSTRUCTION of a waste-to-fuel plant in Butalin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region, is nearly complete, according to a report of the Myawady Daily's Friday edition.

U Thant Zin Tun from Chindwin Chemical Engineering project said that the project

is currently 90 per cent complete and is expected to finalise within the time frame.

The project is an example of green economy in action, transforming the town's rubbish into fuel. A gasification process will turn waste into high quality diesel.

“This is part of efforts to develop mechanised farming in the region. We plan to distribute the high quality diesel to local farmers at a fair price. The price for a barrel of diesel is estimated to be worth Ks200,000,” said U Thant Zin Tun.

He added, “The plant needs

around 1,200 tonnes of garbage to produce 100 gallons of fuel on a daily basis. We plan to buy plastic waste from Monywa Town if we are unable to collect sufficient raw materials here.”

The new plant is expected to start operation in early December.—GNLM ■

Yaba pills worth Ks1.95 billion seized in Maungtaw

TWO men in the Maungtaw area in Rakhine State have been arrested by police after they were found in possession of a cache of yaba pills worth more than Ks1.95 billion on Friday afternoon.

Acting on a tip-off, an anti-drug squad searched a betel quid shop of Anna Taw Tula, 25,

and discovered 292,500 WY and R brand yaba pills worth over Ks580 million in the shop.

As a result of follow-up investigations, police searched a warehouse in Ashekin Village in the same township, where police confiscated 682,500 yaba pills worth over Ks360 million.

Investigators say that a

yaba tablet is sold for Ks2,000 in the local market. An investigation is being made by local authorities in an effort to arrest others involved in the case.

The two suspects have been charged with drug trafficking under Section 15/19 (a) and 20 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

The Ministry of Home Affairs is exerting sustained efforts to reduce drug-related crimes in the country and prevent the spread of stimulant substances among the general public, especially among students and young people, through various programmes.—Khin Ko (Kyaukdaga) ■

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Kayin State investment fair to be launched for equal development

May Thet Hnin

A Kayin investment fair will be launched by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) in co-operation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at Thiri Hpa-an Hotel, Hpa-an town, Kayin State on 24 and 25, November.

"The investment fair will be launched with an aim to promote foreign direct investments (FDIs) in states and regions for equal development and to strengthen linkages between local businessmen and foreign investors," said U Aung Naing Oo, the director-general of DICA.

At the event, officials from DICA will explain the strengths of the new Myanmar Investment Law, while officials from Kayin State government will explain available opportunities for investment in their state.

Additionally, officials from the government side and the leading people from the private sector will have panel discussions, informative presentations and keynote speeches. Also, they will represent the results of a survey conducted under the name of The Kayin State Investment

Opportunity Survey. Booths of industrial parks, local industries and development projects will be displayed for potential investors. The fair will also conduct business-to-business matching between local entrepreneurs and foreign investors, said U Thant Sin Lwin, the deputy director-general of DICA.

"To be able to conduct the investment fair in Kayin State, JICA conducted a survey in that region to find out what kind of investment will be most fruitful, e.g. trade or tourism or industry. Then, we will welcome those who would like to participate in discussion of investment opportunities," said U Than Sin Lwin.

A tour is planned to visit some sites in Hpa-An such as industrial zones and potential business investment areas on 25 November.

Kayin State's businesses mainly consist of agriculture such as rubber, rice, cardamom and coffee.

Tours and logistics are likely to become more active as the state provides the most important trade route between Myanmar and Thailand with the Myawaddy gateway. Kayin State has two designated industrial zones in Hpa-An

and Myawaddy.

DICA will invite diplomats from various embassies, local and foreign businessmen to participate in the Kayin State investment fair. Similar investment fairs have been planned for Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi.

About 60 per cent of FDIs are made in Yangon and 30 per cent in the Mandalay Region. The remaining 10 per cent is spread over other states and regions.

These investment fairs are intended to spur development more evenly among all states and regions.

DICA has been meeting both local and international investors to explain the latest developments such as the recent enactment of the new Myanmar Investment Law and the new opportunities available for investments.

According to the new Myanmar Investment Law, the investors who invest in undeveloped regions will be given tax exemption as an incentive.

Moreover, MIC branch offices have been granting permission to the local and foreign investments which do not exceed an initial investment of Ks6 billion or US\$ 5 million. ■

Thousands of muskmelons a day sent to Muse market

MUSKMELONS weighing 1.5 to 3 kilogram have been exported daily to Muse market since the end of August.

Commercial muskmelon plantations are seen around Thaemaungkan village, and TadaU Township, Mandalay Region, creating job opportunities for locals.

Trucks loaded with 3,500 to 4,000 muskmelons are daily exported from Mandalay to Muse market.

A muskmelon fetches over Ks2,500, but the price may vary depending on the Yuan price.

Marketable muskmelons are exported only after being packed with paper, whereas



Muskmelons packed with paper for sell whereas fruits which export criteria are distributed in the domestic market. **PHOTO: TEINTAMAN**

fruits which do not meet export criteria are distributed in the domestic market.

A ten-ton truck can earn an estimated Ks5 to 6 million. —Teintaman ■

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Over 478,000 foreign day-trippers visit Myanmar from Tachilek border this FY

MORE THAN 478,000 foreign day-trippers visited Myanmar via the Tachilek border gateway as of mid-November, according to official statistics issued by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism on Friday.

Between 1 April and 16 November of this year, the number of foreign day-trippers totalled 478,445 who visited places of interest in Tachilek, including Talaw Market, Mahamyatmini Pagoda, Shwedagon Pagoda, ethnic village and Chinese temples.

The ministry's statistics show that a total of 234 international visitors toured the country through Tachilek, an entry point between Myanmar and Thailand, in the second week of this month.

Of the total, almost 130 foreigners visited the town's famous destinations for a one-day trip.

Most of the foreign travelers

are from Thailand.

There are countless tourism destinations in Myanmar, including archaeological and historical sites, natural forests, mountain ranges, beaches and ancient monuments.

In addition, the country is one of the best places to observe a diverse range of customs, traditions and lifestyles of ethnic tribes living in their native habitats.

In anticipation of enhancing the country's smokeless industry, community-based tourism projects have been implemented in Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Shan and Chin states as well as Yangon, Mandalay and Magway regions.

The tourism authorities put forth concerted efforts to extend more CTB projects nationwide. The ministry is currently promoting cross-border trips as a popular trend.—Shwe Khine ■

Three Basic Principles of ASEM

- Equal partnership
- Mutual respect
- Mutual benefit

Three Pillars of ASEM

- Political Pillar
- Economic Pillar
- Social, Cultural & Educational Pillar

Gaining opportunity to hold ASEM

- ASEM 51 partner countries
- After hosting ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the host country has to wait to host the meeting again till other 50 member countries host the meeting.
- It takes 100 years for a host country to get the opportunity to hold the meeting again.
- It is rare opportunity for Myanmar to host 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting.



School, self-help, fiction, non-fiction books sold in Yangon Book Street



People visit book stalls at Yangon Book Street (Saturday-Sunday Book Street) in Yangon. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT**

News and photo – Zaw Min Latt

YANGON Book Street (Saturday-Sunday Book Street) was quiet early in the day, but began to come to life with book lovers and fans in the afternoon.

Yangon Book Street consists of about 170 book stalls selling books on various subjects, fictions, non-fiction, new/old nov-

els, religion, education, health, social, culture, medical, dictionaries, encyclopedias, astrology, school text books as well as sports shirts and T-shirts with Myanmar words printed on and bags.

Under the books and literature development programme of the Ministry of Information (MOI), the Saturday-Sunday Book Street is jointly organ-

ised by the MOI, Yangon Region Government and Yangon City Development Committee.

This second Yangon Book Street (Saturday-Sunday Book Street) is held on Theinbyu Street in front of the Minister's Office (Secretariat) and on Anawrahta Street in front of the Central Press Building, News and Periodical Enterprise, Yangon branch office. ■

Pilgrims visit Zalon Mountain after upgrading of mountain road

PILGRIMS are visiting Zalon Mountain in greater numbers after the upgrading of the mountain road up to the Zalon Mountain pagoda in Bamauk township, Katha district, Sagaing region, according to a report in the Myawady Daily.

"The mountain road was opened on 12 November. Cur-

rently, the Zalon Mountain is crowded with the pilgrims this fiscal year. The tours agencies also made a trip arrangement for the pilgrims to visit Zalon Mountain," said a trustee of Zalon Mountain pagoda.

The number of pilgrims visiting to Zalon Mountain pagoda has increased significantly when

compared to the same period of last year. The pilgrims from upper part of Myanmar visited mostly to the pagoda. The Zalon Mountain pagoda will be opened for pilgrims till at the end of May 2018. The pagoda trustee expected that most of the tourists come to the region to visit the pagoda, it is learnt.—GNLM ■

Thanlyin Technological University to provide job preparation training course

THANLYIN Technological University will provide pre-job training courses for better skills for final-year mechanical engineering students beginning in November until December 2019, according to a report in the Myawady Daily.

The course is jointly implemented by Thanlyin University, Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnership Association (AOTs) of Japan.

The university student who

specialises in four mechanical engineering majors and is interested in Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) can attend the training course. During the training courses, the trainees have to learn both theoretical and practical lessons. Upon completion of the training course, the trainees can easily get jobs in Thilawa Special Economic Zone. Currently, there are 43 Japanese companies in Thilawa Special Economic

Zone. Among them, 30 companies use PLC, said Dr. Thingi, the rector of Thanlyin Technological University. There will be three batches of the course over a period of three years. The first batch of the training was started in November at the university. Each course will contain 50 final-year students who specialised in Mechanical, Electrical Power, Electronic Communication, and Mechatronics.—GNLM ■

8th Model ASEM 2017 discusses partnership, peace and development



The 8th Model ASEM members take place roundtable discussions meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

ISSUES based on discussions and roundtable discussions of task forces of the 8th Model ASEM 2017 were held at the Myanmar International Convention Center-2 (MICC-2) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the discussion, they discussed three main headings

— partnership, peace and sustainable development. They discussed creativity, information technology, education, skills, Asia-Europe's youth sector, anti-terrorism cooperation, economic migrant challenges and opportunities, an end to poverty, renewable energy and climate

change. After discussions of the 8th Model ASEM youths, the results released by each discussion group were confirmed.

Present at the meeting were 98 youths from Asia-Europe nations and 56 Myanmar youths. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Delegations to ASEM FMM 13 arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

DEPUTY foreign ministers from Poland, Latvia and the Philippines and the Ambassador of Kazakhstan arrived at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport yesterday evening to attend the 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM13).

They were welcomed at the airport by U Than Htwe, Deputy Director-General of Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other officials. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Delegations arrive at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport to attend the 13th ASEM Foreign Minister's Meeting. **PHOTO: MNA**

Ks448 million donated for UEHRD

A cash donation ceremony for the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State (UEHRD) was held yesterday morning at the hall of the Rakhine State Government Office.

Bago Region Chief Minister

U Win Thein and party handed over Ks448 million to Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, state cabinet ministers and officials, who in turn presented certificates of honour.

The cash was donated for the Mro ethnic people in Kyainggyi-

gyun, Maungtaw region to build 64 houses, with the money to be divided, using Ks7 million per house. Present at the meeting were Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein and officials. —Win Min Soe (IPRD) ■

Ministry of Health's notification on Japanese encephalitis vaccinations

THE Ministry of Health and Sports issued a notification yesterday on Japanese encephalitis vaccinations, it is learnt.

According to World Health Organization (WHO), the Japanese encephalitis virus infects 3,000 to 6,000 people in Myanmar annually, but that number is likely to be much higher. Ninety per cent of those infected are children aged 15 years and below. Of those infected, 30 per cent are fatal, while many survivors continue to have long-term neurologic, psychiatric, or cognitive problems.

Therefore, the Ministry of Health and Sports is arranging to vaccinate children between the ages of 9 months and 15 years all over the country in cooperation with donor organisations Gavi, the vaccine alliance, WHO, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

For the vaccination programme to be safe, a year of preparations were made using WHO's estimate on possible post-vaccination problems, preventive measures and treatment processes included in the guidelines, experienced health personnel trained, required medications prepared for all vaccination teams and close observation work for post vaccination problems were set in place.

Countrywide vaccinations of 14 million children between the ages of 9 months and 15 years was started on 15 November, and 17 November vaccinating more than 5 million children.

Three children showed signs of severe post-vaccination symptoms and two recovered after being given preliminary treatments.

A 13-year-old child in Pinlaung Township, Shan State who showed signs of severe post-vaccination symptoms was given preliminary treatment in the township hospital and was transferred to Taunggyi Women and Children Hospital, but died on 16 November. A project manager and a field team from the central vaccination programme immediately went to find out the cause of the death and to see whether there was any connection to the vaccination. They are conducting laboratory tests with Shan State Health Department officials and specialists.

On 18 November, experts from the Ministry of Health, the Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) Management Committee, and the advisory committee on national-level immunisation work held a meeting to review the findings submitted by the field team. On 19 November, officials from the Ministry of Health, specialists, and officials from WHO and UNICEF will conduct a field visit and issue an announcement.

Japanese encephalitis vaccination work is being continued and additional measures were put in place to prevent and reduce occurrence of similar post-vaccination problems, according to the notification.

Enquiries on Japanese encephalitis vaccination work can be made to

(1) Dr. Than Tun Aung, Deputy Director General, Phone 095408973 and

(2) Dr. Htar Htar Lin, Project Manager, Phone 09428188188 it is learnt. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Opening ceremony of ASEM FMM 13 to be broadcast live

THE opening ceremony of the 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM 13) will be held at 9am on 20 November at Myanmar International Convention Center-1 (MICC-1).

Myanmar Television (MRTV), Myanmar Radio and the MRTV Facebook page will broadcast live starting from 8:40am. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Friendship and open-mindedness

TO our great delight, we have seen constructive attitudes and ideas at the joint press briefing given by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Mr. Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State of USA. Disclosures by Mr. Rex Tillerson that US would give firm support for Myanmar's democratic transition which is gaining success will erase our doubt as to whether Myanmar-US relations is turning into a volte-face.

The Statement of the Secretary of State Mr. Rex Tillerson saying that the US did not yet have insufficient information of ethnic cleansing being committed in Rakhine State will pave a path for emergence of constructive negotiations between the two nations.

It is assumed that what Mr. Rex Tillerson disclosed of a pledge made by the US to provide an additional US \$ 47 million in addition to US \$ 87 million already given showed the desire of the US to help solve the Rakhine State affair.

The US Secretary of State said that sanctions over Myanmar as regards the Rakhine State affair is not a good approach to the solution made US's attitudes toward Myanmar visible to the world.

Mr. Rex Tillerson's assertion that ARSA's violent attacks on Myanmar security forces were intolerable deeds constitute a welcome gesture on the part of the US towards Myanmar.

Yet, there are, in actuality, still different points of view still remaining between Myanmar and US regarding the Rakhine State affair. Daw Aung

San Suu Kyi expressed her thanks to the Secretary of State who came with an open mind.

We hope that the relations between the two countries will be further strengthened in the days to come as the two countries find more time to understand each other's problems and difficulties. ■



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The past, the present the future of ASEM



Leaders of ASEM partner countries pose for a documentary photo. The 11th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM11) Summit was held on 15-16 July 2016, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

Lu Lay Waing

NAY Pyi Taw will host the 13th Asia Europe Meeting-ASEM of the foreign ministers on 20 and 21 this month. So let us see how important ASEM is. We will have to refer to the Ulaanbaatar Declaration. This declaration was announced at the 11th ASEM held in the capital city of Mongolia on 15-16 July 2016 as the 20th anniversary of the founding of the body. So the declaration reflects the past, the present the future of ASEM. The overarching theme of the 11th ASEM was "20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for the Future through Connectivity."

The declaration stated the increase in the number of membership from 26 to 53 within the 20 years of partnership, highlighting the ASEM as the platform where vitally important and significant coordination was made between Asia and Europe. It noted the important role of ASEM in shaping the world in the 21st century by

making endeavours to ensure peace, security, stability and economic recovery through its efforts against the regional and global challenges.

Ulaanbaatar Declaration states the noticeable achievements of ASEM during its 20-year journey. As regards the achievements, it explained in six points: the realization of the deep understanding between Asia and Europe, the extension of political dialogue, the deepening of economic cooperation and the promotion of social and cultural exchanges, the strengthening of Asia-Europe relations through the creation of mutual correlations between the multiple social layers for peace and progress, the establishment of broader contacts between the two continents through the Asia-Europe Foundation-ASEF, the solving of the continental, region and global challenges, and the promotion of the policy of effective multinational

cooperation through the strengthening of international cooperation.

The interesting point of the declaration in connection with ASEM's future tack is that it is based on the past experiences and that its current and future work programs will be implemented gradually through transparent mutual discussions.

These work programs will focus more on Asia-Europe cooperation and wider connectivity. The declaration reconfirms the promotion of equality, mutual respect and mutual interests through mutually beneficial compromises and concessions.

The declaration recommended the celebration of the annual ASEM day on March 1 or any other day during the first week of March as appropriate with a view to underlining ASEM's importance and raising its visibility.

ASEM also adopted action programs for its third

decade. The declaration states that informal political dialogue and cooperative initiatives in economic and socio-cultural fields will continue to be the cornerstone of our partnership, as outlined in the Asia-Europe Cooperation Framework (AECF) 2000 and other ASEM documents; that ASEM will enhance in a balanced manner all three key pillars of its partnership in order to meet the aspirations of our peoples for peace and stability, economic prosperity, sustainable development and a better quality of life; and that ASEM will enhance in a balanced manner all three key pillars of its partnership in order to meet the aspirations of our peoples for peace and stability, economic prosperity, sustainable development and a better quality of life. ASEM will strive to further strengthen Asia-Europe multi-dimensional and people-centered partnership.

To ensure the continu-

ity of initiatives that evolve from informal dialogue to tangible outcomes that will benefit the peoples of Asia and Europe, ASEM will focus on areas of common interest. These include, inter alia, countering terrorism and violent extremism, maritime safety and security, fighting piracy and armed robbery at sea, as well as human and drug trafficking, cyber security and cyber-crime, security of and in the use of information and communication technologies, upholding the purpose and principles of the UN Charter, the rule of law and enforcement of international law, human rights, anti-corruption, migration, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable, pointed out the declaration, adding that enhancing connectivity across diverse domains is an important and commonly shared objective. Connectivity will be mainstreamed into all ASEM cooperation frameworks. Given the growing interdependence

between the two regions, Asia and Europe cannot be treated separately in any area of ASEM activities. Recalling the "Helsinki Declaration on the Future of ASEM" of 2006, it said the ASEM re-emphasizes the importance of promoting informality, networking and flexibility within ASEM with a view to bringing about deeper understanding and appreciation of each other's history, culture, traditions and aspirations.

The current work program is a preparation for the future. Mutually beneficial partnerships between Asia and Europe will be set up for providing a better and peaceful and pleasant future for the present generation and the future generation. People of both continents are inclusive and can take part in the partnerships. So they will be sustainable and help create a brighter future.

(to be continued)

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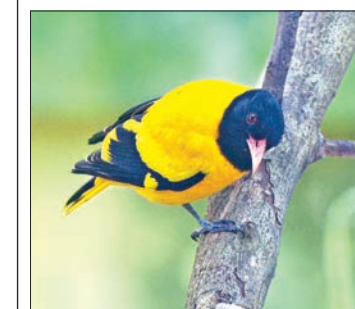
POEM:

Every day

- * Every day
Weed the Mind, and the Mind's roots
could claw deeper through the rocks,
deeper into the rich soil.
- * Every day
Fertilize the Mind, and the Mind's stems
would branch into sinewy boughs,
into an emerald, shady foliage.
- * Every day
Water the Mind, and the Mind's bonny buds
would unfurl their petals to the yellow sun
full-blown flowers flourishing free.

Zaw Tun

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Black headed oriole.
PHOTO: SAURAV GHOSH



Stork-billed kingfisher. PHOTO: SAURAV GHOSH

Dear Editor

South and South East Asia represent one of the most biodiverse regions of the plant with tremendous biodiversity seen nowhere else in the world. Each country located in this vast area has varied agro-climatic zones representing unique terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, mesmerizing landscapes, majestic virgin forests, spectacular wildlife, and unimaginably rich biodiversity. The region is home to five megabiodiverse nations of the world; namely China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. If Papua and New Guinea is also included; it is indeed one of the most spectacularly biodiverse part of the globe. The region is also characterized by rich ethnic and socio-cultural diversity, explosive growth of human populations, struggling economy, ethnic conflicts, poverty and political destabilization in different pockets.

As a consequence it has been a flash point of regional disturbances that has impacted relations between adjoining nations. Furthermore, this is also one of the biggest hotspot of the world with rampant poaching,

illegal trafficking of wildlife and wildlife parts, major and minor forest products, drug and human trafficking. The massive illegal wildlife markets with several million dollar turnover per year in parts of Southern China, Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Indonesia and other areas is a serious threat to conservation of endangered wildlife and fragile forest ecosystems across South and South east Asia. This is a serious issue with cross border implications; and not just the problem one specific country. If the nations in the region do not cooperate actively with one another on the conservation front, very little success could be expected in terms of protecting the rich forests and wildlife of the region. Both SAARC and ASEAN groups could serve as important platforms to bridge the gap between the nations and cooperate and coordinate better in protecting their precious natural resources and biodiversity; and enhance better security along vulnerable international borders.

Thanking you
Sincerely yours
Saikat Kumar Basu

11th ASEF Journalists' Seminar kicks off



ASEF Journalists make the discussion at 11th ASEF Journalist's Seminar in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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"As a member of UN, Myanmar has been implementing SDGs with its utmost efforts. We have to admit that it is still in the progress and we have many things needed to be done. To achieve these goals, we, UN members, need to share our experiences, ideas and if possible advanced and relevant IT among us. Moreover, we can also share information on what we have and what we don't have. So all these information can be carried through various media outlets."

"As we strongly believe that the SDGs are key drivers for our future and it's the responsibility of all sectors to make sure we achieve them, it is to be honoured for media persons for performing a magnificent responsibility for shaping good public perceptions and minds towards achieving the SDGs.

We are looking forward to promoting cooperation. I heartily feel that all attendees are looking to take positive action and make the world we want to see in 2030 a reality" said the Union Minister.

Next, Asia-Europe Foundation Executive Director Mr. Karsten Warnecke thanked the Ministry of Information for its support to hold the seminar and spoke of his pleasure and honour in meeting media representatives of ASEF and the expectation of obtaining much experience from the seminar. The first ASEF Journalists' Seminar was held in Thailand in 1996 with an aim of increasing Asia-Europe connectivity and this is the 21st anniversary of the forming of ASEF. Discussions to increase Asia-Europe cooperation will be made at ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting. In the present semi-

nar, media from ASEF will exchange views and experiences and discuss difficulties faced in working for sustainable development. ASEF journalists can strengthen the media network and achieve more cooperation. Matters relating to Sustainable Development Reporting were conducted in India in 2013. This year, it will be conducted more diversely and importantly according to the aims set by United Nations. All will discuss in order to achieve this. Good results from the two-day seminar discussion is expected, said the Executive Director.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and officials, ASEF Executive Director and officials, representatives of new media in attendance took a commemorative group photo and the seminar was held according to schedule. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Free healthcare programme on 18-19 November in Mawlamyine

A free healthcare programme is planned to be held in Mon State this month organised by the Ministry of Health and Sports in cooperation with non-governmental organisations, regional government and LG Electronics.

With the intention of promoting public health, the campaign is set to take place on 18 and 19 November from 9am to 6pm at the state hall in Mawlamyine, the capital and largest city in Mon State.

Basic physical examinations and medical screenings to prevent possible risks of

diseases will be provided free of charge.

Medical professionals will share their knowledge and experiences through seminars under this programme in order to raise people's awareness about health. The seminar will point out why good health is essential for a successful life, one of the organisers said.

A similar event was held in Patheingyi Town last month by LG Love Myanmar under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme to improve the social well-being of the people.—GNLM ■

Waste-to-fuel plant in Monywa's Butalin Township nearly compete

CONSTRUCTION of a waste-to-fuel plant in Butalin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Region, is nearly complete, according to a report of the Myawady Daily's Friday edition.

U Thant Zin Tun from Chindwin Chemical Engineering project said that the project is currently 90 per cent complete and is expected to finalise within the time frame. The project is an example of green economy in action, transforming the town's rubbish into fuel. A gasification process will turn waste into high quality diesel.

"This is part of efforts to develop mechanised farming in the region. We plan to distribute the high quality diesel to local farmers at a fair price. The price for a barrel of diesel is estimated to be worth Ks200,000," said U Thant Zin Tun.

He added, "The plant needs around 1,200 tonnes of garbage to produce 100 gallons of fuel on a daily basis. We plan to buy plastic waste from Monywa Town if we are unable to collect sufficient raw materials here." The new plant is expected to start operation in early December.—GNLM ■

Rising rate of diabetes patients in Myanmar

A national survey found a diabetes prevalence of 10.5 per cent among Myanmar adults, when the global diabetes prevalence is 8.8 per cent, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

According to the latest National Survey of Diabetes Diseases, 10.5 per cent of patients aged between 25-64 years have diabetes in Myanmar. One in ten people in Myanmar is living with diabetes. Another 19.7 per cent of patients had the risk of diabetes.

Diabetes is caused by a combination of genetic and dietary factors including fast food, sweetened food and

fat-heavy food.

"Ill health is directly concerned with the foods people eat. There are many new foods and juices in Yangon region and Mon State. Therefore, people are suffering from diabetes. Environmental factors are related to lifestyle: eating unhealthy food can be one of the main causes of diabetes. Now, we find children under 18 suffering from diabetes," said Professor Dr. Ko Ko of the Diabetics and Hormone Specialist Department.

Currently, 18.5 per cent of the Yangon region population suffers from diabetes. Mon State is not far behind in second place.

"We should better prevent diabetes disease by eating healthy foods. Also, people should not eat too much sweet food and salty food. They should eat less fat, more fruits and vegetables; eat sugar-free food and foods of high nutritional value. Also, maintaining normal body weight, doing regular physical exercises and eating a healthy diet can reduce the risk of suffering from diabetes," said Professor Dr. Ko Ko.

If diabetes cannot be controlled, there will be 650 million people with diabetes in the world by 2040, according to the professor.—GNLM ■

LS Cable & System Asia to build power cable plant in Thilawa SEZ

SOUTH Korea's LS Cable & System Asia Co has started implementing its project to build a power cable plant in Myanmar's Thilawa Special Economic Zone in Yangon, according to the Myawady Daily's Sunday report.

The new plant that will occupy a space of approximately 19,800 square meters is scheduled to be finalised next November. Upon completion, it will mainly produce low-voltage (LV) cables for buildings and houses in the initial stage.

The new scheme aims to fulfil the increasing cable demand in domestic market. Myanmar chiefly relies on imports of cables, which account

for around 50 per cent of the country's total cable demand. Myanmar's power cable market is expected to grow at the rate of about 10 per cent per year.

Plans are underway to expand the production items to produce middle-voltage and high-voltage power cables through a phased investment plan, said Shin Yong-hyun, Chief Executive Officer of the LS Cable & System Asia Co. LS Cable & System Asia established a joint venture LS-Gaon Cable Myanmar with its sibling company Gaon Cable Co with an initial investment of US\$18 million to carry out its business in the country.—GNLM ■

Ecstatic Zimbabweans flood Harare to celebrate expected Mugabe downfall

HARARE — Tens of thousands of Zimbabweans flooded the streets of Harare on Saturday, singing, dancing and hugging soldiers in an extraordinary outpouring of elation at the expected fall of President Robert Mugabe, their leader of the last 37 years.

Mugabe, the only ruler Zimbabwe has known since independence from Britain in 1980, has been holed up in his lavish 'Blue Roof' compound, from where he has watched support from his Zanu-PF party, the security services and the people evaporate in the wake of a military seizure of power on Wednesday.

On the streets of the capital, Zimbabweans let their emotions run free as they spoke of political and economic change after two decades of repression and deepening hardship.

"These are tears of joy," Frank Mutsindikwa, 34, told Reuters, holding aloft the Zimbabwean flag. "I've been waiting all my life for this day. Free at last. We are free at last."

Some held aloft placards reading "No to Mugabe dynasty" and pumping their fists in the air in a sign of freedom. Others



Protesters calling for Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe to step down cheer in front of a military vehicle in Harare, Zimbabwe on 18 November, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

embraced the soldiers who seized power, shouting "Thank you! Thank you!" in scenes unthinkable even a week ago.

"These are our leaders now," said Remember Moffat, 22, waving a picture of army commander

Constantino Chiwenga and Emmerson Mnangagwa, the former vice president whose sacking this month precipitated the military intervention.

"My dream is to see a new Zimbabwe. I've only known this

tyrant called Mugabe my whole life."

The ruling ZANU-PF called on Friday for Mugabe to resign, the main state newspaper *The Herald* reported, in a clear sign that the 93-year-old leader's au-

thority has gone.

Mugabe is admired by some in Africa as an elder statesman and anti-colonial hero. But many more at home and abroad revile him as a dictator happy to resort to violence to retain power and to run a once-promising economy into the ground.

The Herald, a normally loyal Mugabe mouthpiece, said ZANU-PF branches in all 10 provinces were also calling for Mugabe's wife Grace, whose ambitions to succeed her husband have outraged the military and much of the country, to resign from the party. A senior member of ZANU-PF told Reuters the party wanted Mugabe out, and would not tolerate foot-dragging.

"If he becomes stubborn, we will arrange for him to be fired on Sunday," the source said. "When that is done, it's impeachment on Tuesday."

Pointedly, the military threw its weight behind Saturday's "solidarity march", part of an apparent attempt to give its use of force a veneer of massive popular support, to avoid the diplomatic backlash that normally follows coups.—Reuters ■

Saudi Arabia recalls ambassador to Germany over Gabriel comments

CAIRO — Saudi Arabia has summoned its ambassador in Germany home for consultations over comments allegedly made by German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel during a meeting with his Lebanese counterpart, the Saudi Foreign Ministry said on Saturday.

The Saudi ministry said the government would deliver a protest note to Germany's ambassador in Riyadh over what it said were "outrageous and unjustified" comments by Gabriel.

It did not single out the remarks it was referring to. The German foreign ministry quoted Gabriel on its website as telling his Lebanese counterpart Gebran Bassil "Germany stands firmly by Lebanon's side". He reportedly added: "Another trouble spot is the last thing that people in the Middle East need now."

The controversy revolves around the unexpected resignation of Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri while on a visit to Saudi Arabia on 4 November.

"Such remarks provoke the surprise and disapproval of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which considers them as aimless and based on false information that would not help bring about stability in the region," the Saudi ministry said.

The statement in English carried by state news agency SPA said Saudi Arabia believed Gabriel's comments: "would not represent the position of the friendly government of the Federal Republic of Germany, considered by the Kingdom as a reliable partner in the fight against terrorism and extremism."

"Accordingly, the Kingdom has decided to summon its am-

bassador to Germany for consultation and would hand over Germany's ambassador to the Kingdom a protest note refuting such outrageous and unjustified statements," the ministry said, according to SPA.

Hariri's abrupt resignation and continued stay in Saudi Arabia had raised concern over Lebanon's stability.

Hariri has since left Saudi Arabia with his family and arrived in Paris on Saturday morning ahead of talks with French President Emmanuel Macron, in what was seen as a possible way out of the crisis.

In a message posted on his Twitter account before his flight, Hariri said: "To say I am held up in Saudi Arabia and not allowed to leave the country is a lie. I am on the way to the airport Mr Sigmar Gabriel." —Reuters ■

France should not interfere in Iran's missile programme — adviser to Iran's supreme leader

BEIRUT — France should not interfere in Iran's missile programme, Ali Akbar Velayati, a senior adviser to Iran's supreme leader, said on Saturday according to state media.

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Friday that Tehran should be less aggressive in the region and should clarify the strategy around its ballistic missile programme.

"It does not benefit Mr Macron and France to interfere on the missile issue and the strategic affairs of the Islamic Republic, which we have great sensitivities about," Velayati said.

"What does this issue have to do with Mr Macron? Who is he at all to interfere? If he wants relations between Iran and France

to grow then he should try not to interfere in these issues." US President Donald Trump has said Iranian missile activity should be curbed. Iranian officials have repeatedly said the Islamic Republic's missile programme is for defense purposes and is not up for negotiation. The programme was not part of the 2015 nuclear deal with Western powers under which Iran agreed to curb its nuclear programme in exchange for the lifting of some sanctions. France said on Wednesday it wanted an "uncompromising" dialogue with Iran about its ballistic missile programme and a possible negotiation over the issue separate from Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.—Reuters ■

Russia's Borei-class advanced submarines

MOSCOW — The Project 09552 (Borei-A-class) nuclear-powered submarine Prince Vladimir had been floated out at the Sevmash Shipyard in Severodvinsk in north Russia on 17 November, 2017.

Borei-class (Project 09550, 09551 and 09552) submarines are a series of Russian strategic missile-carrying underwater cruisers.

The fourth-generation nuclear subs have been developed by the Rubin Central Design Bureau for Marine Engineering (St Petersburg) under the direction of Chief Designer Vladimir Zdornov. They are designed to replace the previous series of submarines — the Project 941 Akula-class subs (operational in the Navy since 1981) and the Project 667BDRM Delfin underwater cruisers (operational since 1984). Borei-class submarines are under construction at the Sevmash Shipyard in Russia's northern Arkhangelsk Region.



Yuri Dolgoruky submarine. **PHOTO: TASS**

Submarine characteristics

The Borei is a double-hull submarine: the crew, the reactor, the turbines, the missile silos and other major systems and mechanisms are housed in the inner hull capable of withstanding high water pressure; the external hull forms the sub's streamlined shape.

According to data from open sources, the Project 955 submarine measures 170m long and 13.5m wide and a draft of 10m.

The sub displaces 14,720 tonnes in its surface position and 24,000 tonnes in its submerged position. The Borei has a depth capability of 400 metres and can develop a surface speed of 15 knots (27.78 km/h) and a submerged speed of up to 29 knots (53.7 km/h). It has a sea endurance of 90 days and a crew of 107.

The submarine is furnished with a single-shaft steam-tur-

bine nuclear power plant with a capacity of about 50,000 horsepower developed by the Afrikantov Experimental Design Bureau for Mechanical Engineering (Nizhny Novgorod). The submarine's OK-650V water-cooled and water-moderated reactor has a thermal capacity of 190 MW.

Armament

The submarine is armed with the D-30 missile system (16 launchers of Bulava intercontinental ballistic missiles) and 533mm torpedo tubes. Under the initial Project 09550, the Borei subs should have been armed with R-39UTTKh Bark missiles developed by the Makeyev State Rocket Centre (Miass, the Chelyabinsk Region). However, the work on this armament system was terminated after a series of failed tests and the submarine's design was modified for the Bu-

lava missile developed by the Moscow Institute of Thermal Technology.

List of submarines

No less than eight strategic nuclear-powered submarines of this type will be built. Three such submarines have been delivered to the Navy by now.

The K-535 Yuri Dolgoruky (Factory No 201) was laid down on 2 November, 1996 under Project 09550. The construction of the sub's pressure hull was completed only ten years after that due to the shortage of funds and the need to reequip it for Bulava missiles (Project 09551). The submarine was floated out on 13 February, 2008 and delivered to the Russian Navy on 10 January, 2013.

The K-550 Alexander Nevsky (Factory No 202, Project 09551) was laid down on 19 March, 2004 and floated out

on 6 December, 2010. The submarine was delivered to the Navy on 23 December, 2013.

The K-551 Vladimir Monomakh (Factory No 203, Project 09551) was laid down on 19 March, 2006, floated out on 18 January, 2013 and delivered to the Navy on 10 December, 2014.

The subsequent strategic underwater missile cruisers are being built under Project 09552 (Borei-A). They are distinguished by their better stealth capability, more advanced electronic equipment and more comfortable conditions for the crew. Russia's Defence Ministry signed two contracts on their construction (the first contract for one submarine and the second contract for four underwater missile cruisers) with the United Shipbuilding Corporation on 25 May, 2012.

Five Borei-class nuclear-powered submarines are at

the stage of their construction:

The Prince Vladimir (Factory No 204, Project 09552) was laid down on 30 July, 2012.

The Prince Oleg (Factory No 205, Project 09552) was laid down on 27 July, 2014.

The Generalissimus Suvorov (Factory No 206, Project 09552) was laid down on 26 December, 2014.

The Emperor Alexander III (Factory No 207, Project 09552) was laid down on 18 December, 2015.

The Prince Pozharsky (Factory No 208, Project 09552) was laid down on 23 December, 2016.

Chief of Russia's General Staff Valery Gerasimov said at a board meeting of the Russian Defence Ministry on 7 November, 2017 that work had been launched to develop a Borei-B class nuclear-powered submarine with improved characteristics.—Tass ■

UK govt to consider tax on throwaway plastic

LONDON — Britain's finance department said on Saturday it expected finance minister Philip Hammond's budget statement next week to include a consultation on taxing and charging environmentally damaging single-use plastics.

Single-use plastics include packaging and bubble wrap, polystyrene takeaway boxes and throwaway coffee cups.

The finance ministry said the move would build on the introduction of charges for plas-

tic bags, which has led to an 80 percent reduction in UK plastic bag use since 2015.

"The Chancellor is expected to announce in the budget that this work will specifically look at taxes and charges to help prevent pollu-

tion, and protect the environment," the finance ministry said.

It said the consultation is expected to launch in the new year and will take into account another government consultation on deposit return schemes

for drinks containers.

Hammond is under pressure to turn around the fortunes of Prime Minister Theresa May with his budget, but with Brexit weighing on the economy he has limited options.—Reuters ■

Venezuela opposition leader Ledezma flees to Spain

CARACAS/BOGOTA — Veteran Venezuelan opposition leader Antonio Ledezma, under house arrest since 2015 for alleged coup plotting, escaped across the border to Colombia on Friday and later flew to Spain.

With a 2018 presidential election looming, an array of major Venezuelan opposition figures are now in exile, detention or are barred from holding office.

They say Maduro has turned Venezuela into a dictatorship, while the government accuses them of joining forces with a US-led global plot to topple him.

Ledezma, the best-known detained opponent of leftist President Nicolas Maduro after Leopoldo Lopez, had spearheaded street protests against Maduro in 2014 that led to months of violence and 43 deaths.

"In Spain today I feel free," he said at Madrid's Barajas airport, where he arrived in the early hours of



Antonio Ledezma, Venezuelan opposition leader (L), stands with his wife Mitzy Capriles and daughter Antonietta (R) upon arriving at Adolfo Suarez Madrid Barajas airport in Madrid, Spain on 18 November, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

Saturday. He was cheered by a small crowd including his wife and two daughters, who were already in Spain. Supporters chanted the Venezuelan anthem.

"Let's not permit that Venezuela dies in our hands," he also said, adding that he would soon meet with Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

The 62-year-old former Caracas metropolitan mayor said he had gone past 29 police and army controls during a clandestine, overland journey

that he kept secret from his loved ones.

"I ask my wife and daughters to understand. They have suffered long hours of anguish without

knowing where I was," he told reporters in the Colombian border town of Cucuta after crossing a bridge from San Antonio in Venezuela.

"It was my decision alone."

"Welcome to freedom!" tweeted former Colombian President Andres Pastrana, who is close to Venezuela's opposition and the families of other jailed activists.

Ledezma was mocked by Maduro as "The Vampire," and accused by officials of helping violent hardliners, including dissident military officers plotting to topple the president via air strikes. Ledezma said those charges were trumped up.

"I hope they never send him back, they can keep the Vampire," Maduro said on Friday evening.

"The people of Madrid will have to be careful at night, the Vampire (is going) to Madrid." —Reuters ■

Morocco, US launch global initiative to address homegrown terrorism

RABAT — The United States and Morocco has officially launched the "Initiative to Address Homegrown Terrorism," local media reported on Saturday. The Moroccan daily Al Ahdath Al Maghribia said the initiative was launched on 16 November in Malta under the auspices of the Global Counterterrorism

Forum (GCTF) and in partnership with the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law. The initiative aims to address the growing threat posed by Islamic State (IS)-inspired and linked homegrown violent extremists, exploring ways for stakeholders to tackle these issues in a coordinated

manner, the same source said. It gathers over 70 government officials, law enforcement officers, and non-governmental representatives from 25 countries, the source noted.

Announced in September as part of the GCTF, the initiative is launched at a context marked by IS' prolific use of social

media that has expanded its reach throughout the world, and also by the growing threat of homegrown terrorism as IS attempts to compensate for the loss of control of territory in Iraq and Syria by encouraging and directing attacks elsewhere, including by leveraging foreign terrorist fighters relocat-

ing from the conflict zone.

The participants in this initiative discussed the trends and issues associated with homegrown terrorism, and highlighted available tools and programs to address this threat.

They will also reviewed ways to improve information sharing, both within and among govern-

ments, and examined prevention and intervention programmes.

This initiative will result in non-binding good practices for policymakers and practitioners that will highlight comprehensive and integrated approaches to preventing and detecting homegrown terrorists.—Xinhua ■

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Retro songs are heritage, need to preserve them: Javed Akhtar

MUMBAI — Veteran lyricist Javed Akhtar said he is completely against the trend of remixing old songs which according to him are “cultural heritage”.

Akhtar, who launched his book “Talking Films: Conversations on Hindi Cinema” last evening, was asked about the current trend of remixing songs and whether it leads to old ones losing their essence.

“I quite agree. I don’t know why people remix old songs. They should have enough confidence that they will give super-hit songs. Why should they borrow? What’s the need? Besides that, these songs by Lata Mangeshkar, Mohammed Rafi, Kishore Kumar... these are our cultural heritage,” he said.

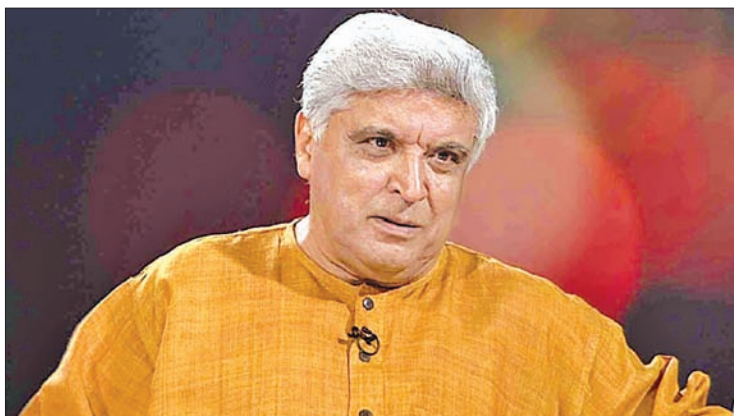
“We need to preserve them.

There are certain things that they should be respected the way they are. It’s rubbish (remixing old songs). It’s not acceptable,” he added.

The 72-year-old lyricist was speaking at the eighth edition of Tata Literature Live! here.

At the event, Akhtar also opened up about his iconic movies like “Deewar” and “Trishul”, co-written by Salim Khan, and how they were “blissfully unaware” while writing any “socio-political and socio-economical relevance” that people claim the movies have.

“I get asked about Deewar, Trishul, particularly Deewar, that angry-young man character, its socio-political and socio-economical relevance. But honestly we were blissfully unaware. A lot has



Veteran lyricist Javed Akhtar. PHOTO: PTI

been written about it, not only in India but also internationally. But we didn’t know anything. We just thought it is an interesting character and an interesting story.”

The character of angry young man named Vijay in “Deewar” essayed by megastar Am-

itabh Bachchan is still remembered by the audience. The angry young man persona created in the mid 70s is largely hailed as a character mirroring what the nation was going through during that time. But Akhtar insists, they didn’t write it to “manipulate”.

“I am very happy we didn’t know that because the moment a writer knows that this character is relevant, that it’s the representation of the collective conscience of the society, it means he/she is surgical,” he said.

“It means he/she is keeping him/herself on a pedestal, being holier than thou and creating things for the ordinary mortals. We were living in the same society, breathing the same air and we were lucky that our sensibilities and likes-dislikes were in sync with that of the society. Good that we were innocent. If you are already aware, then that’s craft, that’s manipulation,” he added.

“Deewar” and “Trishul” both helmed by noted filmmaker late Yash Chopra were successful at the box office. —PTI ■



Actor Ben Affleck. PHOTO: PTI

Does not remember groping but still apologised for it: Affleck

LOS ANGELES — Actor Ben Affleck has said that he does not remember groping actor Hilary Burton but still apologised to her as he thought she was not lying.

Burton claimed Affleck, 45, groped her when she was a host of MTV’s TRL in 2003.

The incident resurfaced after Affleck condemned the sexual harassment allegations against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein saying he was “saddened and angered” by claims against him.

“What I was accused of by a woman was touching her breast while I gave her a hug. I don’t remember it, but I absolutely apologise for it. I certainly don’t think she’s lying or making it up,” Affleck told Stephen Colbert on his “Late Show”.

“As men, I think as we be-

come more aware of this we need to be really mindful of our behaviour and hold ourselves accountable and say, if I was ever part of the problem, I want to change, I want to be a part of the solution,” he added.

The “Justice League” actor also said it was “awful” to find out about the extent of the “terrible crimes” committed by Weinstein. I thought I understood the extent of the problem, and I thought I had a handle on it,” Affleck said. “The truth is, I really didn’t.

I didn’t understand what it was to be groped, to be harassed, to be interrupted, talked over, paid less, pushed around, belittled, all of the things that women deal with that for me as a man I have the privilege of not having to deal with,” he added. —PTI ■

Teen angst plus super powers collide in ‘Runaways’

LOS ANGELES — When Brian K. Vaughan was approached by Marvel Comics to write a comic book to bring in new readers, he hit on the idea of “Runaways,” the story of a diverse group of teenage friends whose bond grows stronger when they make a gruesome discovery.

Launched in 2003, the comic book soon became a fan favourite. Now streaming service Hulu has turned them into a television series, to be released on Tuesday.

“He (Vaughan) did so many things so well, starting with the idea that every teenager thinks their parents are evil. What if your parents actually were?” said Josh Schwartz, one of the show’s executive producers.

The story follows six teens who discover their parents are not only sacrificing people to a

mysterious cult but are also key members of The Pride, an organisation that runs the dark criminal underbelly of Los Angeles.

After running away, the teenagers investigate their parents and discover that they have inherited their special powers.

“It’s just such a universal concept whether your parents won’t let you drive the car or you caught them sacrificing a human in the basement,” Schwartz said.

The six main characters are some of the most diverse in the Marvel universe. Gert (Ariela Barer) is a bookish feminist with a pet dinosaur; Molly (Allegra Acosta) is a naive but feisty fighter; Nico (Lyrica Okano) is a burgeoning sorceress; Karolina (Virginia Gardner) is a lesbian flying alien, while dumb jock Chase (Gregg Sulkin) and supersmart

nerd Alex (Rhenzy Feliz) rely on inventions from their parents.

Together they use their gifts to try to bring an end to their parents’ nefarious ways.

“Having a cast of six really diverse superhero is already going to help people immensely, let alone having a gay character on top of that,” said Gardner.

Comic book writer Jeph Loeb, who is also an executive producer on the Hulu show, believes fans of the books won’t be disappointed.

“If all we’re going to do is take the comic book and blow it up and put it on TV, then it’s not fair to the original art form and it’s not really fair to the audience.

“I think people will really be surprised by a number of things, not least this extraordinary cast,” Loeb said —Reuters ■



PHOTO: REUTERS

Washington's new Museum of the Bible aims to inform, not preach

WASHINGTON — Ancient scripts and rocker Elvis Presley's Bible will be on display at the \$500 million Museum of the Bible, which opens this weekend in Washington after questions about the origin of some of its artifacts and its portrayal of the holy book.

Museum backers say its collections will offer a scholarly, nonsectarian view of one of history's most-debated sacred writings, following revision of the initial mission statement that called for it to "bring to life the living word of God."

"It's not about espousing our faith," Steve Green, a Southern Baptist who is the museum board's chairman and president of the Hobby Lobby craft store chain, told reporters this week. "We just want to present the facts and let visitors decide."

Visitors at the Saturday opening will enter through 37-foot-high (11.2-metre-high) brass gates etched with the first 80 lines of the Book of Genesis from the Bible's first mechanical printing in the 15th century.



A visitor looks at various Bibles during a preview at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, US on 14 November, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

The eight-level museum in a prime tourist spot two blocks off the National Mall features the world's biggest private collection of Torahs, as well as walk-through scenes of biblical stories such as Noah's flood and a re-creation of a Middle Eastern

village at the time of Jesus.

Its 430,000 square feet (40,000 square meters) include a digital guide and an interactive display that answer questions on the Bible. A rooftop garden has plants mentioned in the Bible, and museum admission is free.

Joel Baden, a Yale Divinity School professor and co-author of "Bible Nation," a book on Hobby Lobby, said the museum did not reflect the full complexity of the Bible.

"They are telling a story of the Bible that is a particularly

American Protestant one," he said by telephone, noting less or little attention was paid to Roman Catholics, Jews, Muslims and Mormons.

Conservatives cheered Hobby Lobby in 2014 when the Supreme Court ruled that the Oklahoma-based retailer and Conestoga Wood Specialties could refuse to cover contraceptives in employees' health insurance due to the owners' religious beliefs.

Hobby Lobby again drew headlines in July, when it agreed to pay \$3 million and forfeit smuggled Middle Eastern artifacts obtained for the museum under a settlement with the US Justice Department.

Green said the legal trouble involved his family and not the museum itself, and that questions had not been raised about where items the Greens had donated came from.

"There are items that we will explain 'here is what our provenance is,' and if there are holes, we'll let people know," he said. —Reuters ■

Metal recyclers prepare for electric car revolution

LONDON — Recycling companies are honing processes to extract metals from old batteries more cheaply and efficiently so they can capitalize on an expected shortfall in materials such as cobalt and lithium when sales of electric cars take off.

The main obstacle recyclers face now is a shortage of spent batteries to recycle to make their technology cost-effective, but those at the forefront of the industry are confident the supply, and profits, will come.

"The value of lithium carbonate and natural or synthetic graphite has doubled or tripled in the last three or four years, becoming the most valuable materials besides cobalt in the automotive battery," Albrecht Melber, co-managing director of German recycling firm Accurec, said.

"There are big values that can be recycled in the future."

Electric vehicle sales are expected to pass 14 million a year by 2025 from less than a million now,

fuelling a surge in the consumption of battery materials.

Data specialist Benchmark Mineral Intelligence predicts the industry will need an extra 30,000 tonnes of cobalt and 81,000 tonnes of lithium a year to meet demand by 2021.

Commodity research group CRU expects 11,600 tonnes of cobalt to come from recycling in 2021, up from 7,110 a year now, and 24,900 tonnes by 2026, accounting for 9.7 per cent and 17.9 per cent of the total market supply respectively.

In China, where electric vehicle sales topped half a million last year, recyclers are getting ready to deal with a mountain of battery waste and others also see opportunities.

"A 1,000-pound lithium cobalt battery contains about \$6,000 worth of cathode material at the top end of the value chain and about \$1,700 for a nickel-cobalt-aluminum battery at the low end," said Larry Reaugh, chief



An employee sorts used primary non-rechargeable Lithium-ion batteries before being recycled by the German recycling firm Accurec in Krefeld, Germany on 16 November, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

executive of Canadian metals recycler American Manganese (AMY.V).

"If this equated to mining you would have a very high grade feedstock," he said. "We're mining batteries, you might say."

Most electric cars are powered by lithium NMC batteries which use a cathode composed of nickel, manganese and cobalt and a graphite anode.

Mining enough cobalt to meet demand is a particular concern as most of the world's supplies come from Democratic Republic of Congo, where mining areas are prone to conflict. The

price of cobalt COB-CATH-LON has more than doubled so far this year. Supplies of lithium, mainly mined in Chile, are under far less pressure at the moment and new production is due to come on stream in Argentina and Australia. But concern the supply of lithium in battery-ready form will struggle to keep pace with electric car sales has pushed prices up more than 30 per cent to a record \$12,000 a tonne this year.

Besides a shortage of old batteries to recycle, companies also face challenges extracting lithium in a reusable form.

Most recyclers heat old bat-

teries to high temperatures to retrieve metals, a process known as pyrometallurgy. But this generally only yields cobalt, and sometimes nickel, while lithium is more difficult and expensive to extract.

The cost of recycling varies widely, but to be economical, CRU estimates it would need to be transformed back into lithium carbonate at a maximum cost of \$7,000 a tonne.

For now, lithium usually ends up in waste slag, which can be used as a building material, or is thrown away. But with the price of all these metals rising, that picture may change.—Reuters ■



PHOTO: LETHWEI NATIONAL FIGHT

Lethwei National Fight today at Thein Phyu Stadium, Yangon

Thein Phyu Stadium in Yangon will host the Lethwei National Fight-3 today, featuring eight bouts.

Fighters from Thailand, Laos and Myanmar will compete, with the main event featuring Myanmar golden belt holder Saw Gaw Muu Do versus Thai welterweight champion Singma-

nee Kaewsamrit.

"I trained my best, I will fight my best and support the National Lethwei", Gaw Muu Do said on his Facebook page.

Gaw Muu Do has a record of 20 wins, 5 losses and 18 draws in lethwei, while Singmanee has 287 wins against 73 losses in Muay Thai.

Singmanee Kaewsamrit, a Thai Muay Thai kickboxer, is the former Rajadamnern Stadium Champion, WMC and WPMF Welterweight Champion. He is also the Isuzu Cup 22 Champion.

The other bouts in the event are Tway Thit Aung vs Duang Sompond (Thailand), Saw Phoe Kwar vs Pet Mueanchon (Laos),

Yan Naing Tun vs Min Htet Kyaw, Soe Win Than vs Khun Arkar, and Thapyay Aung vs Thein Soe. A women's bout will feature Naw Ohmar Soe (Tun Twin) against Su Hlaing Oo (Taung Zalat).

The Forsport channel will broadcast the event live and MRTV-4 will air the event starting at 2pm.—Kyaw Zin Tun ■

Coleman quits Wales, agrees to take over at Sunderland — reports

LONDON — Chris Coleman has stepped down as Wales manager to take over at Championship side Sunderland, British media reported on Friday.

Coleman has agreed to lead Sunderland who were relegated to England's second tier from the Premier League this year, the reports said. They have been without a manager since sacking Simon Grayson last month after one win in their opening 16 league matches left them bottom of the standings. Coleman, who became Wales manager in 2012, led his country to the semi-finals of Euro 2016, their first major tournament since 1958. However, he was unable to guide them to next year's World Cup as they missed out on qualification from Europe's Group D last month. The 47-year-old will return to club management having previously coached Fulham and Coventry City. He also had short spells abroad with Spanish club Real Sociedad and Greek side AEL.—Reuters ■

Murray splits with coach Lendl for second time

LONDON — Andy Murray has mutually agreed to end his relationship with coach Ivan Lendl for a second time, the British former world number one said on Friday.

Murray was coached by Lendl from 2011-14 before he rejoined his team in June last year, helping Murray capture his second Wimbledon title and his second Olympic gold in Rio.

Murray, 30, ended 2016 as world number one having triumphed in the ATP Finals but struggled with injury for much of this year, missing the US Open and falling to 16th in the rankings.

"I'm thankful to Ivan for all his help and guidance over the years, we've had great success and learned a lot as a team. My



Andy Murray. PHOTO: REUTERS

focus now is on getting ready for Australia with the team I have in place and getting back to competing," Murray said on his website.

Czech-born Lendl won 94 singles titles during his 16-year professional playing career, including eight grand slam tri-

umphs. He never won Wimbledon having reached the final twice, but coached Murray for his two successes at the All England Club. "I wish Andy well going forward. We had a great run and a lot of fun," the 57-year-old said.—Reuters ■

Dortmund sink deeper into crisis with loss at Stuttgart

BERLIN — Borussia Dortmund slipped deeper into crisis after losing 2-1 at VfB Stuttgart on Friday for their fourth defeat in the last five Bundesliga matches.

The Ruhr valley club, firm title contenders only a few weeks ago with six wins from their first seven league matches, have lost their winning touch and are without a Bundesliga victory since September, piling pressure on coach Peter Bosz.

Dortmund, who take on Tottenham Hotspur in the Champions League next week, are stuck on 20 points in third place with champions Bayern Munich, top on 26, taking on Augsburg on Saturday. RB

Leipzig, four points behind in second, travel to Bayer Leverkusen. Stuttgart, who have now won all of their 16 points this season at home, climbed to 11th.

A disastrous back pass from Marc Bartra allowed Chardac Akolo to slip in and put Stuttgart ahead in the fifth minute.

Dortmund were in control and had their chances but with top striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang suspended, they lacked his finish.

They still managed a late first-half equaliser with Maximilian Philipp scoring on the rebound after Andre Schuerle's penalty was saved.—Reuters ■

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NOWADAYS, not people in the city but in the country are using various kinds of devices, mobile phone, computer, laptop and so on. Mobile phone, one of the popular device in the world, is influencing the world. People love using mobile phones because they can help them to communicate each other on air, to take photos even though they do not have cameras, to watch movies and mtvs even though they do not have video player, to know the situations what is happening around the world even though they do not go there, to check time even though they do not have watch, to take notes the important things, to take notes in lecture class even though they do not have pen and note book, to send money even though they they do not go bank.

Moreover, mobile phone have many special functions. Therefore, mobile phone gives people many advantages. In my opinion, mobile phone was

invented as a very useful gadget.

It is clear that mobile phone can give us many advantages for communication and personal use. As the inventors upgrade mobile phone's functions and appearance, people are so interested in them. Like the above expressions, mobile phone can help people a lot. But it can give us many disadvantages and invisible danger. Today, most of the people use internet with mobile phone. So, they can communicate with each other by just touching a mobile phone. They do not meet each other in reality. They only see and talk only on the internet. People cannot know who is the real friend or not by just seeing their appearance on phone screen. Some people believe in what the others talk on the internet. Some make friends with others on the internet without having awareness. Some evil-minded people are waiting their victims. If one believe in them very much, they will try to do some bad plans.

I have seen many sad situations in my life. The situations emerged because of a mobile phone. Mobile phone makes people full of fun. But it is as if warmly welcoming the danger. People do not need computer or

laptop to use internet. They only need a mobile phone. Today, almost everyone has at least a mobile phone. One of my neighbours, a 20-year-old girl, liked to use mobile phone to use the internet or playing games or watching korean dramas. One day, she met a handsome man on the internet. She talked with him everyday and night. When they are familiar each other, the man proposed to her. She accepted his proposal.

Even though they did not meet in reality, they planned to get marriage. Since the girl thought the man loved her with real love, she decided to marry to him. A month later they had got marriage, the girl was pregnant. So, she told him about it. But he did not accept it and ran away leaving the girl. He did not come back. The girl unexpected that situation.

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*Pyinnya
Shwe O Luu
Ma Khoe*

(Property that can
not be stolen)

Whenever I give her a look
Find her occupied with a book
I wonder what keeps her busy all the time
So I put a question to her why
"I'm making my own property
Which I put in one word, Investing," said
she Second inquiry continued,
Investing what?"
Awaiting her to tell me flat
"Investing time and effort in my study"
was her reply
"With it, I can buy even a pie in the sky"
Her answer made me confused a bit
I know she would come to my aid
So next question was posed, "With what?"
"With knowledge," she remarked
"Gleaning good things from books
day by day
Will deposit knowledge on my brain
Reason behind I read all the time
Just to make the property of mine
I will trade my knowledge one day
Then no one else can make my ownership claim"

Honey Soe(B.M.T.M)

The impact of mobile phone and Internet



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Basic English Grammar for Basic Students

Who and whom

Who and whom in formal English

English learners are sometimes confused when using **who** and **whom**. **Who** and **whom** are pronouns used in questions or in relative clauses.

In formal English **who** is used to replace a subject, while **whom** is used to replace an object.

Who

Who is a subjective pronoun.

Examples:

Leila is the teacher. — (**Leila** is the subject of the sentence.)

→ **Who** is the teacher?

→ Leila, **who** is the English teacher, will give a talk about human rights.

The senators supported the president. — (**The senators** is the subject of the sentence.)

→ **Who** supported the president?

→ The senators **who** supported the president are happy with the new bill.

Whom

Whom is used to replace an object.

Examples:

You have met **Alan**. — (**Alan** is the object of the sentence.)

→ **Whom** have you met?

→ This is Alan, **whom** I believe you have already met.

Nancy can ask **her husband** for help. — (**her husband** is the object of the sentence.)

→ **Whom** can she ask for help?

→ Her husband **whom** she can ask for help is on a trip.

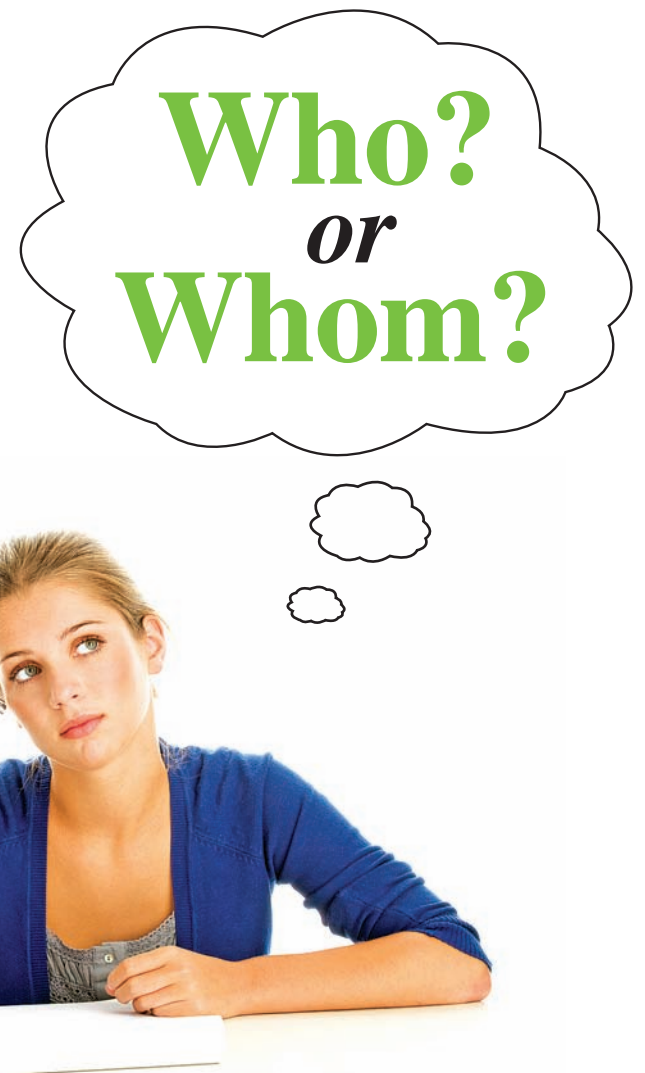
Who and whom in informal English

While in traditional grammar **who** is used as a *subjective pronoun* and **whom** as an *objective pronoun*, as it is explained above, in informal English, the normal practice is to use **who** in both cases (as subjective and objective pronouns), thus replacing *whom* in the contexts where the latter was traditionally used.

Examples:

- **Whom** did you offer the book to? (Formal English)
- **Who** did you offer the book to? (Informal English)

Who → Subject
Whom → Object



Exercises

Choose the correct answer (**who** or **whom**?)

- To ----- have you offered the flowers? (who, whom)
- wrote that beautiful love poem? (Who, Whom)
- I just want to know ----- made this delicious dish. (who, whom)
- Do you know the man ----- is standing there? (who, whom)
- My parents will accept ----- I choose as my husband. (whoever, whomever)
- For ----- are you buying this present? (who, whom)
- He is a kind of person for ----- family is very important. (who, whom)
- Tell me, ----- told you this wonderful news? (who, whom)
- The electrician ----- I asked for assistance was helpful. (who, whom)
- gave you permission to get into this room? (Who, Whom)

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The 3rd AsTEN Conference

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THE 3rd AsTEN conference was held in Kasetsart University, Thailand from 18 July, 2017 to 22 July, 2017. Yangon University of Education (YUOE) is one of the AsTEN members. The Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN) is a network of premier Teacher Education Institutions of the countries in the ASEAN. Its goal is to address issues, challenges, and concerns relevant to Teacher Education programs, practices and policies in the ASEAN Region. It also serves as a vehicle for collaboration in academic and research endeavors within and across member institutions that will ultimately benefit the ASEAN nations and people.

AsTEN was established on September 17, 2014, in Pasay City, Philippines. It was initiated by Philippine Normal University (PNU). University presidents from 10 teacher education institutions in the ASEAN region gathered to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The founding member countries of AsTEN are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. From Myanmar, Rector Dr. Aung Min of YUOE attended this first meeting. As a member of AsTEN, the teacher education institution must possess certain criteria. It must be a leading institution or university in teacher education in ASEAN member country. It made significant contributions to education or teacher education in the area of curriculum, research and instruction. Moreover, it must have international linkage and partnership with institutions, especially in ASEAN Region. The first meeting of presidents was also held on the same date. As the theme of the meeting was to find an ASEAN common ground in teacher education, the conference highlighted paper and poster presentations on the themes such as Curriculum Harmonization in Teacher Education, Teacher Education Policies and Standards, Capacity-building and Professionalization of Teachers, Research and Collaboration in Teacher Education, Faculty and Student Exchange Program and Defining ASEAN Identities in Teacher Education. The 1st AsTEN conference was subsequently held on 17-19 September, 2016 at Trader's Hotel, Pasay City.

The second meeting of presidents was held in Manila, Philippines on 24 April, 2015. The framework of initiatives during the meeting was comprised of

four components: knowledge creation, knowledge sharing, knowledge management and knowledge utilization. As knowledge creation, it was decided to do international research collaboration. For knowledge sharing, conferences, cultural expo, website and journal were considered. For knowledge management, ASEAN teacher education qualifications reference framework was to be developed. As knowledge utilization, international internship program and academic exchange were considered. These initiatives are to be implemented by different member institutions.

The third meeting of presidents was hosted by Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia in 28, July, 2015 in Isola Resort Hotel, Bandung, Indonesia. The meeting highlighted the status and progress of AsTEN projects and plans. In this meeting, the focus was to develop standards framework of ASEAN teacher education. After the meeting, the second conference was also held on 29, July, 2015. AsTEN members presented reports on their qualification framework on education. Paper presentations on the ASEAN Qualifications Framework in education, quality assurance and accreditation, and counselor education were also among the sessions held during the conference.

The fourth meeting of presidents was held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 18-19 April, 2016. The meeting mainly focused on AsTEN initiatives such as the international collaborative research projects, book project, international conference, and the academic and cultural expo.

The ASEAN Philosophy and Identity Forum-Workshop was also held at Philippine Normal University on 9 September, 2016. Its objective is to initiate the development of an ASEAN philosophy and identity and to raise awareness on the future role of teacher or student in the ASEAN integration. The result of the workshop was the identification of the key elements that weave the ASEAN identity. It starts with the understanding the ASEAN as a community driven by its economic and social roles of its members towards the realization of sustainable development. The following are the significant points in the ASEAN identity building: geography, economy, people and culture are the

basic elements of ASEAN identity. It is associated with diversity. This increases the consciousness on multiculturalism, mutual respect and openness. The efforts to determine an ASEAN identity lead to more connection, collaboration and cooperation among its members like sharing of resources and borderless education. Thus, the ASEAN identity is considered a 'chain' that binds nations.

To implement knowledge utilization set down in the second meeting, the first batch of the AsTEN Student Teaching Exchange Program (AsTEN STEP) was deployed in the Philippines from 22 August to 22 September 2016. The program was participated by student teachers from the AsTEN member institutions: Universitas Pendidikan Sultan Idris (Ma-

laysia) and Yangon University of Education (Myanmar). As part of the program, the scholars observed classes at the Philippine Normal University's Institute of Teaching and Learning and were later deployed at Araullo High School, a basic education school. For their practice teaching, they were

assigned a college supervisor from PNU and cooperating teachers. These teachers guided each of the student teachers in teaching preparation and demonstration, and classroom management. They were also given a cultural and historical tour of Manila and in the countryside. Thus, student teachers have international exposure. From YUOE, Myanmar, Ma Win Pa Pa Hlaing and Ma Ei Phyu Phwe, fifth year B. Ed students were sent to take part in this activity. Thus, they had international exposure to teaching in a foreign country.

In the same way, as an implementation of knowledge sharing task, starting from 2016, AsTEN journal has been published every year. It serves as the main platform by which the network's initiatives are made known to the academic community. Teacher educators from YUOE also write articles in every AsTEN journal that has been distributed. This journal provides a scholarly forum on the dynamics of teacher education and the current initiatives of AsTEN member institutions in the area of research and publication, scholarship of teaching, curriculum and pedagogy, reciprocity program, quality assurance and harmonization of standards in the ASEAN region.

The 1st AsTEN Student Education and Culture Exchange Programme was hosted by Yangon University of Education, Myanmar as part of the AsTEN initiatives for 2017. This program was organized by YUOE to immerse the students in the culture and education system in Myanmar. It was participated by students from AsTEN member universities such as Philippine Normal University, National Institute of Education (Cambodia), Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan (Brunei Darussalam), and Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (Indonesia). The students visited schools and observed classes, toured around the city and famous cultural landmarks in Yangon. Significant discussion on the education system and culture of ASEAN member states was also carried out. Such activity is part of the initiatives of YUOE, headed by Rector Dr. Aye Aye Myint, a member of the AsTEN. The program commenced on February 26 and ended on March 7 in Yangon, Myanmar.

The focus of the 3rd AsTEN conference is Teaching Competency Development: Issues, Innovations and Initiatives. On the first day, plenary speaker, Professor Dr. John Hope, University of Auckland, New Zealand discussed preparing teachers for future education: ASEAN teaching competency development. Different teacher competency standards frameworks were presented in his discussion. Myanmar Teacher Competency Standards Framework (MTCSF) has also been developed since October, 2015 with the help of UNESCO. It was noticed that most of the frameworks are more or less similar in generally defining the domain of teacher competency. For instance, MTCSF has four domains: professional knowledge and understanding, professional skill and practices, professional values and dispositions, and professional growth and development. The other frameworks in the presentation also include these domains although different terms are used. But in considering minimum requirements for each domain, different countries consider different levels as well as different minimum requirements. For instance, for the continuous professional development, every country agrees that teachers need to use ICT for their professional development. But in considering minimum requirement of the use of ICT, it may not be the same. AsTEN member universities which have different socio-economic status and different cultural background often meet in a member country to find a common ground in teacher education. In fact, AsTEN meetings can provide each member country with different thoughts on education. We must consider what the rest of the world can offer us but then decide for ourselves what is best for our country.

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RAKHINE State is Situated on the western coast, it is bordered by Chin State to the north, Magway Region, Bago Region and Ayeyarwady Region to the east, the Bay of Bengal to the west, and the Chittagong Division of Bangladesh to the northwest.

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The Mro ethnic people in Rakhine's hilly areas are farmers living peacefully until ARSA terrorists burned their homes. Now their homes in Kone Tine Village are destroyed, and devoid of people.

The attack on their village happened, four days after ARSA's attack in the Maung-taw Region on 25 August, and displaced the 247 villagers. About 500 terrorists armed

with guns, machetes and sticks raided the village, killing villagers and burning their homes.

In the attacks, most of the villagers were able to escape because the village sentry sounded the alarm on time. Those who couldn't flee in time were killed by the terrorists.

U Maung Hla said he will never forget the images of his villagers beaten and killed as the terrorists surrounded their village and cut off all ways to escape. Three elderly people, two men and a five year old boy were killed and seven people received incised wounds.

The Kone Tine villagers say

they fled towards the east of Mayu Mountain and arrived at Pansay Village (Mro ethnic residence) in Buthidaung Township around 8pm. They stayed in Pansay for twenty days and arrived in Laung-done Village (another Mro ethnic residence) in Maungtaw Township on 17 September.

Horrible experiences of Mro villagers

"I don't want to come back here, it hurts my heart," said U Maung Hla, the leader of the Khon Tine Village, to foreign Diplomats comprising of Ambassadors to Myanmar, members of UNRC, UNHCR, WFP, World Bank (Myanmar) visited Maungtaw Region on 2 October who visited there to assess the situation after the terrorist attacks.

Another ethnic villagers who were attacked by ARSA terrorists are from Kaing Gyi Village. On 3 August, armed terrorists entered Kaing Gyi (Mro village) in Maungtaw Township and attacked the local Mro ethnic farmers, killing 7 and one person is currently missing.

Atrocities by terrorists forgotten by international media

Mro people have been working happily in the woods for generations. They have never experienced such kind of terrorist attacks. The farmers of Kaing Gyi Village were attacked by terrorists on 3 August while working in the farm.

"My youngest brother, Linn Kyat, and my eldest son, Kone Paing, were killed in those attacks," said U San Htun from the Mro village.

Suffering of Rakhine's Mro ethnic people

By Nay Htet Khaung



Two Mro ethnic women return home after collecting firewood in the forest. PHOTO: NAY LIN



Two Mro ethnic women from Khaing Gyi Village. PHOTO: NAY LIN

There's a hut near the farms where we sharpen our mattocks and machetes. There were three men and three women in the hut when the attacks happened. U San Htun and other farmers rushed to the hut when they heard gunshots and found some bodies there.

When security forces arrived they tried to find the missing farmers. They searched the area three times and discovered one body, but two are still missing.

"We suspect the terrorists threw the other body into the river to erase their traces," Said U San Htun

"We say it was a terrorist attack based on the evidence we found there. There is a terrorist camp in the Mayu Mountains and we heard it has tunnels. We heard the military destroyed their camp. Our village is the only village around here so they may have tried to kill us thinking we can point out their locations."

Another man who lost a son and a daughter-in-law in the August 3 terrorist attacks is U Mahn Mine from Khaing Gyi (Mro village). The victims, also

a couple, left behind a one year old child.

"We couldn't bring anything with us. Some of us moved to Khaing Gyi from Chaungphayar two years ago. We were farmers but now we don't know what to do," said U Mahn Mine. About 25 families from my village fled to Maungtaw while the rest fled to Khaing Gyi (Rakhine village).

Several days after the terrorists killed five Mro ethnic women and three men, the villagers heard that the terrorists later attacked police outposts.

"We were too scared to continue staying there. It's been three days since we got here (in Sittway). We had a primary school with 42 students in our village. It was self-made, not opened by the government," said U Zaw Naing Oo from Khaing Gyi Village's primary school teacher.

The Mro people mostly live in the northern parts of Maungtaw Township and also in the southern parts in Seinpan Myaing, Shwe Baho and Khaing Gyi (Mro village).



Mro ethnic women from Kone Tine Village perform traditional dance accompanied to traditional musical troupe as they welcome visitors in Maungtaw Township, northern Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA



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Much Money Make Many

By Htun Tin Htun

MONEY, man, material, method, machine and market (6Ms) are essentials for any business to be running with proper management (planning, organizing, leading and controlling) for manufacturing, trading and servicing of goods and services in order to make money through getting good things done through the right efforts of the right people. Under the great leaders and efficient managers the workers are happy to do their job in their rewarding workplace and they energetically and enthusiastically render their services to get maximum output with minimum input. Cooperation, coordination, collaboration and compromising are 4Cs for good relationships with the employers and employees in order to reach the shared goals and shared prosperity. Honesty is the best policy and integrity is the value of any organization and the probity is of great importance for conflict of interest in procurement and auction/tender process in any business enterprises.

Man matters most, mind matters most, money matters most, morality matters most, material matters most and money make many things in this planet; human beings need 4 essential requisites such as food, clothing, shelter and medicines; money plays crucial role in providing these requirements for the survival, sustainable, success and significance of their life; we all therefore must earn income for buying these essentials for longevity. Ownership is of paramount importance and proper (not greedy) belongings need to be saved for the human beings who live, love, learn happily, peacefully and securely and leave a good legacy for posterity in this planet. Nothing is impossible to human beings with wish-to-do, work-hard, will and wisdom; money can help make the ones who want to manage the results in order to serve the people of the community, town, township, district, region/state,



nation and the universe. Equity (pro-poor), empowerment (pro-woman), environment (pro-nature) and employment (pro-job) are four essential elements for the human development and much money make many things for all round resources (natural/ human/ financial/ technological/ physical/ IT/ social) development in any businesses, companies, enterprises, corporations, or-

Most people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar need to learn more on how to make money from the neighbouring countries and in the world as well in almost every business fields and need to throw away of old thinking in business undertakings; the Buddha (the Exalted One) taught us the proper way of life in many discourses such as the Endowments or Accomplish-

should be for the emergency (act of god and man-made); for social assistance (organizational development), (1) giving material assistance, (2) saying pleasing and endearing words, (3) giving good counsel and (4) treating others as one's equal (rich people (money makers) can do more and influence). Accountability and transparency are nowadays very much important for the good governance of any businesses and the Buddhists of the world always follow the rule of eternal law "we are responsible for what we have done"; "we are held accountable for our thoughts, speeches and actions" "to avoid all evil, to cultivate all good and to cleanse one's mind" what the Buddha taught. Knowledge is power, character is power, concentration is power, wisdom is power and the morality (right speech, eight actions, right livelihood) will make a person good, concentration (right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration) will make a person right and wisdom (right understanding, right thinking) will make a person noble; the human beings must have two eyes for his/her life (economic/business/livelihood eye) and Dhamma (morality/ concentration/wisdom) eye for peaceful, healthy, happy and prosperous life. Efficiency the ratio of input (human/natural/ physical/ technological/ financial/IT/social resources) and output; the productivity and

profitability enhancement is of great importance for a business thriving and growing and the would-be money makers must therefore understand this basic for any SMS.

Money earned should therefore be used for the happiness and well-being of yourself, your parents, your teachers, your relatives, your employees, your friends and the monks/novices/nuns which is included in the Dhamma Talk. Always remember the Charity whose merit lasts forever; (1) setting up gardens and orchards for public use; (2) planting shady trees and fruit trees for public use; (3) building roads and bridges (infrastructure) for public use; (4) providing drinking water at the wayside and sanitation; (5) construction wells, ponds/lakes, tanks and ditches as means of public water supply; and (6) donation of monastic dwellings, hospitals/clinics and shelters; you can make everlasting charity when you make much money. "No one is above the law"; rule of law is of paramount importance for all people in this planet for peaceful living; we must therefore pay our taxes for the arrangement of law enforcement forces to be carried out by the Government; make money and be proud of being a good citizen. You therefore yourselves must strive and endeavor; the Buddhas only point the way; You learn, why? You search for job, why? For money, money and money; "Earn while you learn; Learn while you earn"; money can make many things and enjoy yourselves and others; the Buddha taught us not to make/deal with the following manufacturing/ production, trading and trafficking; human; weapons/ arms, butchering/slaughtering, drugs and poison; you can therefore make much money through many kinds of business not to negatively impact the environment and society. May you all be wealthy!!! May you all be free from dangers, sorrows and sufferings!!! May you all be healthy, happy and prosperous!!! May the Buddha Dhamma be with you!!!

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ganizations, entities and in the nation therefore there should be no idle money in the banks/ at homes and need speedy circulation the available money in order to get more and more money revolved/circulated. Your expertise and experiences are of great importance to use your money in the investments from which you can get the maximum returns on investment for which your technical, human-relations, conceptual and analytical skills are great assets in addition to common sense.

ment (four basic principles of undertaking a livelihood): (1) being diligent and alert/concerted effort (perseverance, business skills, technology), (2) wide circle of friendship, (3) management, budgetary control and (4) safekeeping and safeguarding the assets: these are the conditions for happiness and well-being in this present life; for a happy living, the income should be divided in 4 folds, the first portion is for the consumption, the second 2 portions are for the investment and the last portion

To my esteemed teachers who are teaching english

Thin Hlaing Hmwe (Junior)

ONE day, two young men came to me. They were the graduates who were trying to find a job. While having a chat with them, I made a curious quest to them about the original reason with which they got to me. They said that the reason they got here was to ask me about the Twitter, one of the social media which is being used worldwide. They did not seem to be unfamiliar to the social media. They were able to use the Facebook very well. They have been using it for a long time. However, the nature of the Twitter is rather different from the Facebook. In the Facebook, it is convenient if one is able to understand Myanmar language. However, almost all of the users of the Twitter post in English. The Twitter does not let to post many words but it lets just 140 letters which are needed to write the shortest and the most effective way.

The two young men were those who had learned English from KG to their graduation for about 15 years. However, they were not able to write a sentence in English quite straight. They told me that they had heard the fake news and videos were being posted by some international media and some individuals from the other countries on the Twitter concerned with the recent Rakhine crisis and they wanted to nullify those fake ones as much as they could. The intention they wanted to use the Twitter is rather proper but the lack of their writing skills could not fulfill their wishes. In fact, who are responsible for that one who has learned English for about 15 years is not able to write a sentence in English? Today's article is intended to the most teachers who are teaching English in Myanmar. It will also highlight the nature of the writing skills and the ways in which teachers should follow the steps that can make the learners able to write in English.

Writing is a complex skill which most students actually need in order to successfully go through basic education and higher education levels. Since everything is based on writing during academic years, a student who possesses good writing skills

will automatically do better at everything such as exams, essays, assignments, etc.

As a teacher, his or her role is to help each and every student improve themselves, acquire new skills, and become a better individual by the end of their time spent in school, college and university. What most teachers do not actually realize is that they should be carrying way more responsibility when it comes to helping students improve their writing skills.

Even though one cannot improve their skills without working hard and having a desire to make progress, a teacher can definitely get involved and make huge differences concerning this matter. I will talk about some important tips on how to motivate and instruct the students. If a teacher follows these tips, he or she will soon notice great improvements in their students' writing skills.

If a teacher wants performance, he or she must ask for it. Some teachers expect good results, but they never do anything in order to motivate their students. The teacher should stress the fact that good, thoughtful, and clear writing will be greatly rewarded and let the students know that bonus points will be available for those who make greater efforts to express themselves better on paper.

On the other hand, let them understand that poor quality writing will bring the exact opposite results: penalizations. So if an essay has good points and ideas, but the writing shows little effort, the grade will be lower. Another thing a teacher can do is to let the students know that it's perfectly fine if they start improving themselves using online as well as offline sources. To make it better, the teacher can also recommend good quality resources such as essay writing guides or guides to grammar and writing.

Sometimes, stating clear rules and expectations is just not enough. It may not work for every student of a teacher. That is why the teacher should also take a "lighter" path. What does that mean? It means that the teacher can use non-intrusive motivation techniques that will inspire his or her students instead of scaring them. For example, one way the teacher can make them understand that writing is extremely important in their lives, not

only during their high school, college or university lives. The teacher must give a few examples of individuals who have missed great life and career opportunities because of their poor writing skills. He or she could also make them understand that writing will help them think better, connect things easier, and ultimately make their life easier in so many aspects.

Every human skill gets better with constant and repetitive practice. In this case, a teacher could easily make a small change in his or her classroom routine, and organize brief writing sessions each and every day. The teacher should ask the students to write a relatively small amount of words on a specific subject every day. It may be painful for them at first, but the more they write, the better their writing will get.

These brief writing sessions, combined with their home assignments and exams (most of which will require essay writing skills), will assure a teacher that their writing is always practiced. In this way, they will find it much easier to pull off better words, ideas, and content. Another good thing the teacher can do is to diversify the writing topics and genres. For example, during one class the students can write a non-fiction piece of content. During another class, they can put their imaginations to work and do some fiction one.

The moment a teacher provide the students with a specific assignment, takes a few moments and explains to them how they should go about it. I am talking about general and specific tips and tricks on how to approach a specific type of essay. For example, a teacher can emphasize the importance of creating clear and concise outlines before they start writing.

Another thing a teacher can do is to give them a starting point. He or she should show them some techniques that will save them time and energy. By approaching them in this manner, and giving them more than enough in order to complete their assignments, they will just do better. With time, they will significantly improve their writing skills.

When it comes to improving writing skills—for everybody, not just for students—feedback plays a huge role during

the process. As a teacher, he or she has a great deal of knowledge compared to his or her fellow students. They see their teacher as a role model, especially if he or she is the one who is training them. The role as a teacher, besides the teaching, is to offer his or her students quality feedback. This feedback should contain specific tips and corrections for each and every student separately. This way the teacher will prove to them that he or she really care about them, and he or she will also let them know where they have specifically gone wrong.

Most successful writers are also keen readers. A teacher should try to make the students understand the importance of everyday reading, and the link between reading and writing. A good way to make it easier for them is to give them clear instructions and reading material. For example, a teacher can give them a list of books, articles or essays and offer them specific and clear indications of where to look when they start the reading process, how to study the sentences, the style, and so on. In doing so, they will see great improvements when it comes to their word choice, sentences structure, and how the whole content will sound.

Writing is not rocket science. It is a basic skill that can be practiced over and over again. With the teacher's help, his or her students can become better and better as the time passes. As mentioned earlier, a teacher plays a huge role in their education and in their skills development process. At the moment the teacher decides that he or she wants to take a bigger responsibility concerning his or her student's writing aptitudes, he or she will be one step closer to what he or she wants to achieve with them. A teacher should also try different types of motivation techniques and instructions, and observe what is working best for his or her students.

Therefore, in conclusion, I would like to urge every teacher who is teaching English all over our country, if you try to follow some of the above mentioned techniques as well as you try to improve your own writing skills, the students who are under your reliable guidance will surely be good at their writing as well.

The impact of mobile phone and Internet

FROM SUPPLEMENT-A

So, the girl was very depressed and she tried to destroy her pregnancy. Unfortunately, she was dead. The neighbours tell each other about her even though she rest in peace.

I want to express another experience. It is also about a girl who is my neighbour. She also liked to use mobile phone and internet even though she was

only an eight standard student. Like the above girl, she met a man and accepted his proposal and planned to meet in reality. The man told her that they would meet at a quiet place. When they met in reality, the man hit the girl's head with a big bamboo stick and took the girl's mobile phone, diamond ring and money. Afterward, he ran away thinking that the girl was dead. Fortunately, the girl was

alive. So, she went to the nearest police station and told the police what happened to her. The police station investigated who was the criminal. Finally, the man was arrested with clear evidences.

The situations reveal that the girls should aware on using internet. In my opinion, the most important thing is parents should not allow their children to use mobile phone freely. And everyone

should use the mobile phone and internet with awareness. If so, we all will safe. In my point of view, some of the girls is facing the above situation. The world is made up of different kinds of people. There are not only good-natured people but also evil-minded people in the world. So, we should not believe in everyone. The impact of mobile phone and internet can influence around the world.