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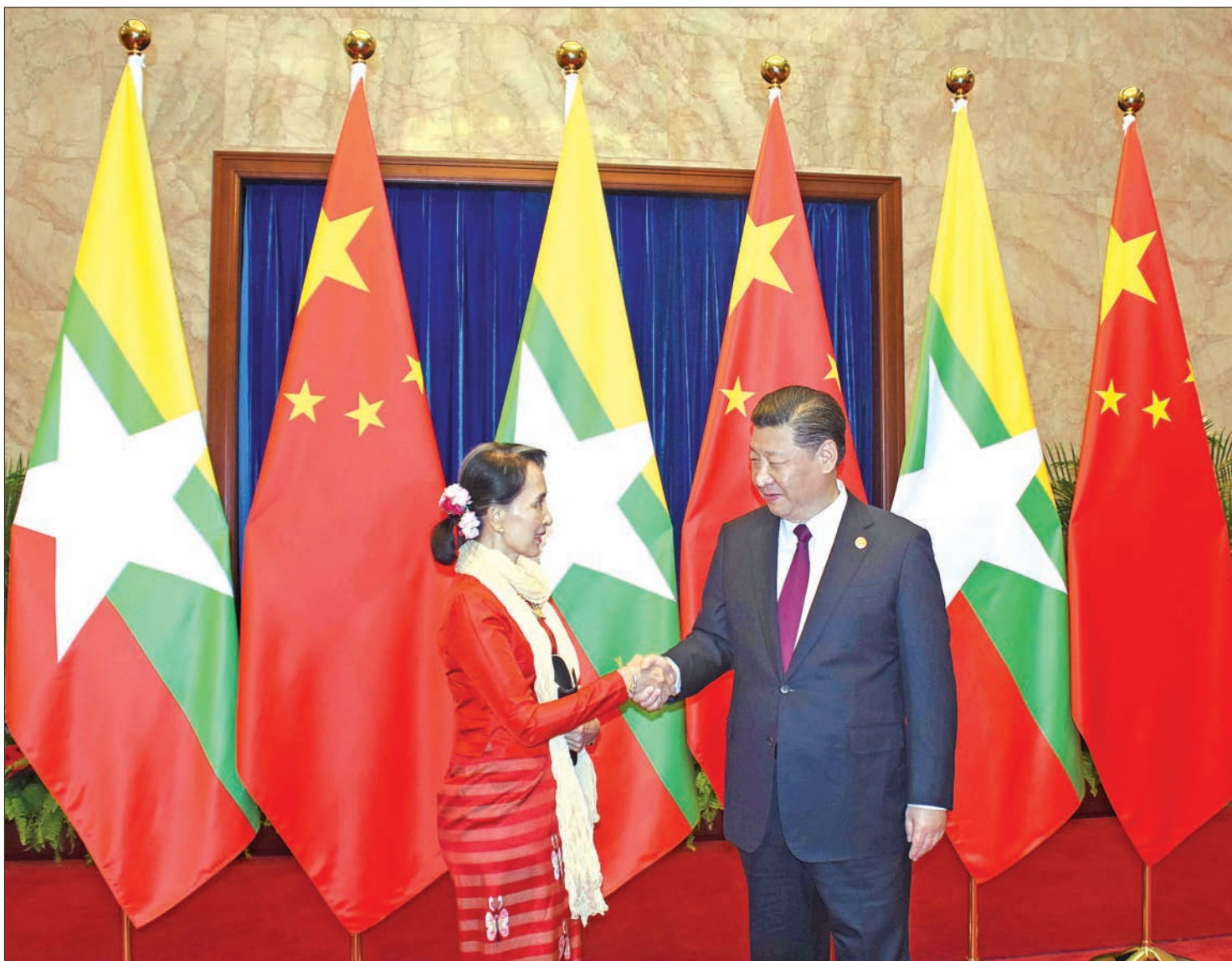
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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is welcomed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, China yesterday. **PHOTO :MNA**

Myanmar, China to deepen close ties

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks yesterday in Beijing, China, committing to creating closer ties between the two neighbouring countries.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed accelerating the strategic cooperation between the two countries based on existing bilateral relations, cooperation in the international arena, exchange of goodwill visits by

the leaders of the two countries, promoting friendship between the two peoples, cooperation in all sectors, China's assistance for projects to be implemented by the two countries and the peace process in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister U Win Khaing, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region Dr. Zaw Myint Maung, Deputy Minister U Min Thu and officials.

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VP U Myint Swe attends Youth All-Round Development Festival

The opening ceremony of the Youth All-Round Development Festival, an event for Myanmar youth with the aim for them to share information, knowledge, experiences, ethical values and to build a future human society with their good views and ideas, was held yesterday morning in front of Yangon University convocation hall. Youth All-Round Development Festival Leading Committee patron Vice President U Myint Swe attended the ceremony and cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the festivities.

The opening ceremony was attended by Youth All-Round Development Festival Leading Committee chairman Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, leading committee members Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung, Yangon Command deputy commander Maj-Gen Tin San Naing, Hluttaw representatives, Yangon Region government ministers,

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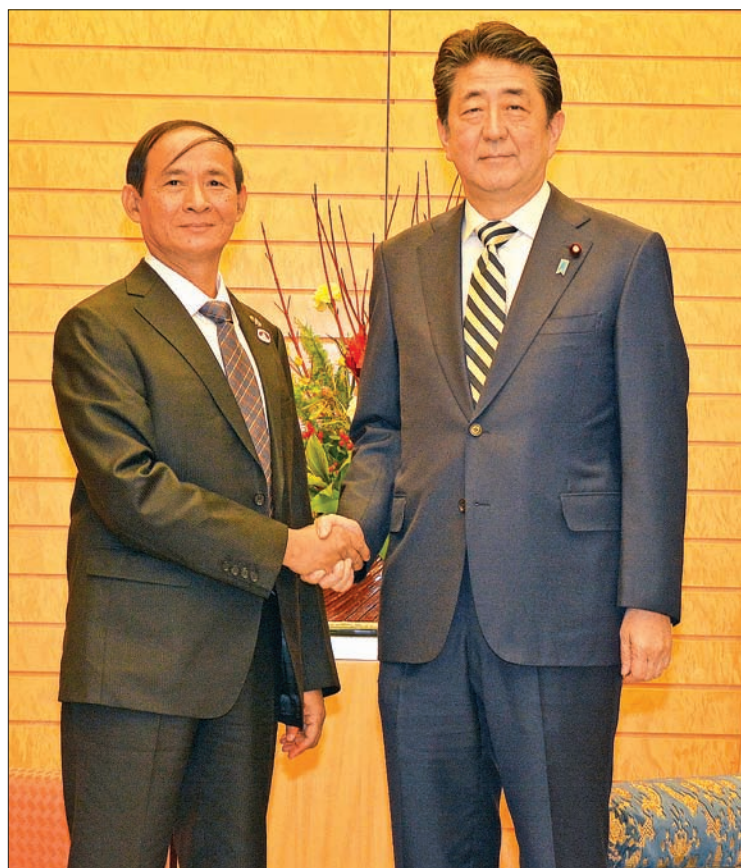
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Japan Prime Minister

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe held talks in Tokyo yesterday over promoting cooperation in all sectors between the two countries.

The discussion also focused on promoting relations between the two governments and the two parliaments.

Speaker U Win Myint is visiting Japan at the invitation of Mr. Tadamori Oshima, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan.

Present at the meeting were U Win Myint Aung, Secretary of Pyithu Hluttaw Citizen's Fundamental Rights Committee, U Inn Hton Khar Naw Sam, Pyithu Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace Implementation Committee, U Htun Htun, a member of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee, U Htun Myint, a member of the Citizen's Fundamental Rights Committee, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Thura U Thet Swe Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Thurein Thant Zin and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw Office.



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint shakes hand with Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shinzo Abe. **PHOTO: MNA**

Following the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party attended a dinner hosted by Japan-Myanmar Association at Hotel New Otani, Garden

Tower, Tokyo at 6pm (local time). At 9 am, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party visited the Imperial Palace.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat receives DCAF delegation



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat holds meeting with Dr. Cornelius Friesendorf and party of Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF). **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and chairman of Joint Coordination Committee of Hluttaw Development (JCC) U T Khun Myat received Dr. Cornelius Friesendorf and party of Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) yesterday afternoon at

the Hluttaw Deputy Speaker's Office, Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed the matters relating to assistance from DCAF to Myanmar for the rule of law and changing in security affairs

which are important for Myanmar's transitional progress, to organize the workshop on change in security affairs for the Hluttaw representatives and capacity building of the Hluttaw staff.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker concludes ROK visit

A goodwill delegation headed by Mahn Win Khaing Than, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, returned home yesterday after visiting the Republic of Korea.

The delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport last night by Yangon Region Hluttaw's Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, Charge d' Affairs of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Yangon Mr. Kim Jung Han and officials.

During the stay in Korea, the delegation visited Hyundai Motor Studio in Ilsan and Panmunjom village, in which Truce Talk between South-North was discussed, in Paju.

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and party left Incheon International Airport to Myanmar, being seen off at the airport by Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Myanmar Ambassador to Korea.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Mahn Win Khaing Than arrives back Myanmar on 1 December night. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Mahn Win Khaing Than Visits National Museum of Korea

The goodwill delegation visited the National Museum of Korea at LST 10 am on November 30, signing in the special guest record. The National Museum shows its exhibits—paintings from ancient time to 1910, presents and cultural heritage from Asia on 3 floors.

According to the responsible officials, there are over 12,000 kinds of cultural heritage items exhibited.

Following that Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and party visited Samsung Innovation Museum in Suwon.—Myanmar News Agency ■

ITAB, MLIP concludes meeting

International Technical Advisory Board – ITAB and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population concluded the two day meeting yesterday at Thinhaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

The chairman of ITAB Mr. Werner Haug clarified the publications and analytical reports, and discussed pending issues, including the publication and dissemination of remaining data and their use. The statement released by the ITAB said the ITAB recommends the government's clear leadership in parallel to the political and peace process and ensures continuous communication with ethnic groups to foster coherence and understanding of the process. The ITAB recognized that a number of ethnic groups are undertaking consul-

tations to reach a consensus on their ethnic listings. Then Dr. Nyi Nyi, who is a deputy director of Immigration and Population Department, and Ms. Janet Jackson and the chairman of ITAB Mr. Werner Haug, answered the questions raised by the media. International Technical Advisory Board – ITAB was formed with experts in demography and census in 2003. They provided technical advice to the Government to promote compliance with international standards and technology, and conducted analytical reports, which are made publically accessible on the website of the Department of Population (DoP) and UNFPA. Their duties will be completed in December, 2017.—Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi gives a speech at the opening ceremony of the "CPC in dialogue with world political parties high-level meeting, in Beijing, China on 1 December 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

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Following the meeting, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the CPC (Communist Party of China) in Dialogue with World Political Parties High-Level Meeting.

The State Counsellor delivered a speech at the meeting as the special guest of the People's Republic of China.

The Myanmar delegation headed by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended a dinner last night hosted by Mr. Wang Huning, a

member of the Politburo Standing Committee of the CPC.

Before going to the meeting yesterday, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visited the Myanmar Embassy in Beijing and met Myanmar Ambassador U Thit Lin Ohn, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tint Hsan, embassy staff and their families.

After the meeting, the State Counsellor and party attended a luncheon hosted by the ambassador.—Myanmar News Agency

Vice President U Myint Swe attends Youth All-Round Development Festival

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departmental head, experts from various sectors, rectors from universities, teachers, students and youths.

The second part of the opening ceremony was held in the Yangon University convocation hall, where Vice President U Myint Swe delivered an opening address expressing his happiness in seeing youths in a university that is over 100 years old.

This university had taught our parents and teachers as well as instilling nationalist spirits to our patriotic youths. This university produced leaders like Bogoyoke Aung San and many patriotic martyrs. It also taught science, arts and artistic creativity to our youths. In other words, this university is a place where our history and history of our independence had been passed on dutifully.

Much thanks is due to all responsible persons and organizations that help in making preparations for the Youth All-Round Development Festival in the university filled with nationalist and historical events. The festival is held with the aim of sharing information, knowledge, experience and ethical values among the youth, to increase the development of the five strengths—physical, intellectual, moral, relationship and economic and to form a future Myanmar society with the good perspectives and ideas of youth.

33.8 per cent of Myanmar's population is between the ages

of 15 and 35. Looking at the countries of the world, all are seen to invest competitively in social capital and intellectual capital by developing new generations of youth.

The Youth All-Round Development Festival held today is investing in human resources that are the most valuable investment for a country's development.

The festival includes activities concerning literature, sport, art, and creative activities. Youths, students, parents, teachers, literature enthusiasts, artists and IT specialists are urged to participate. The festival also includes round-table discussions, reciting of poems, books displays and exhibits and the image of a fresh and renewed university will be seen and sensed. For the development of a beautiful future human society in our country, the ability of the youth needs to be increased. The government alone could not increase the power of youth. The entire society together with specialists and experts need to work together.

Doing this is contributing in the building of the future of the nation. All the organizations, parents and youths attending the festival are requested to participate together in unity and in co-operation said the Vice President.

Next, Youth All-Round Development Festival Leading Committee chairman Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint explained about the aims of holding the festival.

Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi explained



Vice President U Myint Swe delivers an opening address at the opening ceremony of the Youth All-Round Development Festival, in Yangon University convocation hall on 1 December 2017. PHOTO: MNA

about the Youth All-Round Development Festival and Yangon Region Chief Minister delivered a speech of appreciation.

Award winning students in international competitions during the academic year 2016-2017 were then presented with prizes.

Vice President U Myint Swe presented prizes to Information Technology University third-year student Ma Yuzana Win, computer science and technology second-year student Ma May Pyae Sone and Yangon Technological University computer technology third-year student Maung Bone Thiha Kyaw, who came in sixth in the world-level Youth Robotics Competition. Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint also presented prizes to Yangon Technology University third-year students Maung Wai Ya Aung, Maung Kyaw Za Zaw and Maung Wai Yan Tun, who came in sixth in the world-level Youth Robotics Competition, while Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko presented prizes to IT and technology university fourth-year ES students Maung Min

Khant Lin and Maung Pyae Phyto Paing, who were 1st Runner ups in the ASEAN Makerthon 2017 Competition. Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi then presented prizes to Mandalay Computer University IT system fifth-year economic student Maung Ne Oo Kyaw who won the gold medal in World Skills Korea competition and Technology University (Yadanabon Cyber City) third-year IST student Maung Pho Thu Htat and second-year ICT student Ma Windy Aik Maung, who won the East Asia Pacific and Japan Level Top 9 award in Go Green in the City 2017 International competition. Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe presented prizes to Yangon Technology University final-year student Maung Phyto Thura Htay and Haka College first-year history student Ma Byek Parlane, who won Yangon Region Model ASEM award in Most Diplomatic Delegate from ASIA competition. High school students who attended the 6th ASEAN Plus (APT JSO) Viet Nam event, Ma Soe Yadana, Ma Kyel Sin Lin Let, Ma Su Swe

Zin, Ma Khin Yadana Phyto San and Ma Htoo Myat Thwe were presented with prizes by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyto Min Thein. A dance troupe from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture then provided entertainment by performing the Youth All-Round Development Festival theme song and singing "Htawara (eternal) Myanmar" song. After the opening ceremony was concluded, Vice President U Myint Swe and party visited the Youth All-Round Development Festival exhibitions and viewed the entertainment programme.

The Youth All-Round Development Festival will be held from 1 to 3 December from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., where literature activities, sports activities, IT and science activities, book sales, youth education programmes, discussions, songs, dance, music and entertainment programmes will be provided. All interested young persons can visit and participate in the Youth All-Round Development Festival.—Myanmar News Agency

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Expansion of Mandalay international flights attracts more tourists

TOURIST arrivals to Mandalay have increased due to an expansion of Mandalay international flights, specifically the Mandalay-Bangkok-Yangon-Mandalay, Mandalay-Hong Kong and Mandalay-Gaya routes.

Additionally, tourists come to visit Mandalay through border gates by motorcycle or cars. Mandalay hosted a total of 374,221 tourists from January to October this year, mostly from China, Thailand, India, Singapore and Viet Nam. Tourists from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States also visited Mandalay.



A couple of tourist walk across U Bein Bridge over Taungthaman Lake in Mandalay. **PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE**

Tourists like to tour the Bagan-Nyaung U cultural zone, the Ava cultural site and Pyin Oo Lwin.

To facilitate the tourists, in

addition to three international airports — Yangon International Airport, Mandalay International Airport and Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, they are

now permitted to enter the country via Kawthoung, Tachilek and Myawady land points of entry with a valid e-Visa. —GNLM ■

CPI in October shows slight increase against September, so does inflation rate

THE Consumer Price Index (CPI) in October was 135.70, higher than that of September on account of the high price of consumer products in the food, cigarette, beverage, health, and transportation groups, officials said.

Similarly, the Year-on-Year CPI in October was up by 4 per cent compared to the same period last year. Low and moderate income families have been battered by high consumer prices.

The annual rate of infla-

tion in October based on CPI is 4.7 per cent, a slight increase against September, according to a recent announcement released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) under the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

The Year-on-Year Inflation rate was 4 per cent in September 2017 versus September 2016.

Rakhine State recorded the highest inflation rate of 9 per cent as of October, while Chin State showed the lowest inflation

rate of 2 per cent. Kachin State is listed as having the second-highest rate of 7.8 per cent, and Shan State is recorded as the third highest at 5.73 per cent.

Yangon city is recorded as having a 4.6 per cent inflation rate, while Mandalay is at 5.3 per cent and Nay Pyi Taw is at 2.57 per cent.

Previously, the inflation rate was evaluated on a 2006 survey until the base year was changed to 2012. The Central Statistical Organization con-

ducted the Household Income and Expenditure Survey in 82 townships in November 2012.

The inflation rate in the first five-year plan from the 2011-2012 FY to the 2015-2016 FY rose. In a bid to reduce the inflation rate, authorities are making efforts in the second five-year plan based on the policies of finance, currency, trade and foreign currency control, according to the second five-year National Development plan.—Ko Htet ■

Report on Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of southwest Yangon given to Construction Ministry

THE Ministry of Construction, Urban and Housing Development Department and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) successfully concluded the Master Plan Report for the Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago corridor and development of the southwest part of Yangon.

An official handover ceremony was held at the meeting hall of the Construction Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, with Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy delivering an opening

speech.

With a view to development of the southwest Yangon region, a gateway to the seaport, and Yangon-Bago areas, which possess development possibilities, the Master Plan was drawn up with the assistance of KOICA, said U Win Khaing.

The KOICA Project Team commenced drafting of the Master Plan in January 2016, compiling development direction strategies for regional development and concept plans related to law, he added.

In addition, the Construction Ministry has been drawing up 2030 integrated Master Plan projects for construction, transportation, infrastructure and urban development. The Yangon-Hanthawaddy-Bago Master Plan project will also be drawn up in line with the country's regional development process, he continued.

A feasibility study is required to implement urban projects and infrastructure building projects embodied in the Master Plan. We would like to receive

expertise from KOICA to carry out the projects, said U Win Khaing.

Regional representative from KOICA explained the Master Plan Final Report and handed it over to U Min Htein, the director-general of the Construction Ministry.

This report aims to create balanced regional development linking the commercial city of Yangon and transportation and logistics hub Bago, which has higher possibilities of development.—MNA ■

Rubber sale centres to be implemented in Mon state

By May Thet Hnin

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) has submitted a proposal to the government to grant the land to construct rubber sale centres in ten towns of Mon State, said U Banyar San, the vice chairman of Mon State UMFCCI office.

“UMFCCI has submitted a proposal to the government at the end of last month at the deputy president-1 and entrepreneurs meeting. The rubber sale centres are wholesale depots of the rubber commodity,” he added.

Rubber sale centres are planned to be opened in Mawlamyine, Mudon, Thanbyuzayat, Ye, Kyaikto, Thaton, Chaungzon, Paung, and Bilin towns in Mon State. Currently, purchasers buy

rubber directly from the first owners. Then the purchasers distribute the rubber to export traders or factories. This often results in varying, unstable prices for rubber.

“To be able to emerge the rubber central markets which can encompass the whole country in 2018, the association is drawing up the Rubber Law as soon as possible”, said U Khaing Myint, the secretary of the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers’ Association.

“To be able to produce high-quality rubber, local farmers have to use formic acid, which is quite expensive compared to the price of sulphuric acid, which is currently using in rubber production. Therefore, Mon State UMFCCI has also submitted a proposal to get a tax exemption for the imported

formic acid from abroad,” said an official from the Mon State UMFCCI office.

Moreover, we have already submitted a proposal to the Union government to provide long-term loans with lower interest rates to construct a dry rubber factory. Therefore, we want the union government to implement our proposal as soon as possible, said U Banyar San.

China usually buys about 70 per cent of Myanmar’s rubber. The other 30 per cent is shipped to Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia. Myanmar rubber is produced mainly in Mon State, Taninthayi Region, Kayin State, Yangon Region and Bago Region. Currently, Myanmar has more than 1.6 million acres of rubber plantations and more than 700,000 acres is producing rubber latex.

Local fuel price increases by Ks45 per liter in 30 days



A staff fills a car with fuel at a refilling station in Yangon. PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

THE local fuel price has increased by around Ks45 per liter in November due to the rise in the global fuel market, according to petroleum experts.

In November, the fuel price in the global market increased by around US\$ 3 per liter. The price of local fuel has increased by Ks10 per liter in the retail and wholesale market in the third week of November.

“The local fuel price remained on the rise because the local fuel price is related to the global fuel price and the US dollar exchange rate,” said fuel entrepreneurs.

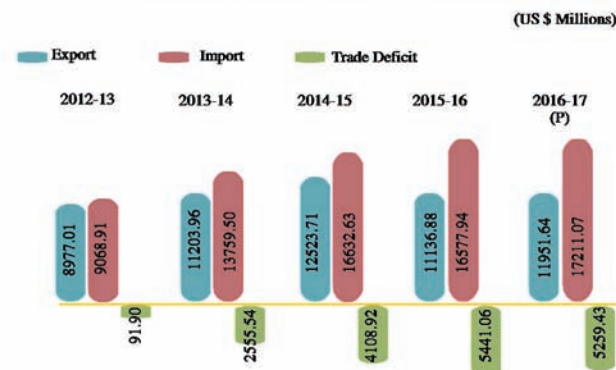
According to filling stations in Yangon, the price of a liter of diesel reached around Ks785 in the retail market, while one liter of high-quality diesel sold for Ks805, 92 Octane for Ks790

and 95 Octane for Ks830.

The price of a liter of diesel reached around Ks745 in the wholesale market, while one liter of high-quality diesel was sold for Ks775, 92 Octane for Ks740 and 95 Octane for Ks775.

Currently, global fuel is selling for US\$73 for 92 Octane, US\$75 for 95 Octane, US\$74 for diesel and US\$74 for high quality diesel per barrel. —Min Thu

VALUE OF FOREIGN TRADE IN MYANMAR



Source: Customs Department
Information Unit: Central Statistical Organization

Bilateral trade between Thailand and Myanmar reaches US\$2.45 billion

MYANMAR’S trade with neighbouring Thailand from 1st April to the end of September in the current FY amounted to over US\$2.45 billion, with an estimated export value of nearly \$1.4 billion and an import value of over \$1 billion, according to statistics released by the Commerce Ministry. Among countries of the regional trade regime, Thailand stood at the top spot. Bilateral trade between Thailand and Myanmar is conducted through both sea routes and border gates.

Cosmetics, machinery, food products, agricultural equipment, and trucks are imported into Myanmar while fish, crabs, prawns, squid, eel, and other fishery prod-

ucts, plus onions, sesame seeds, turmeric, corn and dried tea leaf are exported to Thailand.

Border trade with Thailand flows in and out of the Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekee, Mawtaung and Maese border gates. Bilateral trade values were about \$4.27 billion in FY 2016-2017, \$4.86 billion in FY 2015-16, \$5.71 billion in FY 2014-2015, \$5.66 billion in FY 2013-2014, \$4.69 billion in FY 2012-2013 and about \$4.51 billion in FY 2011-2012.

Since FY 1988-89, the Myanmar Investment Commission permitted 112 enterprises for Thailand investors with an estimated capital of \$11 billion. —Ko Khant

Local buying more gem souvenirs than foreigners

LOCAL people who are going to visit other countries are buying more gem souvenirs than tourists, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

“We sell different kinds of jewellery which are made of natural mineral resources. We are providing services for making company logos with gems. But people prefer low-price items than the expensive ones. Most of the buyers are local people who

are planning to visit overseas”, said Ma San May, the owner of the P&P souvenir and jewellery shop on 38th street in Yangon.

Souvenirs such as necklaces, lockets, bracelets, paintings, auto accessories and phone covers are selling well these days, vendors said. The items they buy differ depending on the country they visit.

The price of the souvenirs depend on the quality.—GNLM

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Would that Yangon University Campus had been out of hibernation, always! : Writer Ponnya Khin

At the Youth All-Round Development Festival which commenced to be held today, the talk show titled “Youths in Pursuit of Arts,” was attended by youths. At the talk show presented by youth director Aung Myat and writer Ponnya Khin, youths took part in discussions attentively. The place nearby Thit Poke Pin Tree where rare books were exhibited and the other place in which photos of prominent writers were shown are being crowded with youths. Many are gathering in front of national lad and lass statues to take photographs. And, myriads of youths are going to and fro in front of showrooms for job opportunity before the Yangon University of Economics, whereas many are walking in front of showrooms for sharing knowledge along the Adipadi Road.

Here are some interviews with Myanmar News Agency. Writer Ponnya Khin (leading negotiator—under the title of youths in pursuit of Arts)

It is just a talk show. While pursuing academic learning, an itching desire occurs to some youths. At that time, which kinds of hardship do they have? And, do their environments support their aspiration to develop? How will we make the youths develop artistic spirits while learning in classrooms? How will we encourage their hobbies? We will recount our experiences as to how we had overcome difficulties encountered as an artist. We want to hear their voices too. As for those present at the talk show, they can discuss and ask questions concerning what they want to know. We will give our replies. We hope the authorities concerned will come to know difficulties of youths to fulfill their needs. On seeing Yangon University Campus crowded with people, I assume it became alive more than ever. I would like Yangon University Campus to be active with youths’ activities, all the time. By observing such celebrations the event seems to be the one which will beautify YUC. Would that the event had left a good result for the University and the youths.

Youth director Aung Myat (leading negotiator—under the title of youths in pursuit of Arts)

At the invitation of the writer Ponnya Khin, I came here to dis-



Writer Ponnya Khin.
PHOTO: HLA MOE



Youth director Aung Myat.
PHOTO: HLA MOE



Daw Aye Aye Lwin.
PHOTO: HLA MOE



U Kyaw Shin Naung.
PHOTO: HLA MOE



Rare books belonging to past 5 decades which cannot be found have been shown for the public to study and read.



U Kyaw Khaing Win.



cuss as to what a youth’s concept towards the art is and how much the arts is connected with youths and how much it is important. “Arts” is not the line that divides ages. It is the subject concerned with the whole planet. Anyone can appreciate it. It is beneficial to have arranged such events as we had a chance to express that not only the old but also the young can take part in the event. Being a youth, I myself have more opportunities more than ever.

Daw Aye Aye Lwin, (head of the department—social welfare department, Yangon) (drug Rehabilitation centre—showroom)

Drugs are spreading among youths. Some do not know how to heal drug-addicts if youths are addicted to drugs. It can be cured for two weeks at the psychiatric

hospital in Ywathagyi. After treatment at the hospital, it is required to give physical and spiritual rehabilitation to get rid of minds desirous of returning to former condition. In the past, trainees were not accepted due to the difficulties of accommodation. Now arrangements are underway to accept trainees. Vocational trainings will be taught them from the centre. For this aim, we took part in the festival.

U Kyaw Khaing Win (Sarpay Beikman-Librarian) (Exhibition on rare books)

Sarpay Beikman under the Ministry of Information arranged to include the exhibition in the festival. Rare books belonging to past 5 decades which cannot be found have been shown for the public to study and read. Books in the reign of Prime Minister U Nu

which were published by Sarpay Beikman, books on social cultural and scientific matters over 50 years ago as well as magazines, encyclopedias, Pyithu Letswe Sarzin, published from 1952 to 1959 from Sarpay Beikman are being exhibited.

U Kyaw Shin Naung (Assistant Director, National Museum Yangon)

This showroom was opened by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, showing costumes, traditional musical instruments, traditional food, costumes and statues of 8 national ethnic groups are being showed. It has also been arranged for visitors to be able to take photographs in front of the lawn with costumes of 8 national ethnic groups and their statues. It is designed for youths and children to be well convinced of cultural heritages of national

people. I assume unity spirit and habits of cooperation will develop in youths.

U Than Soe (Chief Editor Opportunity Journal)

In the festival companies were invited to take part so that youths hunting for jobs can know which kinds of companies are calling jobs, by linking with 32 companies. By visiting the exhibition, youths will come to know what preparations they need to make.

U Thein Soe (Thein Soe—Thiha Yadanar) Showroom for photos of remarkable writers

Especially youths will come to take part in the festival, so we arranged like this for youths to have ever seen photos of writers of yester-years—from 1880 till now.—Yi Yi Myint, Ohnmar Thant ■

Youth festival should be held every year so that we can show our talents and abilities

Ma Khin Win Shwe (Final Year,
University of Education)

YOUTH All-Round Development Festival is being held at the University of Yangon for three days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 1-3. It aims to promote physical and mental well-being of today's youths.

At the festival, many activities related to literacy talks, arts, sports, IT and science are included while music bands are being entertained for the public.

The GNLM interviewed responsible officials and some of the artists who are joining this event.

Academy Di Ra Mo,
a musician

It is nice for me to participate in this event, and I met with many youths from different parts of our country. They can study the cultural shows, Myanmar musical instruments and entertainment at one place. It is also beneficial to us and I am very pleased to watch these respective festivals.

U Tin Soe
(Lecturer of Fine Arts)

I am assigned as the art activity and aim at amusing the youths by watching cartoons, animations, sketches and portraits. They can make them amused and happy and I am very pleased to do so.

Maung Aung Than Htay
(Third Year of Fine Arts University)

The main thing is that many youths like us can be able to take part in these activities at the University campus. We are assigned as the art activity, especially the art of swing which was originally from Indian culture. In the entertainment sector, we perform the



U Tin Maung Thein.
PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN



Maung Myo Myat Aung.
PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN



Ma Khin Win Shwe.
PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN



Ma Thet Htar Shwe Zin.
PHOTO: ZAR NI



Ma Toe Thizar Khaing.
PHOTO: ZAR NI



Maung Aung Khant Wai.
PHOTO: ZAR NI

arts combined with Myanmar and Indian culture, which can enhance the friendship among our youths.

Ma Khin Win Shwe
(Final Year, University of Education)

As a member of our youths, I am in charge of the education sector, and I am very glad to be able to do so. It is fun and amusing. I haven't seen this kind of activities before. I'd like to say words of thanks to those who are responsible for this event. And I'd like to suggest to hold this kind of development festival every year so that we can show our talents and abilities because everyone has his or her own talents. Moreover their dreams can come true accordingly. Parents should not force their children to do what they

want to, and should permit them the ways they desire.

Ma Thet Htar Shwe Zin
(a student of Aung San Thuriya High School)

I am very interested in coming to this event which is a kind of amusing entertainment. It can give us knowledge and fun. I haven't experienced this before, and I am determined to attend the University of Fine Arts when I pass the matric exams. This kind of festival for us should be held occasionally.

This is a festival that our young students should join it without fail. In addition to education sectors, there are many exhibitions such as drawing sketches, traditional dresses, cultural shows, picture with animations, quiz and puzzles, paintings, status, sculptures and

artworks are being exhibited for a period of three days. Many students from different places come and study it.

Maung Aung Khant Wai
(Final Year, University of Computer Studies)

What I'd like to tell our youths like me is that computer science plays a vital role in this IT age, and we should study it in order to keep abreast with the time. We can show our talents and shape our rosy future. It is proved that we can do it without any difficulty if we have a strong desire. Personally, this festival is worth visiting.

Ma Toe Thizar Khaing
(Third Year, Dagon University)

I have a keen interest in joining this festival with my

dear friends, who are different majors in my schools. I am also getting to know with other new friends and proud of being a part of it. This exhibits how to make pure and clean water which can help the people of rural areas. Moreover, there is another show how to make bricks which are mixture of plastics, and it can be built many houses built of bricks by using this technology. It is less costly and effective.

Maung Myo Myat Aung
(Third Year, Botany)

I am delighted to attend this festival, and happy to meet with all my friends. We can exchange our points of view and knowledge. Our group was assigned to exhibit shellfish and butterflies to the comers. I want them to see rare species of animals.

U Tin Maung Thein
(Chairman of Myanmar Human Resource Management)

I am responsible to conduct human resource management and am willing to accept new members who are mostly youths of today. I can share my knowledge for those who are really energetic and young enthusiasts. Next, I would counsel the young graduates who are ready to go to workplace, and I love meeting them. This is an event for Myanmar youths and the festival is full of activities and entertainments which are good opportunities for them. All are invited to join happily via media. Sporting events, sales and demonstration of weaving, arts and science shows are being held in front of Sagaing Hall, and Bago Hall along the Adipadi Road.—Aung Kyaw Oo and Khin Zar Li ■

Mister Tourism World 2017 to be held in four cities

MYANMAR will host the Mister Tourism World 2017 competition in four cities to promote tourism industry, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Contestants from over 20 countries will participate in the

event. Aung Hsaing Htut from Myanmar will participate in the event.

Okkar Min Maung from Myanmar won a prize in Mister Tourism World 2016, which was held in the Philippines.

"This competition is not

only for the showcase of beauties.

We have to read many books to promote our knowledge to participate in the competition.

The contestant from Myanmar will succeed in 2017

competition depending on how much hard has he tried, said Okkar Min Maung.

The competitions will be held in Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Ngwesaung from 10 to 21 December. The final show will take place at the

National Theatre in Yangon on 21 December.

The event is held with the aim of letting other countries know about Myanmar's natural beauty and boost the tourism industry to meet international standards.—GNLM ■

Different religions at the confluence of kind hearts of similarity

POPE Francis and party held a meeting with the Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at the Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Hall at the Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon. It is assumed that similar statements which have emerged from the leaders of different religions underscore the importance of religions in people’s lives. Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa, Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee said, “There is no doubt that fundamental principles of every religion are based on loving and

kindness to each other, individual households, societies, citizens and states will be able to co-exist peacefully. By committing peaceful coexistence among states, global peace can be achieved certainly.” This highlights that religions are of importance in people’s lives.

The Pontiff also said, “It can be said we are fulfilling their hope by asserting the same voice of confirmation on basic personal integrity, peace and justice.” Dr. Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa said that members of different faiths urgently needed to build mutual understanding, respect and trust among themselves in order to obtain a peaceful, secure and prosperous human society. These are

admonitions from the two religious leaders for different believers to abide by in human societies.

The Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka also pointed out, “All our religious leaders are required to teach authenticities of their respective religions to followers, without bearing any grudges in minds. All must denounce all kinds of hate speech, false propaganda, conflicts and wars under the pretext of religion and strongly condemn those who support any such activities.”

The Pope said, “Our sermons teach us to live in peace and unity, so we are to strive ourselves to overcome ignorance, intolerance, misunderstanding and hatred.” We must keep the Pontiff’s teachings in our mind that there seems to be similarities between Buddha’s sayings included in the Dhammapada and the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Papal assertion saying, “Let us lend our hands to Catholic Christians or Buddhists who are striving to augment the compatibility and compassion among the societies of mankind,” is pointing out to all of us at the right path we need to tread on.

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A farmer sprays pesticides on pea crop in Kawa, Bago Region. PHOTO AYE MIN SOE

Did You Fall Prey to Pesticide Residue Crops?

By Dr. Wunna Htun [Agri]

Are you sure as to whether foods you consume every day are safe for health? Have you already taken pesticide residue-contaminated crops, into which excessive amount of fertilizers and pesticides were applied at the time of plantation? Are foods and foodstuff we paid much on the assumption that they can fulfill energy and sustenance needed for our health really fit for our health? Have you noticed that agricultural systems producing today’s farming produce are harming environmental pollution and personal hygiene of our farmers and workers?

Threating environment and health

The above-said questions are threatening consumers, agro producers and foodstuff markets. People across the world are now in for health risks. Today’s crops are mostly contaminated with chemicals, microbes harmful to health, Aflatoxin commonly found in corn and groundnut including pesticides, causing many diseases

and health problems to beings, such as vomiting, bowel disorders, liver disease, cancers and other chronic diseases and occasionally claiming lives.

In agriculture and farming, fertilizers and insecticides are excessively applied, thus chemicals/heavy metal included in these, namely—arsenic, lead, mercury, cadmium and etc., adulterate soil, water and crops. Undeniably, it is dead sure that anyone takes such kinds of food contaminated with heavy metals will be harmed in health. With the progress in hygienic knowledge, consumers had demanded for healthy food and in international markets the practice is very popular with consumers. And, now is the time for farmers to produce crops safe for health.

Demand for safe food in global markets existed for long. Amongst changing social life, increasing care for health with the developing world what consumers actually need in their daily lives is none other than food and foodstuff certifying guarantees of safety, safe farming industries and safe agriculture system. With the devel-



opment of tourism industries it is necessary for us to safely produce food and foodstuff, and simultaneously we need to prove our foods to be safe. These guarantee certificates are of great importance to put foods and foodstuff on sale at super markets and to export them into global markets. Global markets are now demanding foods and foodstuff free from pesticide residues, heavy metals such as arsenic, lead and mercury, e coli, Salmonella and Aflatoxin. Now at the time when other countries can give guarantees about their

produce, we cannot fetch good prices under the current situation. So as to deal with the problem, we have no alternative but to choose GAP System in agriculture.

Good practice

GAP means good practices of taking care not to be adulterated due to chemicals and pesticide residues at every level of production from the time choosing soil for growing crops up to the time of delivering crops into the hands of consumers. Officially registered and trustworthy ferti-



PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

lizers, fungicides and pesticides can be applied systematically. So as not to harm environment and for environmental conservation, these must be used in systematical ways and simultaneously it needs to dispose the used wastage systematically.

GAP was initiated in Europe. Now, in Myanmar as well Myan GAP started to be launched in its own standards, implementing good practices on Myanmar agriculture, depending 4 sectors, viz—

- 1/ sector on safe food
- 2/ sector on environmental conversation
- 3/ sector on crop quality and
- 4/ sector on workers’ health, safety and pleasure on social life

Residue

If crops are to be grown in GAP System, any kinds of industries must abide by the said 4 sectors. For example, in using a kind of fertilizer

1/ Ensure that crops do not have pesticide residues and may not harm consumers.

2/ Ensure that the said fertilizer does not make the soil, water and environs dirty.

3/ The fertilizer must help the quality of the crop to be better, and it must be free from danger.

4/ Ensure that health of workers touching fertilizers must not be affected by it.

At present the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Irrigation has drawn up procedures and standards of Myanmar GAP. Besides, instructions to be followed according to the designated crops to be grown had been discussed many times by the professionals and farmers systematically it was publicized on 10th November. Until now, concerning paddy, pulses (green gram and black gram) corn, ground-nut, sesame, coffee, mango, avocado, water melon, sweet cucumber, tomato, chilli, cauliflower, and onion, instructions had been released. Instructions will be drawn up for the other crops with high dangerous level, which are plentiful in the country’s production and attractive for outside customers.

It has already been prepared concerning the process of applying for the GAP Certificate for agricultural industries which produced by using GAP system. Implementation of the process was systematically being done by forming supervision committee for giving GAP certificates, committee for giving out GAP certificates, Education committee, Laboratory Team, Inspection Team. In 2016 27 mango plantation farms were given out certificates, with 25 mango plantation farms and 5 tomato plantation groups in 2017 respectively.

Enquiries available

The Department of Agriculture is performing its process of technical provision of applying Myanmar GAP system and giving out the GAP acknowledgement certificates with great momentum. Here I would like to share the information that application forms are available for those who would like to get GAP Certificate by applying GAP Systems at respective township, district and Region Agricultural Department Offices and Nay Pyi Taw head-quarter. And information on GAP can be enquired at those places.

Agriculture became an industry which can fetch foreign exchanges from self-help-basis backyard/kitchen plantation. People came to care the productions of agricultural produce which are healthy, nutritious and rich in sustenance. Global countries are transforming into the industries which can guarantee from the stage of normal agriculture.

It is necessary for agro-producers to systematically abide by the instructions—not to produce crops with high density of pesticide residues. Last but not least, I suggest our farmers to perform in contact with GAP, for the crops to be free from dangers, to be sold up at high price at the markets and to extend to the global market.

Translated by
Khin Maung Oo

WEATHER

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (18:30)hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over the Andaman Sea still persists. It is likely to concentrate into a depression during next (48)hrs. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 2nd DECEMBER, 2017: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainly is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, Rakhine State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts. Surface winds speed in easterly winds may reach (30)m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (6 - 8)feet in off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts and (4-6)feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Slight decrease of night temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayah States.

POEM

The Undeclared

The golden soul
of gold is put to test
by the merciless erosion of acid,
Yet pure gold remains brighter gold.

Blown in the scorching heat
drop Little Star-flowers,
scattered all over the ground,
Yet their scent remains sweet.

Falls dead
under the crushing clutch of the Hand,
Poor little Rose,
Yet her petals remain red.

The bludgeonings behind the bars of tears,
and the dark, deaf Walls,
Yet, through the silent night, the unchained melody
of a flute floats free far and near.

Zaw Tun

(A humble tribute to all
comrades, fallen and living.)

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

Festival to develop youths



Vice President U Myint Swe together with Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and officials visit the booths at Youth All-Round Development Festival in Yangon University Campus. **PHOTO: MNA**



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein presents the certificate of honour to an outstanding student. **PHOTO: MNA**



Students perform at the opening ceremony of the Youth All-Round Development Festival **PHOTO: MNA**



A band troupe entertains audience at the opening ceremony of Youth All-Round Development Festival. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

Outdoor sports activities at the Youth All-Round Development Festival attract students



Students participate in sport activities at Youth All-Round Development Festival at the University of Yangon on 1 December 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

VP U Henry Van Thio inspects airport, office construction sites and preparations for APWF

VICE President U Henry Van Thio yesterday visited the sites on which Hanthawaddy International Airport and the National Water Resources Committee office building will be constructed and inspected preparation to hold the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF).

Hanthawaddy International Airport Construction Project Leading Committee Chairman Vice President U Henry Van Thio arrived at the Hanthawaddy International Airport Construction site at 11 a.m.

The Vice President was briefed about the Hanthawaddy International Airport Construction Project by Hanthawaddy International Airport Construction Project Leading Committee members Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein and Department of Civil Aviation Director General U Min Lwin in the project briefing hall.

In response to the briefing, the Vice President remarked on the need to complete the coordination on remaining matters, implementing the project as soon as possible and resolving the land issues systematically.



Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects the site of Hanthawaddy International Airport. PHOTO: MNA

The Vice President, Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein then toured the Hanthawaddy International Airport construction site.

In the afternoon, National Water Resources Committee Chairman Vice President U Henry Van Thio accompanied

by Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung visited a site in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region where the National Water Resources Committee office building is to be constructed. At the site, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System Director General U Htun Lwin Oo talked about

the site planned for the building, the building design and the estimated cost.

Afterwards, Chairman of Steering Committee to hold 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Forum Vice President U Henry Van Thio reached Yangon Region government office and inspected preparations made for the

3rd Asia-Pacific Water Forum. Work committees and sub-committees explained preparation works and Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein provided additional explanations.

In his comment to the explanations, the Vice President spoke not only of achieving the aim of holding the APWF successfully, but to obtain effective solutions to water problems faced by the country through international cooperation. By reporting on behalf of the Asia-Pacific region, the region's water-related challenges and finding a solution together at World Water Forum to be held in Brazil in 2018, the country's image is raised, as well as raising the honour of the nation, and thus all are urged to do their best in preparing and coordinating for the water forum.

The first water forum was held in Japan in 2007 and the second was held in Thailand in 2013. The 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Forum hosted by Myanmar will be held from 11 to 12 December, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

SG Min Aung Hlaing addresses at 59th Intake Graduation of DSA

THE 59th intake graduation ceremony was held in the morning at the parade ground of the Defence Service Academy in Pyin Oo Lwin.

First of all, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services received the salute of Cadet brigades, inspecting the cadet brigades, followed by paying salute with quick and slow march.

Afterward, Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing presented prizes to outstanding students—cadet no/30765 Cadet Kyaw Thura the Aung Sitthi award, Cadet no/31232 Cadet Myo Zaw Oo the training outstanding award, Cadet no/31139 Cadet Pyae Phyo Aung the outstanding award for literature (Arts), Cadet no/31479 Cadet Than Toe Aung the outstanding award for literature (Science) and Cadet no/31488 Cadet Thein Toe Aung the outstanding award for computer.

C-in-C of the Defence Services said, "In accord with



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the graduation parade at the 59th Intake of DSA. PHOTO: MNA

the aims and objectives of the Defence Service Academy to produce well-trained military officials, junior leaders of the Tatmadaw are being produced. As the graduate cadets, throughout the successive eras the officers had performed national

duty and the Tatmadaw's duties successfully. So as to keep the dignity and value of Tatmadaw, military officers are required to try hard to become good officers.

"In addition, Senior General addressed, "Tatmadaw duty is to

protect the national sovereignty, and bring about the national interest. The duties have been entrusted according to the Constitution, but it must be noted that no one can perform anything out of law. No one is above the law. In performing duties,

Tatmadawmen are to abide by rules, laws and regulations, instructions and directives strictly. In the events of Rakhine State, it was found that Tatmadaw has performed their duties in accord with laws and rules systematically concerning Rules of Engagement.

Senior General left the parade ground after receiving salute of cadet brigades. After the ceremony C-in-C of Defence Services met with 5 outstanding cadets and their parents, giving words of honour. Present at the ceremony wife of C-in-C of Defence Services Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Union Minister for Defence, high-ranking officials of Commanders-in-Chief (Army, Navy, Air) and their wives, Commanders of the Commands, Principal of the Defence Service Academy and military attaches from foreign countries, invited guests and parents of graduate cadets.—MNA ■

Ks2.2 billion to implement Maungtaw Kanyinchaung Economic Zone

THE Kanyinchaung Economic Zone, only 3 miles away from Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, will be implemented with an additional Ks.1.5 billion from the Rakhine State government and Ks 700 million from private businesses.

The Ks2.2 billion work will be implemented in a joint venture between the Rakhine State government and Naf Myit (Naf River) Alin (Light) company limited, it was announced at the ceremony on commencement of work to implement the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone yesterday.

“This is the first step of the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone. Much was done to take this first step. Establishment of an economic zone would benefit the region. Peace can bring about good economy and good economy will also bring about peace in the country. The government is setting up policy and implementing it for the simultaneous development of peace and economy. Government is putting much emphasis on Rakh-



Dump trucks are seen in Kanyinchaung Economic Zone, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State.

PHOTO: MIN HTAT

ine State situation. After August 25, it is known to everyone that economic development of the region, stability, peace and long term socio-economic development has been given a priority. The whole country is cooperating for all round development of this region”, said management committee chairman U Nyi Pu.

Implementation of the Maungtaw Kanyinchaung Economic Zone was started by the Rakhine State government and

Maungtaw region businesses in October 2015. As a first stage, it was constructed on 49.6 acres of land and to upgrade from Kanyinchaung trade zone to Kanyinchaung economic zone, 100 acres of land was added. Using the waterway, Kanyinchaung economic zone is only about 15 minutes away from Bangladesh and it is an economic zone that will prioritise the export/import sector. Of the border trade economic zones, Maungtaw border

trade conduct 90 per cent exports and only 10 per cent imports, while trades are conducted solely in American currency.

“Of the nine border trade gates, Maungtaw Economic Zone is the one that has a trade surplus. Before the 2012 event, target achieved was beyond the amount set by border trade head office. After July 2016, combined export/import values dropped below 60 per cent. The work on the economic zone was started

in October 2015 with the Rakhine State government putting up Ks600 million and the private sector putting up Ks400 million. Now the state government is putting in an additional Ks1.5 billion, while the private sector is putting in Ks700 million at the ratio of 65:35. Earth work and road construction will be completed in February. Construction of the remaining buildings will be completed in March”, said Kanyinchaung Economic Zone management committee Vice Chairman 2 U Aung Myint Thein.

The Kanyinchaung Economic Zone will have cold storage facilities to store meat, fish and prawns, garment factories, trading offices, restaurants and rest houses. Part one zone A is being implemented on 49.58 acres of land while zones B, C and D in part two will be on 103.36 acres of land. The Kanyinchaung Economic Zone will be on 152.94 acres of land and once completed, it is expected to increase the Maungtaw border trade volume significantly, it is learnt.—News team ■

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union inspects Kyaukpyu Prison

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Thar Htay along with Judge of the High Court of Rakhine State U Kyauk and Judge of the Kyaukpyu District Court Daw Khin Sanda Khin inspected Kyaukpyu Prison recently.

The team led by the Supreme Court's judge met with the prisoners, enquiring whether the prisoners get their rights.

During the visit, they inspected meals, accommodation, health care, water supply and library service provided to them.

The delegation also enquired the inmates whether they were tortured in the prison.

The judges made arrangement for ensuring rights of pris-



Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union and officials inspect Kyaukphyu Prison. **PHOTO: PHYO WAI LIN(IPRD)**

oners in accordance with the prison manual.

Following the tour of inspection, the delegation met with judges and law officers in Kyaukpyu

District at Kyaukpyu District Court and urged them to avoid partiality and corruption to gain the trust of the public.—Phyo Wai Lin(IPRD) ■

Two suspects arrested, ammunition seized in Maungtaw, Rakhine State

Security personnel conducted law enforcement measures yesterday and seized ammunition from a house in West Myoma Ward in Maungtaw township.

Acting on a tip-off, securi-

ty personnel searched a house owned by Zaw Mi Armad, 53, in the West Myoma Ward in Maungtaw Township and found one Luger-type pistol and one ballistic shield with 23 bullets in the ground underneath the

excrement pipe of the house. Officials also arrested Zaw Mi Armad as well as his son, Soe Naing Kyaw, 24.

The police filed charges against them under the Law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Over 845,000 stimulant tablets confiscated in Naf River

Security police confiscated 845,500 stimulant tablets from three suspects who crossed the Naf River, Maungtaw Township Rakhine State yesterday.

On yesterday morning, police were on patrol in Naf River near U Saw Hla Island and arrested a suspect, Maw Noe, 30 who lives in Thayat Oak Village, Maungtaw Township, together with 655,500 stimulant tablets in four gunny sacks, with an estimated worth of Ks1.31 billion on a boat en route to another country.

Police are taking action against the suspect at Nga Khuya Police Station in accord with the law.

At around 7:15pm on that day, police were on patrol near U Saw Hla Island and arrested two more suspects, Saw La Mu Lar, 34, and Ar Lee Yar Mauk, 19, who live in Thatyet Oak (east) Village, Maungtaw Township, together with 190,000 WY stimulant tablets in three bundles while the suspects were swimming across to U Saw Hla Island from the northwest of Ywet Nyo Taung Chaung Wa using four yellow baskets as buoyant objects.

Police investigated and filed a lawsuit against the arrested suspects at the Nga Khu Ya Police Station.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Three men arrested in Naf River

Security police arrested three men on board in Naf River near Mg Ni Village, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on Thursday morning.

While security police were patrolling the Naf River, the three suspects, Motstar Har-mat, 54, Jubai, 19 and Hlan Han

Ki Arlaung, 19 who live in Tatkanat, Bangladesh were found on a boat headed away from Myanmar.

Police are taking action against the suspects under Immigration Act 13(1) at Ma Gyee Chaung Police Station.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Voices from Youth All-Round Development Festival

By Nanda Win

YOUTH All-Round Development Festival is underway starting from 1 December and during the 3 days of festival from 1 to 3 December, literature activities, art activities, sports activities, IT and science activities are included as well as book sales, youth education programs, discussion, songs, dances and playing musical instruments.

Furthermore 21 faculties from Yangon University have booths on display and professors from the faculties are conducting talks in the booths daily 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. 1 to 3 December it is learnt.

Following are the voices of the professors interviewed by Myanmar News Agency.

Dr. Ni Win Zaw (Professor and department head, library and research department, Yangon University)

Our department teaches from post graduate to doctorate courses. Library data management subjects such as management of books in library, management of e-Resources and setting up digital library were taught. First year course can be attended if the student achieves 60 in English and a total mark of 380. Diploma is post-graduate course and will have a written and oral entrance examination. Nowadays library course are becoming popular. Libraries are also becoming developed. It is heading toward the era of digital library. We want youths to become interested in this subject. Once this subject is learnt, it is easier to learn other subjects.



Dr. Nilar Kyu. PHOTO: YE HTUT

Dr. Nilar Kyu (Professor and department head, psychology department, Yangon University)

Our department teaches pre and post graduate courses, master courses and doctorate courses in psychology. Students need to achieve 65 in English and 380 total marks in order to gain entrance. A psychology clinic is opened in Yangon University psychology department compound. The aim is to provide counseling to students on Anger, Anxiety and Depression. IQ and EQ test are conducted on those who want to enroll in psychology courses. The long term aim is to provide counseling to mild stress and depression in places where psychiatrist hospital and clinics are far away. For a student to become a Clinical Psychologist or a professional, they need to have practical experience like a doctor. By opening a psychology clinic, students can have practical experience with actual patient. Although this is a student centered activity, free counseling can be provided if anyone want to come and consult. Making a living in the psychology is quite diverse. Psychology is studying the people and making their lives better. For a student it is to be successful in education. For an employee, it is to have



Dr. Poe Poe.

a happy employee. Psychology research is conducted in order to make people happy and healthy both physically and morally. It helps them live longer. If people came to a psychologist with their problems, it can be resolved with the help of the psychologist. That is why in other countries, artists, well known people, business person came for counseling when they feel stressed and discouraged. This is starting in our country now. If counseling is done, there'll be no suicides or becoming hooked to liquors and drugs. These happen when stress is improperly treated. We are producing people who can prevent this.

Dr. Poe Poe (Head of English Professor, Yangon University)

We are now conducting the courses from first year to final year of B.A (English) and post graduate diploma in English and Diploma for English Teaching as well. Those who want to attend English major at the Yangon University are to get distinction in English in the matriculation examination and total marks should be over 450. Most of the students are keen on learning English. As you also know that our department conducts many



Dr. Ni Win Zaw.

English courses in order to promote standard of English. By and by, they can easily join their respective jobs after graduation. The importance of English plays a vital role in the process of nation-building and they mostly work as a tourist guides, interpreters and translators, company workers, diplomats, NGOs and other respective fields. There will surely be many opportunities for those who excelled in English proficiency skills. In order to keep abreast with the times, the youths of today must try to the best of their abilities.

Dr. Ni Ni Than (Chemistry Professor, Yangon University)

There are about 400 students in our department from the first year to doctorate. The students who have the distinction of Chemistry and those who gained over 400 marks can attend our class. Our basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter are related with Chemistry which is a study of people, animals, things, all structures, reactions and properties. The students can work at the factories, companies related to agriculture and other factories. That's why Chemistry can be regarded as one of the most interesting subjects in the world.



Dr. Ni Ni Than.

Most of them have a keen interest on it and as a result, it can create job opportunities.

Dr. Aye Mi San (Professor of Zoology, Yangon University)

Our department conducts many courses including B.Sc (Zoology), B.Sc (Hons) and doctorate. We do many research on fish and other related studies. Moreover, we have already built an Aquatic Bio Lab, and are carrying out other research. We cooperate with other many countries including Japan, Norway and other Asian countries in order to send exchange students, staff exchange and other researchers. In order to promote human resource developments, we have to produce many outstanding scholars and experts. Currently, some species are facing extinction due to global change global impact respectively. We need to share education and information to those who are involved in this job.

We also are in need of specialists and naturalists to conserve our environment so that we can manage to maintain our living world and the beauty of nature. We should nurture our youths to become nature lovers and global citizens who can safeguard our world.

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MV PACITA VOY. NO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PACITA VOY. NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.12.2017 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AIPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MV MCC SHANGHAI VOY. NO ()

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT
(S'PORE) PTE LTD
Phone No: 2301185

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MV AKDENIZ M VOY. NO (-)

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Myanmar Investment Commission’s work in 2017 September and October

Myanmar Investment Commission is permitting local and foreign investments according to Myanmar Investment Law.

Myanmar Investment Commission had permitted in September of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total foreign investment including the increasing of investment totals US\$ 440.571 million and in October of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total foreign investment including the increasing of investment totals US\$ 105.100 million.

Sr.	Sector	September		October	
		No. of Investments	Capital US\$ million	No. of investments	Capital US\$ million
1	Transportation and communication sector		0.150*	1	65.440
2	Industrial sector	10	265.221	10	33.375*
3	Electricity sector	-	-	1	3.685
4	Housing sector	1	174.000	-	-
5	Other service sector	1	1.200	2	2.600
Total		12	440.571	14	105.100

*Increase in the investment was included in the investment amount.

Myanmar Investment Commission had permitted in September of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total Myanmar national investment including the increasing of investment totals Ks 76,885.337 million including US\$ 6.580 million and in October of 2017-2018 fiscal year a total Myanmar national investment including the increasing of investment totals Ks 392.700 million.

Myanmar national investment permitted during September and October of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	September		October	
		No. of investments	Capital Kyat million	No. of investments	Capital Kyat million
1	Industrial sector	2	1,600.980	1	392.700
2	Construction sector	-	65,784.357*	-	-
3	Agriculture sector	1	400.000	-	-
4	Other sector	3	9,100.000	-	-
Total		6	76,885.337	1	392.700

*Increase in the investment was included in the investment amount.

Increased number of jobs created by foreign investment during September and October of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	No. of jobs created for local workers	
		September	October
1	Industrial sector	4,406	6,749
2	Electricity sector	-	16
3	Transport and communication sector	-	79
4	Housing and building construction sector	61	-
5	Other service sector	23	239
Total		4,490	7,083

Increased number of jobs created by Myanmar nationals investment during September and October of 2017-2018 fiscal year are as follow.

Sr.	Sector	No. of jobs created for local workers	
		September	October
1	Industrial sector	180	35
2	Agriculture sector	11	-
3	Other service sector	404	-
Total		595	35

India, China love story with classical dances charms Chinese

BEIJING — A dance play, featuring classical dance and art forms of India and China, depicting the romance between an Indian and Chinese, captivated the audience here.

The dance drama “Shiv-Yin”, co-choreographed by noted Indian choreographer Rukmini Chatterjee and Chinese dance artist Aimin Teng, involves classical Indian dance forms of Bharatanatyam, Kathak and the Chinese martial arts.

The aim of the dance play is to portray the commonalities between world’s two ancient civilisations.

While Souraja Tagore, Kantika Mishra and Rukmini enthralled the audience with their immaculate Bharatanatyam and Kathak dances, merging them into the story line, the all- male Chinese artists lightened the show with their Kung-fu skills.

“Shiv-Yin is a rare performance bringing China and India together through dance and music,” Rukmini said, outlining the theme of her show performed here last night at a theatre attended by large Chinese audience.

“It is a beautiful love story that traverses the emotions of love, anger, jealousy and ultimate union, through a vibrant interpretation of classical Indian and contemporary Chinese dance forms.”

It explores the concept of the male and the female, known in Chinese as Yin and Yang through two distinct cultures. In a larger context, Shiv-Yin searches for commonalities between two great civilisations, she said.

The show is co-produced by China Dancers Association, China Literature and Art Foundation, Shri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, Serendipity Arts Trust.—PTI ■

The long winter: ‘Game of Thrones’ fans in four-day viewing marathon

LONDON — Ice zombies and fire-breathing dragons plague the characters in the hit fantasy TV series “Game of Thrones,” but for fans who took part in a four-day marathon to watch the series’ 67 episodes back-to-back, a pained rear end posed a greater threat.

The marathon viewing began on Monday evening in London’s Prince Charles Cinema, and concluded on Thursday evening, and was held to mark the upcoming release of the programme’s seventh series on DVD on 11 December.

“To see (it) all in one chunk will give you something different, that we don’t get when we’re waiting around for the next season to come. They won’t get the irritation that we all get,” said actress Hannah Waddingham, who plays the ill-fated Septa Unella in the series and attended the opening night.

Around 350 people attended some of the screenings over the four-day event, while only seven hard core fans managed to last from start to finish.

One of the participants described the screening as an “endurance race,” and mindful organizers handed out survival kits containing tissues, alcohol gel and dental supplies.

“Game of Thrones” tells the story of warring factions in a dragon and zombie filled medieval fantasy world, where winter lasts for years. It has garnered critical praise and a huge international following over its seven series. The show’s eighth and final series is expected to premiere in late 2018 or 2019, though a release date has not been officially confirmed.— Reuters ■

Researchers date discovery of Christ's tomb in Jerusalem to Roman era

ATHENS — Mortar under a slab at the heart of Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre dates to the era of Roman Emperor Constantine, confirming historical accounts of the discovery of the place where Christians believe Jesus was entombed, researchers say.

According to historical accounts, Constantine — who was the first Roman emperor to convert to Christianity — discovered the rocky tomb with assistance from his mother Helena between 325 and 326 AD, buried beneath a temple to the Roman goddess Venus.

Today it is visited regularly by millions of pilgrims and tended by priests from several Christian denominations under strict rules still in place from the Ottoman era.



Professor Antonia Moropoulou, Chief Scientific Supervisor from the National Technical University of Athens, who directed the project of the restoration on the site of Jesus's tomb, speaks during an interview with Reuters in Athens, Greece, on 30 November 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Virtually razed to the ground in 1009, the Holy Sepulchre complex was rebuilt over the centuries by various

Christian groups, including the Byzantines and the Crusaders from the 12th century onwards. But a team of scientists and

restorers who completed almost nine months of work on the tomb last March said they were able to determine that a slab at the heart of the compound dated from Constantine's time.

"That was a great moment to validate," said Professor Antonia Moropoulou, Chief Scientific Supervisor from the National Technical University of Athens who directed the restoration project. The researchers restored a structure inside the church called the Edicule, which is believed to house the tomb itself. Their work included removing a marble slab which covers a ledge where Christ, according to Christian scriptures, was laid after crucifixion and resurrected on the third day.

A second fractured slab was found beneath the top slab, at-

tached to the bedrock and engraved with a cross. Analysing gypsum mortar connecting that slab to the bedrock allowed them to determine its age, dating it to 335-345 AD.

"When we opened the tomb and saw this broken grey slab with an engraved cross we didn't know from which era it was," Moropoulou told Reuters. "We concluded, according to concrete results, that the slab which was adjoined to the bedrock of the tomb of Christ was of the Constantinean era."

Moropoulou said she herself had half expected to find that the slab, like the church around it, dated from a later era. She felt "great. Very happy indeed. I did not expect it...but the monument talks, and it says its history." —Reuters ■

Non-drop shop — Christmas tree farmer prepares for seasonal rush

COLCHESTER, (England) — With Christmas around the corner, Wick Farm in Colchester, eastern England, is gearing up by harvesting its crop of fir trees.

Farmer Guy French said selling directly to customers is one of the best parts of the festive season.

"You can't remember what you had last Christmas, but you

always remember getting your Christmas tree," he told Reuters.

"So we always make it the experience to get the Christmas tree direct from us, the farmer."

The British Christmas Tree Growers Association says around seven million trees are bought each year in Britain.

French said this year's

crop of Nordmann Firs, which cater for 95 per cent of Wick Farm's market base, is made up of seven-year-old trees.

They are popular because their soft-needles are "non-drop", though French said that unlike the more traditional Norway Spruce, they lack the classic "Christmassy" smell.

—Reuters ■



Farmer Guy French cuts down a Christmas tree in a Christmas tree field at Wick Farm in Colchester, Britain, on 29 November 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Indonesia, Southeast Asian partners to strengthen cooperation in film industry

SINGAPORE — The Indonesian Film Board (BPI) and the Southeast Asian Audio-Visual Association (SAAVA) signed here Thursday a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation.

The two sides inked the agreement so as to jointly promote the filmed entertainment, digital content and media production industries in Indonesia and around Southeast Asia.

They agreed to promote more co-productions and jointly develop and promote best practices across the region.

They also aimed to develop the regional media finance industry by educating investors on sound media investment methodologies and proper structuring of film funds, while teaching producers about proper pitching, honest budgeting, and how to engage investors on the business side of the creative business.

Moreover, they decided to promote knowledge and skills transfer through greater participation and exchanges at events, and the sharing of data and information.

"Indonesia is the largest market in Southeast Asia, with

a rich cultural history and a vibrant media industry. This collaboration will help expand and strengthen the network across the region, enabling filmmakers, financiers and distributors to share creative ideas and structure business deals with each other," said Chan Gin Kai, SAAVA's president.

The MoU was signed at the Southeast Asian Film Financing Forum, a cornerstone event at the Asia Television Forum and ScreenSingapore market.

The Asia TV Forum & Market is one of the constituent event of the Singapore Media Festival- Southeast Asia's largest international media event gathering industry players from film, television, and digital media. This year's festival runs from 23 November to 3 December.

BPI represents and serves the growing Indonesian community of feature film producers through the organisation and participation of film events within and outside of the country.

SAAVA is a regional non-profit creative producing network that aims to unite media producers and financiers in the region.—Xinhua ■

Playmaker Silva extends Man City contract

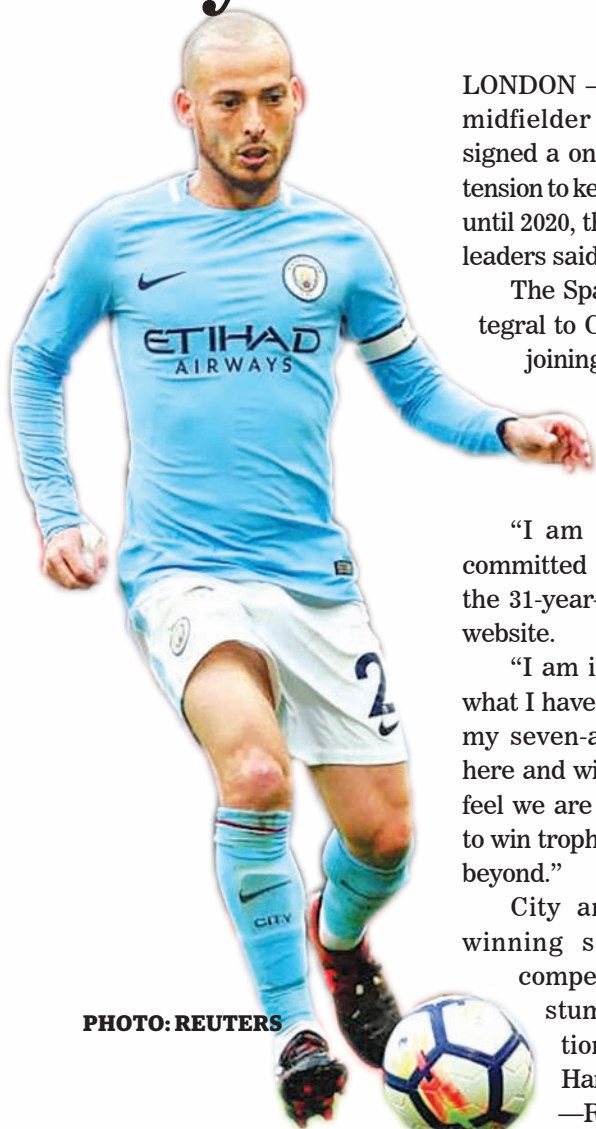


PHOTO: REUTERS

LONDON — Manchester City midfielder David Silva has signed a one-year contract extension to keep him with the club until 2020, the Premier League leaders said on Thursday.

The Spaniard has been integral to City's success since joining in 2010 and helped drive them eight points clear atop the league standings this season.

"I am so happy to have committed my future to City," the 31-year-old told the club's website.

"I am incredibly proud of what I have achieved at City in my seven-and-a-half seasons here and with Pep in charge, I feel we are in a great position to win trophies this season and beyond."

City are on a 19-game winning streak across all competitions and host a stumbling and relegation-threatened West Ham United on Sunday. —Reuters ■

Number of home stadiums for MNL-1 football teams reaches nine

THE number of home stadiums for teams in the MPT MNL-1 football league has increased to nine.

The nine home stadiums are in the cities of respective States and Regions including Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Nay Pyi Taw, Patheingyi, Mawlamyath, Bago, Sittway and Monywa.

Yangon United FC will use Yangon United Sports Complex (YUSC) in Yangon, Yadanabon

FC will use Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay, Shan United will use Taunggyi Stadium in Taunggyi, Rakhine United will use Rakhine United Football Complex (RUFCC) in Sittway, Ayeyawady FC will use Independence Stone Pillar Stadium in Patheingyi, Hanthawaddy FC will use Grand Royal Stadium in Bago, Southern FC will use SMFC stadium in Mawlamyath, Maha United FC and Myawady

FC will use Monywa Stadium and Nay Pyi Taw FC will use Zayya Thiri Stadium.

The three Football clubs — Magway FC, GFA FC and Zwe Kapin United FC — will use Thuwunna Stadium or Aung San Stadium in Yangon.

The upcoming MPT Myanmar National League competition will start on 13 January with a home and away playing system.—Kyaw Zin Lin ■

Myanmar Youth Academy friendly matches today

Kyaw Zin Lin

MYANMAR'S Inter Academy friendly matches will be played today with the aim of supporting the improvement of Myanmar's football through good youth players sponsored by the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

Teams from three Myanmar Football Academies and one Military Academy will be competed in the friendly competition.

U-11 (A) team, U-11 (B) team U-12(A) team, U-12 (B) team U-13 (A) team and U-13 (B) team from Myanmar Football Academy (Mandalay) U-11 (A) team, U-11 (B) team, U-14 (A) team U-14 (B) team from Myanmar Football Federation (Patheingyi) U-12 (A) team and U-12 (B) team from National Football Academy (Yangon) and U-13 (A) team, U-15 (A) team and U-15 (B) team from Myanmar's Military Football Academy will compete in the friendly matches.

my will compete in the friendly matches.

Military U-15 (A) will play against Mandalay U-13 (A), while Military U-15 (B) will play against Mandalay U-13 (B) in Mandalay.

National U-12 (A) will play against Mandalay U-12 (A), while National U-12 (B) will play against Mandalay U-12 (B) in Yangon. Matches are scheduled until 27 January, according to the MFF. ■

Tiger dazzles in long-awaited return from injury

NEW PROVIDENCE, (The Bahamas) — Tiger Woods dazzled in his much-anticipated return from injury on Thursday at the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas where the former world number one flashed a fist pump and did not seem bothered by his troublesome back.

Woods, competing for the first time after a near 10-month layoff during which he had spinal fusion surgery, appeared pain free at the Albany course on the island of New Providence where he mixed five birdies with two bogeys for a three-under-par 69.

That left him in a four-way share of eighth place and three shots behind Britain's Tommy Fleetwood after the first round of the elite 18-man event featuring eight of the world's top 10.

"I didn't know what I could

do," Woods told Golf Channel. "I've been playing a lot of holes at home, but it's a little different when you have to tee it up in a tournament."

Woods, who two months ago said he was only hitting 60-yard shots, drove mostly well off the tee, made some solid putts and impressive par saves but at times also let out expletives and slammed his club in frustration.

Riding high after a pair of consecutive birdies, Woods was two shots off the lead at the par-five 15th hole when his tee shot sailed far right. He took a drop and went on to two-putt for his second bogey of the day. From there he went on to close out with a trio of pars to cap a round that showed, perhaps, that the 14-times major champion still has plenty left.—Reuters ■



Tiger Woods lines up his putt on the 15th hole during the first round of the Hero World Challenge golf tournament at Albany, New Providence, The Bahamas, on 30 November 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS