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President U Win Myint is welcomed by Nepalese President Mrs. Bidhya Devi Bhandari in Kathmandu, Nepal, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President U Win Myint meets Nepal President, Prime Minister separately

PRESIDENT U Win Myint who is in Nepal met with Mrs. Bidhya Devi Bhandari, President of the Federal Democratic Republic at the Presidential Palace in Kathmandu, Nepal, at 6pm local time yesterday.

During the meeting they discussed the history of the friendly relations between the two countries, increasing mutually beneficial bilateral relations and the Nepali President visiting Myanmar at a convenient time.

Present together with President U Win Myint were Union Minister U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Lin and officials.

Next, President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho attended a dinner hosted by President Mrs. Bidhya Devi Bhandari.

President U Win Myint also signed the guest book at the Presidential Palace.

Earlier at 5 pm local time, President U Win Myint received Nepali Prime Minister Mr. Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli at Soaltee Crown Plaza Hotel in Kathmandu.

At this meeting the Prime Minister explained about Nepal's efforts towards achieving internal peace and transition to a democratic system.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Ambassador Rosario Manalo, Chairperson of the Independent Commission of Enquiry. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives Independent Commission of Enquiry

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Ambassador Rosario Manalo, Chairperson of the Independent Commission of Enquiry and its members U Mya Thein, Ambassador Kenzo Oshima and Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday at 11:00 hrs.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Myint Thu and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Government of Myanmar announced the establishment of the Independent Commission of Enquiry on 30 July 2018 as part of the Government's initiative to address reconciliation, peace, stability and development in Rakhine State. The Commission is composed of four members: two international and two national members.

The chairperson of the Independent Commission of Enquiry, former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Philippines and former chair and current representative of the Philippines to CEDAW arrived Myanmar on 28 August afternoon. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session holds 15th-day meeting

THE 15th-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning, where Hluttaw put on record the renaming, reforming and abolishing of towns, village tracts, villages and wards in Ayeyawady Region; a union level official responded to the Hluttaw representatives' discussions on Myanmar Investment Commission report and Hluttaw put the report on record; decision of the Hluttaw obtained on a bill; Hluttaw explained about two foreign loans and union level officials explained about a report.

Renaming, reforming and abolishing of towns, village tracts, villages and wards in Ayeyawady Region

At first, Hluttaw announced to put on record the renaming, reforming and abolishing of towns, village tracts, villages and wards in Ayeyawady Region sent by the President Office.

Union level official responds to discussions on Myanmar Investment Commission report

Next, a union level official responded to Hluttaw representatives' discussions and comments on the work report of the Myanmar Investment Commission from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

In his response to the discussions and comments by the Hluttaw representatives, Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) Chairman U Thaung Tun said the reason foreign investment amount declined to US\$ 900 million in fiscal year 2017-2018 was that no new foreign investments entered into the oil & gas sector and construction sector. Although the investment value declined, there were increases in the number of countries making foreign investment in more sectors as well as in the numbers of investments made.

According to figures published by ASEAN secretariat, in 2017, Myanmar's foreign investment to GDP ratio is 7 per cent, taking up the fourth position among the ten ASEAN countries. Myanmar was also presented the Star Reformer Award in 2017 by the World Bank group for amending and reforming the Myanmar Investment Law and investment frames in a short period, explained the MIC



Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's ninth regular session is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Chairman.

Hluttaw then announced putting the report on record.

Forest Bill discussed and decided

Next, Forest Bill disagreed by the two Hluttaws were discussed by U Myo Zaw Oo of Lewe constituency and Dr. Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency 11. Paragraph by paragraph decision of the Hluttaw was then obtained.

Explanation on foreign loans

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win then explained to the Hluttaw about the matter of obtaining US\$8.984 million loan from International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

In his explanation, Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw said the loan was targeted toward small and medium enterprises related to agriculture, livestock breeding and landless people in southern Chin State's Mindat and Kanpetlet townships and northern Magway Region's Pauk and Myaing townships where poverty is high and development is the least. It is expected that about 0.43 million people from more than 90,000 households in the four townships will benefit from the project. The project will be implemented

for six years starting from the date the agreement is signed. The aim of the project is to increase family income, provide food sufficiency and adequate nourishment, increase work opportunities, respond to climate change and socio-economic development. Townships for the project were selected on high poverty rate and for being geographically connected, explained the Deputy Minister.

An announcement was made for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the loan to register their names.

Following this, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win explained to the Hluttaw about US\$61.816 million Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) loan from EXIM Bank of Korea to conduct project works of Ministry of Construction.

Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw explained that the loan is for Korea-Myanmar Industrial Complex project on 558 acres of Nyaungnapin training school land in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region that is jointly conducted by the governments of the two countries. Works include construction of water supply pipelines, electrical power line and upgrading of a 9.45 km 4

lane road. Basic infrastructure construction works will be conducted from 2018 to 2021 under a tender system in accordance with international practice. The loan period is 40 years with 15-year grace period and 25-year repayment period and the loan interest is 0.01 per cent, explained the Deputy Minister.

An announcement was also made for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the loan to enroll their names.

Union level officials respond to discussions on Joint Public Accounts Committee Report

Afterwards, union level officials responded to the discussions of the Hluttaw representatives regarding the Joint Public Accounts Committee Report No. (7/2018) on the Office of the Union Auditor General audit report for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environment U Ohn Win explained about the ministry's actions towards companies that were lagging behind in making pure gold production share payment for gold mining/extraction agreements, plans to collect late payments of mine mouth tax for jade mines, ministry no longer issuing new gem mining lots, preparation made towards amending laws and rules in the Hluttaw to increase pearl production, arrangement made for systematically selling

off state-owned timber mills.

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun explained about DVB-T2 and FM transmission stations in Mawchi, late payment of Forever Group Co., Ltd. to Myanma Radio and Television, amending the joint venture and land lease agreement between Global Direct Link Co., Ltd. and Information Ministry's News and Periodical Enterprise to reflect the reduction in paid-up share from the Global Direct Link Co., Ltd.

Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo explained about waterway improvement and bank erosion preventive works conducted with special funds in fiscal year 2016-2017.

Similarly, union level officials from Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Health and Sports, Union Supreme Court office, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Transport and Communications and Ministry of Electricity and Energy responded to the discussions of the Hluttaw representatives.

The 16th-day meeting of the ninth regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is planned to be held on 3 September; it is learnt.—Myo Myint, Han Lin Naing (MNA) ■

President U Win Myint attends 4th BIMSTEC Summit

PRESIDENT U Win Myint, who is on a state visit to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, attended the 4th BIMSTEC Summit held in Kathmandu.

President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho arrived at the Presidential Residence at 11:30am.

He attended a meeting together with the President of Nepal, Mrs. Bidhya Devi Bhandari, and heads of state of the BIMSTEC member countries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand and their respective high-ranking governmental officials.

After the meeting, the President took a documentary photo with the other leaders.

President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho then attended a luncheon hosted by the President of Nepal.

Afterwards, the President and First Lady attended the opening ceremony of the 4th BIMSTEC Summit held at the Malhar Hall of the Soaltee Crowne Plaza Hotel. They were given a warm welcome by the Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli and his wife.

Attending the summit were heads of state and high-ranking government officials from BIMSTEC member countries, foreign ministers, the BIMSTEC Secretary General, ambassadors accredited to Nepal, journalists and relevant officials.

The Prime Minister of Nepal delivered the opening remarks during the ceremony.

This was followed by speeches from heads of state and high-ranking government officials from BIMSTEC member countries.

President U Win Myint delivers speech

(The following is the official transcript of the speech delivered by President U Win Myint at the opening ceremony of the 4th BIMSTEC Summit)

I would like to express our profound thanks and appreciation to the Government and the people of Nepal for the warm and generous hospitality extended to me and my delegation.

It is my honor to attend this meeting for the first time and I truly believe that our meeting will provide opportunities to exchange views and explore ways and means to strengthen BIMSTEC cooperation.

At the Third BIMSTEC Summit, held in Nay Pyi Taw in



President U Win Myint delivers the address at the opening ceremony of the 4th BIMSTEC Summit in Kathmandu yesterday. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

2014, we agreed to deepen cooperation within the framework of BIMSTEC and strengthen institutional mechanism. The member states also reached an agreement for the establishment of a permanent BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka and appointment of the Secretary General.

I would also like to congratulate the first Secretary-General Mr. Sumith Nakandala for his active and valuable contribution. Let me also take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Shahidul Islam as the second Secretary General of BIMSTEC.

I would like to congratulate the Government of India for the successful hosting of the BIMSTEC Leaders' Retreat in October 2016. The Outcome Document and Agenda of Action of the BIMSTEC Leaders' Retreat are indeed a practical guideline for BIMSTEC cooperation.

Agriculture is the mainstay of economy for many of us. It further contributes to the regional sustainable development in terms of food security and nutrition.

One of the daunting challenges of the world is to ensure food and nutrition security for the rapidly growing population, which is estimated to reach 9.6 billion by 2050. There is no exception for BIMSTEC region which is home to 22 % of the global population.

While appreciating the excellent work done by the BIMSTEC Expert Group Meeting on Agriculture, I am pleased to inform that Myanmar, as a Lead Country of the Agriculture sector, will host the first BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture in Myanmar in 2018/2019 to

address the emerging challenges and further enhancement of the cooperation.

Most of the Member States in our region are blessed with abundance of energy resources including hydro power. However, ever-increasing demand of electric power is always higher than that of our supply. This situation requires us to enhance energy cooperation and energy trade among the Member States in filling the energy gap within our

Myanmar attaches great importance to the issues of terrorism and trans-national crime, and assures its continued active cooperation under the BIMSTEC framework.

region.

The signing of MoA for the establishment for BIMSTEC Energy Centre in 2009 in Myanmar marked a significant achievement of BIMSTEC energy cooperation. Our continued cooperation is vital for the early operationalization of BIMSTEC Energy Center.

I am pleased to note that MoU for the establishment of BIMSTEC Grid Interconnection will be signed during this Summit. I firmly believe that it will be a framework for electricity inter-trade among the Member States.

Connectivity plays a key role to unlock the socio-economic development and ultimately the enhancement of regional integration. I am pleased to note, with satisfaction, on the progress achieved in preparation of the draft BIMSTEC Master Plan on Transport Connectivity. At this point, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support of ADB in formulating the Master Plan.

Despite significant achievements of the Member States, poverty still remains a challenge for all of us.

We therefore welcome the Colombo Statement on Poverty Alleviation adopted at Third BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on Poverty Alleviation on 20 December 2017, which reaffirms our commitment to alleviate poverty in the BIMSTEC region to ensure dignity, improve the quality of life and well-being of the peoples.

On 5th July 2016, Myanmar deposited its Instrument of Ratification of the BIMSTEC Convention on Combating International Terrorism, Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking, which was signed in 2009.

I wish to underscore the importance of BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs Meeting as key components of the BIMSTEC's security cooperation, which provides platforms for strategic dialogue and practical cooperation for the BIMSTEC counter terrorism sector.

Myanmar took responsibility as a lead country of BIMSTEC Sub-group on Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals and hosted

several meetings under BIMSTEC counter-terrorism and transnational crime framework.

Myanmar has been encountering the scourge of terrorism. Therefore, Myanmar attaches great importance to the issues of terrorism and trans-national crime, and assures its continued active cooperation under the BIMSTEC framework.

Trade and Investment

Although the BIMSTEC Free Trade Area Framework Agreement has been signed in 2004, we are still under negotiation in finalizing the constituent agreements. In the meantime, we should work together to promote trade and investment through exchange of trade and business delegations and organizing investment promotion events among the Member States.

Future Direction of BIMSTEC

The BIMSTEC mechanism, comprising of different layers of meetings, plays an important role for steering BIMSTEC activities. However, I am of the view that formulation of the Rules of Procedure of BIMSTEC mechanism would be a key to effective and efficient cooperation. We welcome the idea to draft the Rules of Procedure which would be a basis for formulation of the future BIMSTEC Charter.

Simultaneous implementation of 14+2 cooperation areas will not be feasible for BIMSTEC due to financial and resources constraints. Therefore, we have to prioritize some of our projects for effective implementation.

We understand that funding is a matter of concern for the mechanism. Therefore, we welcome the idea to explore the alternative financial resources for our cooperation. In the meantime, we should expand our engagements with the development partners for implementing our common projects.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate our firm commitment to strengthen BIMSTEC cooperation towards "Peaceful, Prosperous and Sustainable Bay of Bengal Region".

Later in the night, President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho attended a formal dinner and cultural show hosted by the Prime Minister of Nepal, together with other heads of state and high-ranking government officials from BIMSTEC member countries.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Vice President U Myint Swe attends fourth coord meeting on establishing satellite system

VICE President U Myint Swe, Chairman of the Leading committee on establishing satellite system attended the fourth coordination meeting of the committee at the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Sein Win, Union Minister from the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Minister U Tha Oo, Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, Permanent Secretaries and officials.

In his opening address to the meeting the Vice President said this is the fourth coordination meeting of the committee and the 13-member committee led by the Vice President was setup to implement seven tasks.

Under the management of the committee, a 9-member work committee led by Union Minister for Transport and Communications was formed and was implementing six tasks. In addition to this to support the leading committee and to implement the works quickly, three sub-committees, Myanmar-owned satellite system technical sub-committee, Myanmar-owned satellite system legal affairs and rules sub-committee and Myanmar-owned satellite transponder leasing sub-committee were formed. The leading committee has conducted three coordination meetings where sixteen decisions were made. Of the sixteen, thirteen were conducted and three are still to be done. The three ongoing works



Vice President U Myint Swe delivers the opening speech at the coordination meeting on establishing satellite system in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

are time consuming works and target time need to be established in implementing them. Implementation of establishing own satellite system is conducted in three steps. The first step is to lease other country's satellite transponder and at the moment MyanmarSat-1 is being leased. Second step is joint ownership and to implement this step, on 1 June 2018, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Department of Information Technology and Cyber Security signed an agreement with Intelsat Global Sales & Marketing Limited. The amount required for the agreement is US\$ 155.7 million and 30 percent of this is to be paid twice in the 2018 six month budget. In fiscal year 2018-2019, 50 percent will be paid in four installments and in fiscal year 2019-2020 the remaining 20 percent will be paid in two installments.

The jointly owned MyanmarSat-2 will be used with new technologies in June 2019 and is believed to provide better benefits. In this satellite, Myanmar will use six 432 MHz C-band and six 432 MHz Ku-band totaling 864 MHz. Relevant ministries are to draw up systematic plans to use the leased satellite channels effectively in education, health

and other sectors and to consider other pros and cons when drawing up the plans.

It is understood that Migration Plan Schedule and status of machineries and equipment were explained to relevant departments by Department of Information Technology and Cyber Security at the technical sub-committee meeting held on 25 April 2018.

The third step is to launch a Myanmar wholly owned satellite. This step will be conducted when satellite channel usage increases, technological experience has been obtained and when we could control the satellite on our own. Launching a wholly owned satellite is expensive and as a first priority, efforts will be made toward launching a less expensive Earth Observation Micro-Satellite. Hokkaido University, Japan has proposed to launch such a satellite it is learnt.

It is learnt that discussions had been held with relevant ministries for the specifications of the payload camera and sensors. Once this is determined, expenditures (estimate) sent by Hokkaido University, Japan will be reviewed and the required processes and best payment

methods need to be selected and conducted, said the Vice President. Space Laws are to be collected and prepared to establish a Space Agency and if required sub-committees are to be formed to launch Earth Observation Micro-Satellite. Meeting attendees are urged to openly suggest and discuss toward successful implementation of partly owned MyanmarSat-2 satellite and the aim of launching a wholly owned satellite, said the Vice President.

Next, work committee chairman Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung explained about works conducted on establishing a satellite system.

Afterwards, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Sein Win and Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Minister U Tha Oo, Permanent Secretaries, sub-committee members and meeting attendees explained, discussed and suggested on sector wise works conducted. The Vice President gave advice and instructions based on suggestions and subject matters presented at the meeting. The meeting came to a close after a concluding speech by the Vice President.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds meeting

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting on Tax Administration Bill, bill amending the Public Debt Management Law and 2018-2019 Union Tax Bill at the first floor meeting hall in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D yesterday evening. The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts

Committee Chairman U Tun Aung @ U Tun Tun Hein, deputy chairmen, secretaries, joint secretary and committee members from Joint Bill Committee and joint public accounts committee, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members, Office of the Supreme Court of Myanmar, Ministry of Health and Sports, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Office of the Union



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein addresses the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee meeting. **PHOTO: MNA**

Attorney General, officials from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers

of Commerce and Industry (UM-FCCI) and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw office.—Myanmar News Agency



President U Win Myint meets with Sri Lankan President Mr. Maithripala Sirisena in Kathmandu, Nepal yesterday. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

President U Win Myint meets Sri Lankan President

PRESIDENT U Win Myint met with the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr. Maithripala Sirisena, in the board room of the Soaltee Crown Plaza Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they openly discussed promoting bilateral relations between Myanmar and Sri Lanka, increasing trade and investment between the two countries, and closer collaboration between the two countries at

both the regional and global arenas.

Present at the meeting were Union Minister U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Lin, and other officials. —Myanmar News Agency ■



President U Win Myint shakes hands with Nepal Prime Minister Mr. Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli in Kathmandu, Nepal yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President U Win Myint meets Nepal President, Prime Minister

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President U Win Myint explained about Myanmar's national reconciliation and transition to a democratic system. In addition to this they discussed promoting bilateral relations and cooperation.

In addition they discussed about Myanmar-Nepal bilateral relations and promoting

cooperation between the two countries, increased visits between the leaders of the two countries, promoting increased contacts among the peoples of both countries, promoting trade and investments; increased cooperation in the international arena and providing support to each other. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar delegation tours film, video-related venues in South Korea

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, on a study tour of film and video industry in the Republic of Korea, visited the Korea Media Rating Board, Busan Asian Film School (AFiS), Busan Cinema Studios, Busan Film Commission and the Korea Film Council (KOFIC) in Busan City yesterday.

In the morning, the delegation arrived at the Korea Media Rating Board in Busan Visual Industry Center where they were given a presentation on the organization's formation, objectives and structure, the five film rating categories and seven criteria for placing restrictions. The union minister and delegation inquired about the cinema system for screening rated films, among other queries.

In the afternoon, the union minister and his delegation arrived at the Busan Asian Film School (AFiS) where they were given presentations on the



Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint visits the Korea Media Rating Board, in Busan Visual Industry Center in Busan City yesterday. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

background of the Busan Film Commission, the studios, the hotels and training schools and equipment used for filming in Busan, lodgings and travel services, AFiS's establishment in 2016, available courses, ASEAN student application processes, and workshops related to short films aimed at youths. The union minister and delegation then

asked questions to the officials and discussed with them.

In the evening, the union minister and his delegation arrived at Busan Cinema Studios where they were given a presentation on the studio's establishment in 2002 in order to promote the film industry, mutual shares invested by the Busan government and busi-

nesses, how distractions and issues present in outdoor filming are eliminated within the studio settings as well as the need to cancel shootings or change set locations when bad weather strikes, less wastage of time, and the process of replicating sets. This was followed by a tour of a 60x30x10 meter replication being built within the studio.

The delegation then arrived at the Korean Film Commission where they were given an explanation on the development of the film industry carried with adherence to the Korea Film Council's policies, establishing of branch offices, and the negotiation process for filming in Busan. The delegation was then given a tour of the building.

Lastly, the union minister and his delegation arrived at the Korea Film Council (KOFIC) and held a meeting with Chairman Oh Seok Geun and council members. During the meeting, they discussed the council's formation, objectives and policies, its income, distribution and support, screening system of domestic and foreign films, and cooperation with film industries from Asian and ASEAN countries. The union minister and delegation then asked questions to the officials and discussed with them. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Roundtable discussion on reviewing political dialogue framework continues

A roundtable discussion on reviewing the framework for political dialogue with government, Hluttaw and Tatmadaw groups was continued at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In the discussion, Prof. Christina Murray, an international expert on federalism, shared her experiences of participating in political discussions and answered to questions asked by the attendants.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Mi Kun Chan of Paung constituency said, "Peace experience of South Africa, Yemen and Kenya were discussed by foreign experts. We discussed on how it could benefit our country."

As I'm from a government organisation, in the work committee, if each group's thoughts, weaknesses and group wise requirements were discussed and requirements fulfilled, the work process will speed up. The review



Roundtable discussion on reviewing the framework for political dialogue being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

is conducted to support this. As we have many ethnic nationals, our federal may not be as same as other federals. Based on this, we'll have to negotiate our federal. How did they resolve their federal? Which path did they take? But we will have to decide. The way we decide may be the same

but the way we work could not be the same, added Daw Mi Kun Chan.

Director-General U Aung Naing Oo from Ministry of Planning and Finance said, "The main aim of the discussion was to take lesson from the peace talk process in South Africa, Kenya and

Yemen based on their strength, weaknesses, success and failures." We obtain suggestion on what we should do based on their experiences. We got to know some matters that we didn't know. Our country's situation is not the same as other countries. They concluded that what we

are doing here is appropriate to the situation. The discussion will support to a certain extent in reviewing the framework for political dialogue, said U Aung Naing Oo.

The workshop was continued in the afternoon where attendants reviewed the organisation and setup of political dialogue framework, discussed basic principles and reviewed national-level political dialogue matters.

U Zaw Win, a participant in the discussion said framework for political dialogue should be selected from centralization or decentralization methods. Whatever method is used, it is best to strive toward the people's acceptance. The roundtable discussion was attended by UPDJC secretariat members, joint committee members, work committee members from government, Hluttaw and Tatmadaw group.

The roundtable discussion will be continued today. — Zaw Zin (Photo Aye Than) ■

Vessel SAM Ratulangi PD found stranded in Bay of Mottama

A VESSEL with the flag of Indonesia was found stranded in the Bay of Mottama on 28 August.

Local fishermen found the SAM Ratulangi PD in the sea near the Thamaseikta Village in Thongwa Township, Yangon Southern District.

Police from the Thongwa Township and navy officers from No. 1 Major War Vessel Group inspected the vessel.

The vessel is 177.35 metres long, 27.91 metres wide, weighing 26510 tons.

There was no sailors nor goods on the vessel with the

Indonesian flag.

Smith Salvage Company initially informed the Myanmar Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport and Communications that the vessel was not destined for Myanmar and it was being towed to Bangladesh.—Myanmar News Agency



SAM Ratulangi PD stranded in the sea near the Thamaseikta Village in Thongwa Township. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**



Daw Kay Thi Soe, Director-General of the Strategic Studies and Training Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, signs the book of condolence at the American Center in Yangon in memory of Former United States Senator Mr. John McCain who has passed away.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Lack of skilled workers should not be one of the most troubling concerns of Myanmar

WITH easing restrictions on foreign direct investment to attract strong businesses, we should prepare to supply skilled employees to the upcoming manufacturing industry which will create job opportunities in the country. For example, the Yangon Region Government has permitted 58 factories including garments factories in the region after the new Myanmar Investment Law was enacted and the total number of garment factories has reached 377 in the region.

But, the weak point for the manufacturing industry is the shortage of skilled labour.

We are taking a pragmatic approach to produce more skilled workers in Myanmar who can meet the changing requirements of the labour market as the country is in need of skilled labour to compete with regional countries.

With the advantage of a large workforce, we can supply adequate labour with low-skill to the manufacturing industry, but skilled labourers are very rare to find.

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The government is also striving to produce ASEAN level skilled workers. We are allowing the private sector to cooperate with the Union Government to produce more skilled workers.

including the private sector according to sectors; and to produce systems for inspection and accreditation in accordance with national level skills standard frameworks.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population has set up skills development training centres and provided training to workers to enhance their technical capability.

According to the statistics up to April, 2018, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population issued totaling 3022 Vocational Training Certificates including some 2930 Level-one skilled workers and some 92 Level-two skilled workers in accordance with the standard of the National Skills Standards Authority (NSSA).

Employers can also send their workers to the training centres of the ministry which can grant the certificates of International Skills Standards Authority-NSSA to workers needed to prove their skills to foreign and local investors. Under the 2013 Employment and Skill Development Law, NSSA has cooperated with local and international organizations to provide knowledge and skills for the local labour force.

A lack of skilled workers should not be one of the most troubling concerns of Myanmar and employers should not face an uphill battle in the coming years to recruit and retain workers.

Round-table discussion on economy

By Khin Yadana

In order to materialize a market-oriented economy, cooperation plays a vital role in the economic growth and overall development of a nation. With an aim for the emergence of a market-oriented economy and enhancing socio-economic life of the people, a round-table discussion by officials concerned from the Ministry of Commerce was held at MRTV in Nay Pyi Taw on August 9. Following are comments made by U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister for Commerce, and U Aung Soe, Director General for Myanmar's Trade Promotion Organization.

Q: Well, as far as I heard, the Central Committee for Myanmar Special Economic Zones (SEZs) held a coordination meeting recently. As the Director General for Myanmar's Trade Promotion Organization, could you elaborate on the latest development of the Kyaukpau Special Economic Zone?

U Aung Soe: In Myanmar, we have enacted the Special Economic Zone Law and the ministry has re-promulgated the Myanmar Special Zone Law, 2014. In order to implement the Special Economic Zones in accordance with policies laid down by the government, a SEZ management committee has been formed, chaired by Vice President-2 U Henry Van Thio. We have identified three Special Economic Zones, namely, the Thilawa SEZ in Yangon Region, Dawei SEZ in Taninthayi Region and Kyaukpau SEZ in Rakhine State, respectively.

The Thilawa SEZ has executed the 'run' phase, and the other Dawei and Kyaukpau SEZs are still in the stages of implementation.

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The government has said that economic growth is on the rise, but some have argued that the situation of Myanmar's economy is shrinking. In fact, the economy in Myanmar has been steadily increasing.



Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo, 4th from left, and Director-General U Aung Soe, 2nd from right.

We have received many contracts for the Dawei SEZ. There are plans are under way to initiate road paving from Dawei to the Thai border in Htee Kee. I am sure that both the Dawei SEZ and Taninthayi Region will enjoy regional development upon completion of the road construction project.

In our country, many spe-

cial economic zones are being implemented aiming to boost the productivity and to promote industrial products that can contribute to the export-led growth of the economy. The Kyaukpau SEZ is accessible to China, India and ASEAN corridors, and it has promising opportunities for the people and the region. We are making necessary arrangements and coordinating with local and international tender-winning companies to carry out the projects. As part of our efforts, a SEZ management committee has been formed with Deputy Minister U Set Aung as chairman and Dr. Soe Win as joint chairman. Cooperation is being made to proceed according to the framework agreement of the Kyaukpau SEZ, with the aim of providing job opportunities for local nationals and conducting work systematically. Time is to be valued and progress is needed to achieve success in the shortest possible time. The Kyaukpau SEZ consists of an industrial park and a deep-sea port. The framework agreement

of the deep-sea port is nearly completed, and it is very crucial for the regional development process and creating employment opportunities for the people and the state. The Kyaukpau SEZ has linked with One Belt, One Road and is expected to become a major economic center of the region.

The progress of economic zones is of great importance in achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Job opportunities can be created in areas where the zones are set up. Hence, we need to ensure our projects are successful and enjoy a good socio-economic life. While setting up special economic zones in the country, concerns were raised over the Kyaukpau Deep Seaport and over Myanmar being at risk of walking into a debt trap as a result of the seaport, included in the Kyaukpau SEZ in Rakhine State. We are fully aware of the concerns expressed by observers and academics regarding the debt issue, or the 'debt trap'. Myanmar is not

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And the size of the project (Kyaukpau Deep Seaport) will be tailored according to Myanmar's needs. That's why the government will not borrow any funds and will not relinquish any of its sovereignty.

walking into a debt trap. There are reasons for implementing it. This project is based on demand and not on supply. And the size of the project will be tailored according to Myanmar's needs. That's why the government will not borrow any funds and will not relinquish any of its sovereignty.

To implement the project, Myanmar is mindful of similar patterns from other countries and has taken lessons from them. The Kyaukpau Deep Seaport project is part of the economic corridor of China's Belt and Road Initiative and the two countries will approach this in such a way to ensure it becomes a win-win situation for both. Regarding this, authorities concerned have made progress during negotiations over the Kyaukpau Deep Seaport. Both sides have agreed to construct the port in stages and the construction would be carried out step by step, according to EIA and SIA standards, gradually expanding the project in phases.

Q: Another question I would like to raise concerns the current economic conditions in Myanmar. What is your opinion on measures needed to be taken in order to boost the economic development?

U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister: The answer would be very controversial, based on different perspectives. It may also differ in approaches, suggested by social media and journals. The government has said that

economic growth is on the rise, but some have argued that the situation of Myanmar's economy is shrinking. In fact, the economy in Myanmar has been steadily increasing. According to the forecasts of the Asia Development Bank (ADB), Myanmar's GDP is expected to grow by 6.8% in 2018 and by 7.3% in 2019. All these speculations are based on Capital Output Ratio and total investment volume in a year in Myanmar. Thus, this speculation is not different between the ADB and IMF, as far as I can see. Another intriguing point is that the Gross Domestic Product per capita in Myanmar is recorded at US\$1400. We are in need of domestic and foreign direct investment flows, besides the OAD loans.

During the tenure of the incumbent government, more emphasis is being placed on economic stability, also known as macroeconomic stability. The government has been making relentless efforts to improve basic infrastructure services — clean water, sewages, roads, electricity, telecommunications, to name a few — to support the basic livelihood of citizens and businesses. A number of investments should be made in the market to boost the production, education and health care sectors, so that the citizens of the country can create better opportunities and higher socio-economic lives for their future.

Translated by
Win Ko Ko Aung



Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons



Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day

13th September

The entire public needs to participate,
Trafficking in persons to eliminate...

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- ❖ To mobilize the participation of all citizens in combating human trafficking as a national duty;
- ❖ To have the public instilled with awareness about and knowledge of trafficking in persons;
- ❖ To protect and care trafficked victims with empathy; and
- ❖ To strengthen cooperation and coordination among all counter trafficking stakeholders – government agencies, civil society organizations, UN agencies, international organizations and general public.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 30 August 2018)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak to moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 31 AUGUST 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)m.p.h. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (6-9) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (4-6) feet in off and along Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Taninthayi Region and Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 AUGUST 2018: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 AUGUST 2018: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 AUGUST 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 15:00 hrs MST on 30-8-2018)

Flood condition of Sittoung River

According to the (14:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River has exceeded by about (2) feet at Taungoo above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level during the next (1) day.

According to the (14:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River has exceeded by about (3½) feet at Madauk above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level during the next (5) days.

Flood condition of Thanlwin River

According to the (14:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River has exceeded by about (4) feet at Hpa-an above its danger level. It may fall about (½) foot from the present water level during the next (2) days and may remain above its danger level.

Advisory

It is especially advised that people who have settled near the river banks and low lying areas in Taungoo, Hpa-an townships and Madauk, to take precautionary measures.

Yangon-Bagan railway resumes service

FOLLOWING continuous heavy rain, some sections of Yangon-Bagan railway was inundated on 29 August and railway service was suspended. Myanmar Railways (MR) announced yesterday that Yangon-Bagan railway has resumed again after a one-day disruption.

Swa dam's spillway, located in Thaingwa village tract, Yedashe Township, Bago Region, broke on 29 August morning and water from the dam flooded over train tracks between Gongygyi and Swa railway stations on Yangon-Mandalay road. The rail tracks were inundated between mileposts 190/18 and 190/24.

Following heavy rains, the rail tracks on Yangon-Bagan railway between milepost 217/16 and 217/20 were covered with silts and sand. Therefore the authorities temporarily suspended the railway service along Yangon-Bagan



A locomotive seen at Yangon Railways Station. PHOTO: PWINT THIT SAR

railway and passengers who bought tickets for 29 August were refunded.

Similarly, a spillway collapsed in Swa Dam on the morning of August 29 and water poured out from the dam covering the rail tracks. Some railway trips were temporarily suspended for that day and

MR has also refunded the ticket fees to passengers who bought tickets for the 29 August trip.

MR authorities are also temporarily suspending trains services departing from Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Thazi stations. Authorities under the supervision of Union

Minister for Transport and Communications and Myanma Railways senior officials are working towards resuming the railway services as soon as possible. According to MR, timely announcements will be made to passengers on the resumption of the services. —Pwint Thit Sar ■

Okpo Township flooded due to torrential rains

TORRENTIAL rains have caused flooding in Okpo Township, Thayawady District in Bago Region on 29 August. Water was about one-foot deep between mileposts 112/4 and 112/5, 6-feet deep between mileposts 113/1 and 113/2, mileposts 113/5 and 113/6 and 5-feet deep between mileposts 114/1 and 114/2 on Yangon-Pyay Road on 27 August because of heavy rains. Therefore, authorities from township

administration, police, fire services brigade, related departments and other social organizations conducted relief activities for safety of travellers. Additionally, authorities closed temporality some of the schools in those flooded areas for the safety of children. Authorities will make arrangements to replace the teaching time on holidays as soon as water level in the river fall.—Aung Thu Swe ■

Price of rice increased by Ks100 in Mawlamyinegyun

THE price of rice has increase by Ks 100 per pyi (8 cups) in the local retail market in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Region in August beginning from July. Previously, the price of Pawsan rice was Ks 2,100 per pyi in Mawlamyinegyun retail market as of

29 August while Khon Nima was Ks 2,000 per pyi and Higyri rice was Ks 1,600 per pyi. The price of Hnan Kar rice was Ks 1,200 per pyi. The price of rice has increased by 100 beginning from July to as of August in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—Mawgyung Myint Aung

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Awareness workshop on ADSP Marlae-Nattaung irrigation system held

THE AGRICULTURAL Development Support Project (ADSP) Marlae-Nattaung irrigation system awareness workshop was held at Letpanhla agricultural training camp, Singu Township on 30 August. The ADSP was implemented with the loan from World Bank.

The workshop was attended by Township Administrator U Soe Naing and departmental officials, Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department staff officer U Tin Myint Aung and project officers, Marlae-Nattaung dam in charge U Chit Tun Myaing and local farmers from the dam area.

At the workshop, Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department staff officer U Tin Myint Aung delivered an opening speech.

Then, Operations Analyst Daw Nay Nwe Lin Maung explained the objectives and process of the World Bank while Project Manager U Min Zaw Oo

explained about Agricultural Development Support Project and accounting officer U Khin Yin explained about financial management. M&E officer Daw Moe Moe Lwin also explained about the observation and review system of the ADSP, while environmental protection specialist U Min Min explained about the environmental conservation project.

Following this, social protection specialist Daw Sandar Tin Shwe explained about the social protection project by Power Point. After that questions from the attendees were presented and discussed.

The ADSP's eight irrigation system projects were implemented with the loan from World Bank in Bago, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Sagaing regions. The projects are based on 86,450 acres of agricultural land and it will benefit 120,000 family members of 25,000 local farmer households.—Min Zaw Oo (IPRD) ■

Over \$1.48 billion FDI brought into country in five months

By Nyein Nyein

Over US\$1.48 billion of foreign direct investments were brought into the country from April to August.

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) targeted US\$3 billion during the six months (April to September) interim period and it is facing difficulties to meet the target with the current inflow of foreign investments.

"FDI can reach around \$2 billion during the interim period, with increased investments and more foreign investment inflow in September," said U Than Aung Kyaw, Deputy Direc-

tor-General for the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

A total of 65 foreign enterprises received permits and endorsements, bringing in a capital of \$770.5 million, as of August in the current six-month interim period (April to September) prior to next fiscal year 2018-2019. Overall foreign direct investments of \$1.48 billion flowed into the country so far, including increased investments and investments of over \$171 million in Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

Four foreign and four domestic investment projects received permits and endorsements at the

MIC meeting (13/2018) held on 25 August.

Those foreign enterprises were approved permits and endorsements by MIC and Ayeyawady Region Investment Committee, bringing in a capital of US\$192.4 million. They are to be engaged in manufacturing, real estate and other sectors, creating 2,985 local employment opportunities.

In the same period, four domestic enterprises with a capital of approximately Ks22.7 billion were approved by MIC and the respective investment committees of Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions. They will be executing in real

estate, manufacturing and other sectors, creating 350 job opportunities for local residents.

A total of 73 domestic enterprises made investments of \$176.57 million (Ks863 billion) in the past five months. Total domestic investment flow exceeded \$177.7 million (Ks893 billion).

At present, 60 per cent of foreign investments were brought into Yangon Region. Mandalay attracts 30 per cent of investments. Other regions and states attain only small portion of investments, according to the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. ■

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Farmers plant rice seedlings in a paddy field on the outskirts of Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Rice, broken rice export volume reaches 909,000 metric tons in past four and half months

THE volume of rice and broken rice export is estimated at 909,376 metric tons from 1 April to 17 August 2018, earning US\$315 million, according to an announcement by the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar's rice

worth US\$256 million is shipped to 40 countries, with export volume of over 713,104 metric tons.

Meanwhile, over 196,271 metric tons of broken rice were exported to 15 countries, earning \$58 million.

Border trade sur-

passed sea trade in rice export, accounting for 56.7 per cent of the total export. Rice export through border checkpoints earned an estimated \$183.9 million, whereas the sea trade saw an income of \$131 million.

Rice is the chief export among the country's

agriculture products. 75 per cent of the production is for domestic consumption and the remainder is exported. In the last 2017-2018 fiscal year, 3.6 million tons of rice and broken rice worth \$1.13 billion were exported to foreign countries. —GNLM ■

Over 100 new companies daily register on MyCO

By Nyein Nyein

OVER 100 new companies are daily registering on MyCO electronic registry system, said U Myo Min, Director of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

According to Myanmar Companies Law 2017, registration and re-registration of companies through MyCO website commenced on 1 August. This month, over 1,500 new companies and 5,500 old companies have completed registration and re-registration through MyCO system.

"Every country monitors the start-up. Decreasing number of startups is somehow related to poor business performance of the country. Over 100 new companies daily register on MyCO", said U Than Aung Kyaw, Deputy Director-General of the DICA.

There are over 60,000 registered companies, according to data from the DICA. All the companies are required to re-register electronically online through Myanmar Companies Online (MyCo) system or in person at the offices

of the DICA, using the prescribed forms for re-registration by 31 January 2019. Inevitably, those companies which fail to re-register within the set period will be cancelled from the list.

"Re-registration process will be smoothly finished within the set six-month period. It is regarded as sufficient time for registration", U Than Aung Kyaw continued. According to Myanmar Companies Law 2017, there is no separation for local and foreign companies. Additionally, detailed business plan is not required to be submitted to the DICA. When they submit annual returns to DICA after one year, the companies can be clearly specified, U Myo Min said. "Under new registry system, the companies can be identified as local or foreign ones. We see some foreign entities which make registration. The detailed business plans are not revealed. Companies are not required to submit an annual return to DICA during the re-registration period, but they have to submit it every year", U Myo Min maintained. ■

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Rhinos and their conservation in Kenya

PARIS — Once it roamed Asia and Africa in the tens of thousands. Today, the rhinoceros has been driven to near-extinction.

Three of the five species of rhino are listed as critically endangered — their numbers decimated by poachers who kill the giant mammal for its horn, used in traditional Chinese medicine or as a supposed aphrodisiac.

The two species found in Africa are the black rhino and larger white rhino, with genetically distinct northern and southern subspecies. Together they number between 25,000 and 30,000 on the continent today.

Kenya is home to one of the largest populations of rhinos in Africa, after South Africa. It also has only two remaining female northern white rhinos, whose species is on the brink of extinction after the last male died in March.

In 1970, Kenya boasted 20,000 black rhinos — a number which plummeted 98 per cent to only 350 in 1983, but has steadily crept up to over 700 due to conservation efforts.

Kenya is a pioneer of the sanctuary approach, placing rhino in fenced-off areas under the close watch of armed rangers equipped with thermal im-

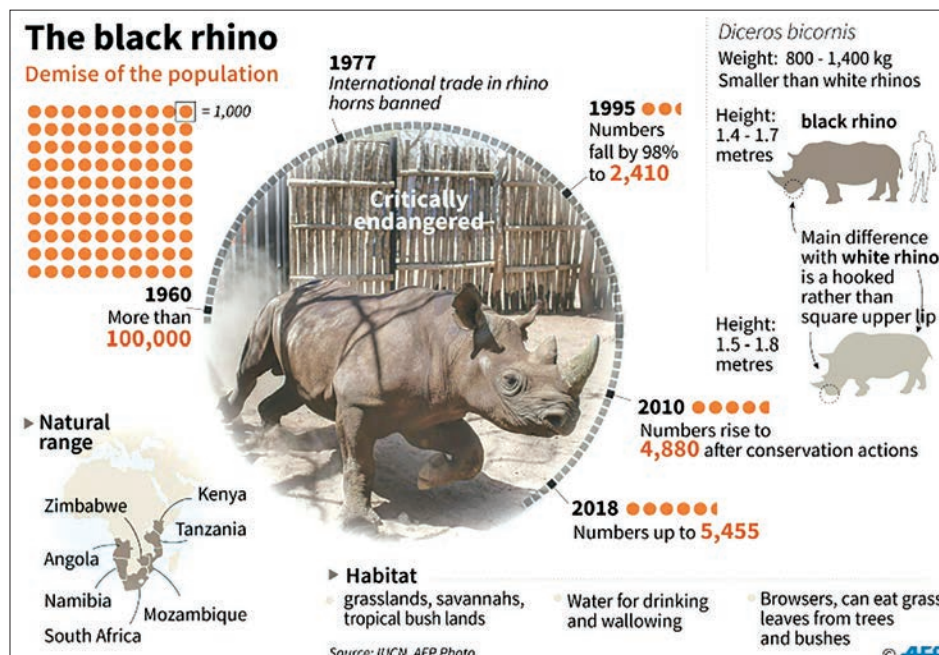
aging cameras and drones.

Ironically, this success comes with its own set of problems as there is limited space for these rhinos.

As a result, faced with a burgeoning human population, they cannot roam and expand their gene pool.

With black rhino populations thriving in parks in Nairobi and Nakuru, the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) this year decided to move 14 rhinos to a new sanctuary in Tsavo East, in the southeastern Kenya, in an operation funded by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

KWS has successfully carried out numerous so-



The black rhino. PHOTO: AFP

called translocations of this kind.

But in this case, all 11 animals which were moved died. The three others were not transferred.

The figure represents

more than the nine rhino poached in the country in 2017. Despite the tragedy, officials underline the country's success in bringing down poaching in recent years, with 59 rhino killed

in 2013. South Africa, home of the largest rhino population, has lost over 1,000 of the animals annually over the past five years, according to the group Save The Rhino.—AFP ■

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Renowned Austria photographer Erich Lessing dies at 95

VIENNA—Renowned Austrian photographer Erich Lessing has died at the age of 95, Austria's Jewish community organisation, the IKG, said on Wednesday.

Lessing's career in photojournalism saw him document many of the key moments of postwar European history, such as the Hungarian Uprising of 1956 and Charles de Gaulle's 1958 visit to Algeria.

Lessing worked with the Associated Press and the Magnum Agency and his photos also appeared in publications such as *Time*, *Paris Match* and *Fortune*.

Born in 1923 in Vienna, the son of a dentist and a concert

pianist, Lessing fled the Nazis to Palestine at the age of 16. His mother and grandmother were murdered in the Holocaust.

In 1947 he returned to Austria, having taken up his childhood hobby of photography as a profession, including for the British Army during the war.

From the 1960s he increasingly focused on art and historical subjects in his work.

He later taught photography at various venues and his work was published in around 60 volumes. In 2013 he donated 60,000 images to the archives of the Austrian National Library. —AFP ■



Austrian photographer Erich Lessing, who has died aged 95, with pictures of the 1956 Hungarian uprising. PHOTO: AFP

I get scared easily, says Shraddha Kapoor

MUMBAI—Shraddha Kapoor may or may not be the one scaring people in "Stree" but the actor says she herself gets scared easily. Her upcoming film, a horror-comedy, is based on the urban legend of Nale Ba, about a witch who knocks on people's doors at night.

Without throwing much light about her character, Shraddha, 31, said she is having fun with the mystery. "People don't know whether I am 'Stree' or not. There has to be a sense of mystery around my character, we made sure we maintain that.

"In horror films it is all about how well you built up the scare quotient, it is quite interesting. In real life, I get scared easily but I used to like watching Zee horror show. I also liked 'The Exorcism of Emily Rose' and 'The Ring'," Shraddha told PTI.

The 31-year-old actor said it was great to work with performers like Rajkumar Rao and Pankaj Tripathi in the film.

"To get the opportunity to work with them was a treat. I would actually be nervous but I would end up having so much fun with them. I have learnt so much just by observing them, it is amazing how they work," Shraddha said. —PTI ■

Star Gosling took flying lessons for new astronaut film

VENICE—Hollywood star Ryan Gosling said Wednesday that he tried to learn to fly to play astronaut Neil Armstrong in an emotional new biopic about the strong but silent space hero.

The Canadian actor renewed his Oscar-winning partnership with "La La Land" director Damien Chazelle for "First Man", which tells how Armstrong overcame tragedy after tragedy to become the

first man to walk on the moon.

Gosling revealed how he took flying lessons so he could get inside the mind of the engineer and test pilot as the film opened the Venice film festival.

"I thought what I should do was learn how to fly. Neil could fly before he could drive. But not too long in when the instructor asked me to take the plane into a controlled stall, I thought 'this is a terrible idea',"

the actor told reporters.

"There was a reason why Neil Armstrong was destined to be one of the best pilots of all time and I'm not. 'There was something very different about him and a lot of other astronauts,'" Gosling said.

It took a "certain breed of person to get into a plane that has never been flown before and push it to its breaking point for the sole purpose of

furthering our knowledge of aeronautics".

Chazelle, who is half French and half Canadian, said the astronauts were universal heroes.

"When I first saw a Gemini I thought it was just part of the spacecraft -- but it was the whole thing. I wanted to capture how terrifying it felt searching in the void of space in flying tin cans." —AFP ■

Detroit readies for Aretha Franklin tribute concert

DETROIT—Aretha Franklin's casket is to lie in repose at her father's church on Thursday ahead of a tribute concert in her hometown Detroit and what will be a "jubilant" star-studded funeral on Friday.

Thousands of fans paid their respects at the open, golden casket of the US music icon and "Queen of Soul," who lay in state at the Charles H. Wright Museum for African American History on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The 76-year-old singer, beloved by millions around the world, died of cancer on August 16, closing the curtain on a glittering six-decade career that made her one of America's most celebrated artists.

On the second night of the public viewing, a huge queue of young and old, from babies in strollers to elderly women leaning on crutches and sitting in wheelchairs, snaked half a

mile to file past her coffin.

An estimated 15,000 people came on Tuesday with a bigger

crowd on Wednesday, one museum official told AFP. On Tuesday, she was dressed in a red dress

with matching stilettos and on Wednesday in blue.

The funeral parlor have

reportedly said Franklin will be dressed differently for each of the four days of celebration, which continues on Thursday with her coffin lying in repose at her father's New Bethel Baptist Church, where she hosted dinners and recorded an album.

In the evening a free concert honoring Franklin's life is to kick off at 6pm at the Chene Park Amphitheatre, an outdoor riverfront arena in downtown Detroit that has 5,000 seats and 1,000 lawn spaces. Headliners include Gladys Knight, The Four Tops, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Angela Davis and Angie Stone. Louis Farrakhan, the controversial leader of the Nation of Islam, is included in the line-up.

On Friday, former president Bill Clinton and Smokey Robinson are among those due to address her six-hour, invitation-only funeral with musical tributes coming from Stevie Wonder and Ariana Grande. —AFP ■



A man paints a mural of Aretha Franklin on a wall down the street where the Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke celebrating the life of singer Aretha Franklin at her father's church, New Bethel Baptist, during a Sunday morning service in Detroit, Michigan. PHOTO: AFP

Sato Kogyo opens Yangon branch

SATO KOGO CO., LTD has opened its branch at Sakura Tower in Yangon. Sato Kogyo traces its roots to one of the oldest turnkey contractors in Japan. Founded in 1862, Sato Kogyo, a “tunneling specialist” in Japan, has since evolved into an international name. It has handled a wide spectrum of building and civil engineering projects of varying nature, magnitude, and complexity.

Sato Kogyo’s operation in South East Asia was started in 1971 when joint venture companies in Singapore and Malaysia were set up. Since then, Sato Kogyo has been engaging series of works in civil engineering and building projects.

On June 22, 2018, Sato Kogyo signed a construction contract of the



Project for Improvement of Magway General Hospital, under Japan’s grant program. Through the participation as a contractor in this project, Sato Kogyo

wishes to contribute to the improvement of medical services in Magway region.—GNLM ■

Kid you not: Goats can read your face

PARIS—Goats can distinguish smiling human faces from frowning ones on photos, and actively seek out snapshots of happier individuals, a study said Wednesday.

Shown two pictures of the same person—one with a happy expression and the other angry—20 domesticated goats in an experiment were more likely to approach the smiling image and touch it with their snout, said researchers from Europe and Brazil.

“Goats looked and interacted on average 1.4 seconds with the happy faces and 0.9 seconds with the angry faces,” study co-author Christian Nawroth of

the Queen Mary University of London told AFP “That means that goats spend approximately 50 percent more time to look and interact with happy images compared to angry ones.”

The study, published in the journal Royal Society Open Science, claims to provide the first evidence of goats reading human emotional expression.

The findings suggested “livestock species have very sophisticated minds to interpret their environment,” said Nawroth, and “likely adapt their behaviour” based on human facial expressions.

Goats, unlike dogs or horses, were not domesticated because of their ability

to read and respond to human moods, but to provide their milk, meat, dung, and coats.

“The study has important implications for how we interact with livestock and other species, because the abilities of animals to perceive human emotions might be widespread and not just limited to pets,” said Nawroth’s colleague Alan McElligott.

The team found goats were even more likely to approach happy pictures when they were placed to the right of the angry image, suggesting the animals use the left side of their brain to process positive emotion. —AFP ■

OK computer: How AI could help forecast quake aftershocks

TOKYO—Lightning might not strike twice, but earthquakes can. And forecasting where aftershocks will hit might now be a little easier thanks to an assist from artificial intelligence.

Aftershocks can be more destructive than the quakes they follow, making it all the more important for experts to be able to predict them. But while seismologists have methods to forecast when aftershocks

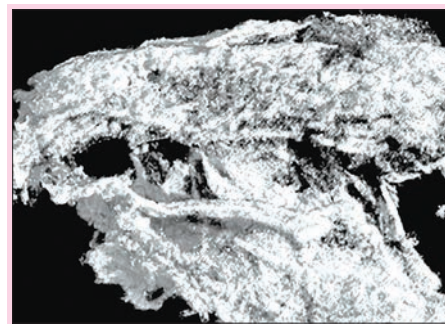
will hit and how strong they will be, there is more uncertainty about how to predict where they will strike. Hoping to address that, a group of researchers trained a “deep learning” programme with data about tens of thousands of earthquakes and aftershocks to see if they improve predictions.

“The previous baseline for aftershock forecasting has a precision of around three percent across the testing data set. Our neural network approach has a precision of around six percent,” said Phoebe DeVries, co-author of the study published in the journal *Nature* on Thursday. “This approach is more accurate because it was developed without a strongly held prior belief about where aftershocks ought to occur,” DeVries, a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard, told AFP.

The researchers used a type of artificial intelligence known as deep learning, which is loosely modelled on the way the human brain makes connections.—AFP ■



Seismologists have methods to forecast when aftershocks will hit and how strong they will be, but there is more uncertainty about how to predict where they will strike. PHOTO: AFP



American researchers confirmed a fossil evidence that mammals, have the biggest brains and produce some of the smallest litters of offspring. PHOTO: XINHUA

Fossil reveals mammals evolve by trading brood power for brain power

WASHINGTON—American researchers confirmed a fossil evidence that mammals, which have the biggest brains and produce some of the smallest litters of offspring, traded brood power for brain power during their evolution.

The study published on Wednesday in the journal *Nature* described fossil of an extinct mammal relative and her 38 babies, a rare one because it contains the only known fossils of babies from any mammal precursor.

The presence of so many babies or more than twice the average litter size of any living mammal revealed that it reproduced in a manner akin to reptiles, probably developing inside eggs or having just recently hatched when they died, according to the researchers from the University of Texas at Austin.

The findings may help reveal how mammals evolved a different approach to reproduction than their ancestors, which produced large numbers of offspring.

“These babies are from a really important point in the evolutionary tree,” said Eva Hoffman, who led research on the fossil as a graduate student at the University of Texas’s Jackson School of Geosciences. “They had a lot of features similar to modern mammals, features that are relevant in understanding mammalian evolution,” said Hoffman, who co-authored the study with her adviser, Jackson School Professor Timothy Rowe.

The mammal relative belonged to an extinct species of beagle-size plant-eaters called *Kayentatherium wellsi* that lived alongside dinosaurs about 185 million years ago. Like mammals, *Kayentatherium* probably had hair, according to the study. A 3D visualizations analysis revealed that the skulls of the babies were like scaled-down replicas of the adult, with skulls a tenth the size but otherwise proportional.

This finding is in contrast to mammals, which have babies that are born with shortened faces and bulbous heads to account for big brains. However, the brain is an energy-intensive organ, and pregnancy is an energy-intensive process.—Xinhua ■



Myawady team celebrates victory after winning the championship title of the KBZ Bank Women's League 2017-2018. **PHOTO: MWL**

Myawady FC secures two-time Women League champion

MYAWADY FC has won the championship title of the KBZ Bank Women's League 2017-2018, after playing the final match of the tourney and by beating Thitsar Arman FC 2-0, at Aung San Stadium in Yangon on Wednesday.

Both teams played with

no losses throughout the tournament, and they met in the final with the same points but with goal differences. The winning goals for Myawady were scored by May Thu Kyaw at the 22nd minute and by Yupar Khaing at the 81st minute.

After the match, an award

ceremony was held with some entertainment programs.

The champion Myawady team was awarded Ks 15 million, the first runner-up Thitsar Arman Ks 10 million, while the second runner-up Sports and Education FC received Ks 5 million.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Nadal speeds through, Wawrinka and del Potro too

NEW YORK — World number one and defending champion Rafael Nadal steamed into the third round on another scorching day at the US Open on Wednesday with a straight-sets win over Vasek Pospisil.

Nadal, spared the worst of the heat thanks to his late-night start on Arthur Ashe Stadium, sped past Pospisil 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

His only hiccup came in the second set, when he dropped his serve to fall 2-4 down.

"The conditions are tough," Nadal said. "It was important to start very well with that break. To win in straight sets is always very positive, especially in these conditions. It's almost midnight, very happy about the victory."

Former champions Stan Wawrinka and Juan Martin del Potro also advanced, while 2012 winner Andy Murray, like Wawrinka back at Flushing Meadows after missing last year through injury, was bounced by Fernando Verdasco. Wawrinka survived searing mid-day heat and a spirited Ugo Humbert.

"I knew it would be a difficult match," said Wawrinka, who was

pleased to find himself feeling fit after prevailing 7-6 (7/5), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in three hours and 21 minutes. — AFP ■



Quick work: Rafael Nadal celebrates US Open victory over Vasek Pospisil. **PHOTO: AFP**

China remains top of Asiad athletics medal tally with two more golds



Gold medalist Yang Jiayu (C) of China, silver medalist Qieyang Shijie (L) of China and bronze medalist Okada Kumiko of Japan attend the awarding ceremony of women's 20km walk of athletics at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia on 29 August 2018. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

JAKARTA—China bagged two golds from athletics at the Asian Games here on Wednesday, remaining top of medal tally in the sport.

The golds came early from the first two events of the day. China's Wang Kaihui, 24, came from behind to beat Japanese Toshikazu Yamanishi to win the men's 20km race walk in his Asian Games debut.

The 24-year-old Wang outraced Yamanishi before the finish line, ending the "long march" in 1:22:04. Six seconds later, the Japanese got the silver, and Wang's teammate Jin Xiangjian bagged bronze in 1:25:41. In the women's event, China's Yang Jiayu and Qieyang Shijie hit the finish line both at 1:29:15, a new Asian Games record. The outcome came down a

photo finish between the two and Yang was declared gold medalist. Qieyang rest on silver and Japanese Kumiko Okada pocketed bronze at 1:34:02.

It is the ninth Asiad gold in straight for China in this event.

"I wanna be the future of China's race walk and do better at Tokyo Olympic Games," said the 22-year-old Yang. — Xinhua ■



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Medals Table

Rank	Country	G (Gold)	S (Silver)	B (Bronze)	Total
1	China	108	69	51	228
2	Japan	54	48	64	166
3	Republic of Korea	37	44	53	134
4	Indonesia	30	22	37	89
5	IR Iran	19	17	19	55
6	Chinese Taipei	14	17	22	53
7	Uzbekistan	13	18	18	49
8	DPR Korea	12	9	11	32
9	India	11	20	23	54
10	Thailand	9	13	36	58
31	Lao PDR	0	2	2	4
32	Turkmenistan	0	1	2	3
33	Nepal	0	1	0	1
34	Pakistan	0	0	3	3
35	Afghanistan	0	0	2	2
35	Myanmar	0	0	2	2
37	Syria	0	0	1	1