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Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects the site where fish auction market and a development zone project will be implemented in Taninthayi Region. **PHOTO: MNA**

## New fish market in South

Taninthayi Region in the south of Myanmar will get a fish auction market and a development zone near the mouth of the Dawei river where the economic zone and a deep-sea port projects are under way.

Vice President Henry Van Thio yesterday visited the market and economic zone project in

Thayetchaung Township south of the regional capital city of Dawei.

The goal of the project involves acquiring technology related to fishery business and production of finished goods of international standard for internal and international distribution.

Accompanied by Union ministers Dr Than Myint and U Ohn

Maung and Taninthayi Region Chief Minister Daw Lae Lae Maw, the Vice President heard a report on choosing the site, its area and design and the different stages of the project presented by officials of the main contractor.

Union Ministers Dr Than Myint and U Ohn Maung and Chief Minister Daw Lae Lae Maw

also reported on environmental conservation measures to protect fish resources; the open forum where public can raise their voices on the project and work procedures.

The Vice President gave remarks on the number of jobs the project may create, electricity and water supply for the project,

cost and benefits, fish related products and the involvement of other businesses for regional development. He also looked into the requirements of the project that may help fetch reasonable prices for fish exports and develop the national economy on one way or another.—Myanmar News Agency ■



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# Religious titles presented for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time



Minister Thura U Aung Ko supplicates on religious matters at the religious titles conferring ceremony in Yangon. **PHOTO:MNA**

Religious titles were presented for the 23rd time at the State Pariyatti Sasana University in Yangon yesterday. Vice-Chairman of the administrative body of the university Vice Chairman of the State Sangha Manha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhama Jotika Bhaddanta Uttaraman-yanabhivamsa administered the five precepts at the ceremony sponsored by the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

Eminent monks then delivered sermons. Union Minister

for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko supplicated on religious matters and Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Phyo Min Thein explained the holding of the convocation ceremony.

Then religious titles including a doctorate degree were conferred on the 116 monks who passed their respective examinations. Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko, Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Thet Pon, officials and well-wishers donated rice and other provisions to the monks.— Myanmar News Agency ■

## All-Round Youth Development Festival proves great success

The final day or the third day of the All-Round Youth Development Festival saw more visitors than the previous two days as it fell on Sunday, a public holiday and the 97th birthday anniversary of Yangon University founded in 1920.

Near the old dried tree renowned as Thitpokpin, was a stage show where visitors, especially student youths were enjoying the songs performed by famous vocalists.

Another interesting venue

for students was the book show in front of the Science Hall near the tree held in conjunction with poem reciting events and the display of rare books and photos of famous writers.

In the afternoon, the festival was enlivened with English proficiency competitions, extempore talks, literary talks, folk games and sports activities for pure fun, Myanmar traditional performing arts shows, portrait drawing events, cartoon shows, caricature events. The festival also shared

knowledge on ethnic traditional costumes and cuisines, landmarks through photos and video shows, quiz shows, IT facilities and innovations of youths.

A large number of people were strolling on the Adipati or Chancellor Road visiting the educative booths on narcotic drugs, anti-child abandonment and other subjects, and the special youth exhibition alongside a number of funfairs and game events.

Yangon City Development Committee also joined in the



Thitpokpin or the landmark tree of Yangon University see more visitors and more activities on the final day. **PHOTO: MNA**

festival with posters on garbage cleaning programs. The tree-day festival was a success as a very large number of people,

especially youths came to it not only as visitors but also as the active participants.— Myanmar News Agency ■



A talk show in progress. **PHOTO: MNA**



Youths visiting a literature booth. **PHOTO: MNA**



The festival serves as the venue where technological knowledge is shared. **PHOTO: MNA**



U Thaung Tun Union Minister for Ministry of Office of the Union Government and his wife Daw Sandar Lwin were welcomed by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Julr Boon-Long and his wife at a ceremony to mark The Late King's Birthday, Thailand's Father Day and Thailand's National Day which was held in Thai Ambassador' residence on Pyay Road in Dagon Township, Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

## Rare books displayed at festival

The three-day Youth All-round Development Festival displayed rare and famous books of the 1950s at a special booth.

"The books included over 100 works of prominent writers, and types of books were magazines, treatises and books on Myanmar literature, world affairs, culture, science, social field, transport and many others. They are actually rare to find anywhere," said the librarian of the Sarpay Beikman.

Some of the rare books are not included the works to be republished by the Sarpay Beikman yet. The display also included papers on various subjects including patriotism, translated works, classics, reference literature, general knowledge, novels, children's

literature, travelogue.

"Book lovers can read those works at Sarpay Beikman Library from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays and till noon on Saturdays," said the librarian. The festival also opened the bookshop of the News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information.

"We are selling some of the books at 50% discount. Most of the youths buy books on English literature and mathematical quiz. They are also interested in reference books on translation, Myanmar encyclopedia and books on stone inscriptions", said the in-charge of the store.

The final day of the festival saw more bookworms visiting the shop. —Phma/Sandi ■

# Disability denies 1b global people from full social integration

Disability in various forms has denied over one billion people of the world from fully participating in the human society, said Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye today.

Speaking on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities commemorative ceremony at the International Convention Centre-2 in Nay Pyi Taw, the minister said Myanmar is striving hard for the social integration of the persons with disabilities to restore their dignity, rights and well-being.

He elaborated on the ministry's rehabilitation schools, special education programs and other social integration

schemes involving intensive care, harm-free environments, public awareness campaign in the interest of the disabled.

He said rules of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law 2015 will come out soon.

The government is in the process of implementing Early Childhood Intervention-ECI system that will find out infants with possible disability in various forms, he pointed out.

The minister speaking in his capacity as the vice chair-1 of the National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities also highlighted the importance of all-inclusiveness of the human race for the success of any development program, calling for collective

efforts for the successful social integration of the persons with disabilities.

The resident representative of the UN agencies read out the message of the UN General Secretary. Union minister Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun and Deputy Minister for SWRR U Soe Aung presented outstanding awards commemorating the Day. Two troupes of the children with disabilities performed dances, followed by a group documentary photo session. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye views the photo display of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint at Fourth World Internet Conference in Wuzhen. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Fourth World Internet Conference opens in Wuzhen

A Myanmar delegation led by Dr. Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information, attended the opening ceremony of Fourth World Internet Conference held in the water town of Wuzhen, East China's Zhejiang province yesterday morning.

The Conference was held under the theme of "Developing Digital Economy for Openness and Shared Benefits — Building

a Community of Common Future in Cyberspace".

The Conference has been a platform for building a community of common future in cyberspace, promoting worldwide respect for diversity, focusing on mutual development, forging consensus and boosting innovation. It is our hope that more countries will join us in sharing the opportunities and outcomes

brought along by the Internet development and shaping a better future of human society in the new Internet era, it is learnt.

A total of 1500 high-ranking officers and members of the governments of 30 countries, international organizations, enterprises, technical community and civil societies all around the world attended the event. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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## Cars bought using installment plan popular among city dwellers

THE sale of brand new cars manufactured by Nissan and Toyota through installment payment plans is popular among the city residents, according to the Myawady Daily's Saturday report.

The number of buyers who purchase the brand new cars by installment plans has risen month by month, said U Phyo Ko Ko Kyaw, a retail banking manager of Ayeyawady Bank.

Since the middle of this year, the two companies have sold their new cars by installments through links with local banks. Every citizen between the age of 20 and 55 years who has regular income is eligible to join the installment payment plan.



PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Those who want to purchase cars under an installment payment system have to provide copies of their National Registration Card, Housing Census, recommendations from ward

administrative office and police office, document provided by the job mentioning monthly income and two honourable and respectable men to give a guarantee.

After a scrutinising process,

the bank allows only those who completely submit their application forms with other documents necessary for a vehicle purchase, the bank manager said.—GNLM ■

## Businesses' EIA, SIA, EMP report to government found weak points

May Thet Hnin

WEAKNESS is found in implementation reports of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) by enterprises, said Daw Khin Thida Tin, the director of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

The submitted reports of EIA, SIA and EMP show weak points concerning with policy, procedures, criteria, transparency, assessment methodology, impact mitigation measure and lack of report on related impact, said Daw Khin Thida Tin.

Additionally, EMP implementation group was described in general and no organization structure, no terms of reference were mentioned. Also, there

are weakness in giving commitments, parameters, frequency and geographical location, she continued. Moreover, the report has flaw in public consultation methodology and describing the feeling and experiences of people affected by the projects, she added.

"Report also fails to clearly express the request of the local residents, meeting minutes, commitments given by the company. The report also has no detailed project information given to the public, lacking reference in the report", said Daw Khin Thida Tin. Founder of ECodev, U Win Myo Thu said that EIA and SIA activities are required to seek advices and cooperation from a panel of experts and most of domestic companies are not well-prepared for this.

"It is usual to see that kind of weakness as the Environmental Conservation Law has come into force only for five or six years. We need to walk on the right path slowly and steadily as companies are working ineffectively regarding the inclusiveness of the public participation. Therefore, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation needs to urge the company to carry out public participation in an effective way so as not to blemish the country's reputation", he added.

Mrs. Vicky Bowmen, director of Myanmar Center for Responsible Business (MCRB) said that Myanmar suffered the worst environmental impact and third party plays a crucial role to EIA and SIA activities.

"All companies require hir-

ing the third party. It is a legal requirement in Myanmar Environmental Impact Assessment to hire qualified third party. It is not a choice but the problem at the moment. We still have a problem that many of the people who are not offering third party EIA services are not actually experienced and unqualified to do it. So, our recommendation would be building the partnership between local companies and international EIA consultancies. And also international EIA consultancies should see that responsibility as probably around skills transfer".

Some third party is allegedly committing breach of copyright regarding to activities of EIA, SIA and EMP, especially in construction businesses. The government has already issued warning about it. ■

## Export via border gates up by \$126 mil, import shows decline of \$40 mil

EXPORT income through border gates from 1st April to 24th November in current Fiscal Year reached US\$3.13 billion which is an increase of \$126 million against similar period of last FY.

Meanwhile, import via border checkpoints fetched \$1.78 billion which is \$40 million less than last FY. Export performed

better than import in carrying out border trade, unlike sea trade. Myanmar is conducting the border trade with the neighbouring countries- China, India, Thailand and Bangladesh via border land points of entry.

Sino-Myanmar border trade is flowing in and out of Muse, Lwejel, Chinshwehaw, Kanpiketee and Kengtung

gates. Thai-Myanmar border trade is carrying out through Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Mawtaung and Maese. Indo-Myanmar trade is conducting via Tamu and Reed checkpoints while Sit-tway and Maungtau land points of entry are Bangladesh and Myanmar

Rice, various peas, sesame

seeds, corns, vegetables and fruits, dried tea leaves, fishery products, rubber, minerals and animal products are exported to the neighbouring countries whereas machinery, agricultural equipments and trucks, plastic raw materials, consumer products, cosmetic, electronic tools enter the domestic market.

—Ko Khant ■

## China imports more than 50,000 tonnes of rice from Myanmar in one week

CHINA, Myanmar's largest neighbouring country, imported more than 54,000 tonnes of rice, broken rice and sticky rice from Myanmar between 11 and 17 November of this year, according to border merchants.

During the aforementioned period, China imported over 76 tonnes of Ngasein Rice, 19,145 tonnes of Emahta Rice and about 319 tonnes of sticky rice via the Muse (105-mile) trade zone, and more than 2,100 tonnes of Ngasein Rice from the Lwejel border gate.

The world's most populous country also bought Ngasein Rice weighing 50 tonnes as well as 50 tonnes of broken rice by sea.

Myanmar earned US\$0.831 million from the export of broken rice weighing 2,775 tonnes to China through borders, including 2,482 tonnes from Muse and 293 tonnes from Jwejel border



Farmers harvest summer paddy in a paddy field. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**

der points of entry.

Myanmar also exports rice to Bangladesh, Indonesia, European countries, Sri Lanka, Japan, Singapore,

some South African countries and Belgium.

In the week before 18 November, the country exported more than 60,000

tonnes of rice, broken rice and sticky rice to foreign trade partners via borders and sea routes.—Khine Khant ■

## Myanmar exports domestically produced cement to India via Tamu border

MYANMAR exported locally produced cement weighing 150 tonnes to India, the second largest neighbouring country, between 10 and 15 November of this year, earning US\$0.01 million, according to border authorities.

The country sold AAA brand cement, one of top brands in the local market, to its neighbour mainly through the Tamu-Moreh cross-border route. The brand occupied a high market share of Myanmar cement market.

Cement manufactured in Myanmar is well-known in India because of its quality and cheaper price. In retail market, the domestically produced cement is also available at general stores as well as Nantphalon Market in Tamu border region.

The price of cement, an important construction material, is worth about Ks4,500 per bag in wholesale market while a bag of the same product has been sold for Ks6,000 in retail market, said one of retailers from Tamu border point of entry.—Shwe Khine ■

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## Senior General attends religious ceremony in Sittway

THE inauguration ceremony of a grand religious building or the Sasana Beikman was held in the compound of Lokananda Pagoda in Sittway, Rakhine State yesterday.

Present on the occasion were eminent Buddhist monks, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the commander-in-chief (Navy) the commander-in-chief (Air), senior military officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Tint Naing, members of Rakhine State cabinet, regional MPs, well-wishers, guests, local elders and local people. The stone plaque and the signboard of the building were unveiled and scented water sprinkled. Monks recited parittas after the congregation received the Five



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla donate glass cover for the Buddha Image of Aungsetkyamuni Ordination Hall. PHOTO: MNA

Precepts. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and the congregation offered day meal to the monks. Then the ceremony to donate glass cover for the Buddha Im-

age of Aungsetkyamuni Ordination Hall by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, children and grandchildren was held.—Myanmar News Agency

## Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications attends 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN TELMIN



Ministers and Deputy Ministers for Transport and Communication from ASEAN countries pose for documentary photo at the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunication and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN). PHOTO: MNA

DEPUTY Minister for Transport and Communication, U Kyaw Myo attended the 17th ASEAN Telecommunication and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN).

During the meeting the Deputy Minister discussed the development of the transport and communication sectors in Myanmar; the implementation of Digital Government Strategy and e-Government system by the government of Myanmar; policies and regulations for the cooperation between ASEAN countries; essential Cyber security of the ICT sector along with his advices.

The meeting was held in Siem Reap in Cambodia from 30 November to 1 December and Ministers and Deputy

Ministers for Transport and Communication from ASEAN countries, General Secretaries of International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Deputy Ministers and other responsible officials from China, Japan and Republic of Korea attended the meeting.

Change of views on developing telecommunication and information technology of the ASEAN countries, review on previous procedures in 2017, approvals for the upcoming agendas, decisions for the current procedures with ASEAN's dialogue partners: China, Japan and People's Republic of Korea, approving the upcoming agendas of the ITU and ASEAN were discussed in the meeting.

Awarding ceremony for the

winners for ASEAN ICT Award 2017 was launched along with Siem Reap announcement.

The Deputy Minister also attended the Asia-Africa-Europe-1 (AAE-1) launching ceremony of submarine cable from South East Asia to Europe along with Deputy Ministers of Cambodia and other information Ministers from ASEAN countries.

The Deputy Minister also met separately with Deputy Minister for Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, H.E Masahiko Tominaga and discussed the promotion of relations and cooperation in the telecommunication and IT sectors between the two countries and postal services.—Myanmar News Agency

## National objectives for the 2018, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day

1. All nationalities to collectively preserve and protect non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national unity; and perpetuation of national sovereignty.
2. To strive hard to draw up a constitution suitable for the Union in accordance with democratic principles and norms for the emergence of a Democratic Federal Union.
3. To strive hard and exert our utmost efforts to implement the peace process as quickly as possible.
4. For all nationalities to work together with the State to achieve the goal of "lasting peace" through political dialogues.
5. By encouraging the private sector which is the main engine of growth for the economy, to collectively exert our efforts for improving and advancing the socio-economic life of the people.

## Tourists able to visit Ah Myint Old City by land and water routes

TOURISTS are able to visit Ah Myint Old City Heritage Zone not only by cars, motorcycles and bicycles but also by boats along the Chindwin River, according to U Paul Lay, leader of the (Ah Myint Old City) Village.

Ah Myint Village (Ah Myint Old City) Heritage Zone is situated at the east bank of the Chindwin River, Chaung-U Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division in Upper Myanmar and visitors can study the ancient pagodas of Innwa and Kounghaung eras, murals and architectures of ancient monasteries.

Archaeology and National Museum Department established the Ah Myint Old City as a heritage zone in 2012 and there are 154 pagodas in that zone according to their record.

Before establishing this place as a heritage zone, nearly 40 pagodas were repaired which are now found as new one. After the heritage zone establishment, there was no repair, therefore, the features of those over 100 pagodas could be seen in original. Currently, tourists can visit only a few pagodas as most of

the pagodas are in the bushes even though they are not damaged. In this open season (dry season), expecting tourists may visit, our department and the heritage zone maintenance team formed with the villagers are working the cleaning works together, in the places where there are many pagodas closely situated together" said Ko Zaw Lwin Oo, Ah Myint Old City's regional in charge from Archaeology and National Museum Department.

There are eight pagodas which have mural paintings in that heritage zone. They are That Taw Shal Pagoda, Shwe Twin Awung Pagoda, three pagodas at Min Ye Phayar Taik Su, one pagoda at Yadana Min O Chan Thar Phayar Taik Su and two at Ngar Su Tan Phayar Taik.

Among them, only the pagoda of Min Ye Phayar Taik Su is in best condition and the other seven are mostly in damage. According to the drawing styles and pictures, ancient mural painting conversation organization approved that they are the ancient arts of Innwa and Kounghaung eras. — Win Oo (Zaya Taing)



Photo shows archway of Ah Myint town (Ah Myint Old City). PHOTO: WIN OO (ZAYA TAING)

# Festival to develop youths



Students seen at All-round Youth Development Festival in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**



Performers dancing together with marionettes. **PHOTO: MNA**



A stylish performance of a vocalist at the festival. **PHOTO: MNA**



Ethnic dancers entertaining the visitors. **PHOTO: MNA**



Students visiting the IT booth. **PHOTO: MNA**



An interesting moment at the festival. **PHOTO: MNA**



A traditional sports event in progress. **PHOTO: MNA**



Two boys taking in the pillow fight. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Penetration into the Market Economy

BEING an underdeveloped country once in the past, Myanmar is trying very hard to become a developed country in the future. In making efforts for the country to develop its national economy without interruption, ways and means are sought to develop the SME sector and concerted efforts are being made to increase the amount of local and foreign investments.

In bringing about national economic development of a country, support needs to be given for the development of small businesses while building up the economic enterprises. In working to develop the economy, small productive industries are the most fundamental ones, increasing per capita income. Therefore, the Union Government is encouraging the development of SMEs.

Myanmar abounds with various kinds of natural resources. It is necessary to constantly monitor the situation of small businesses and to encourage them. It is because a nation's

economic development is directly proportional to the development of SMEs.

Especially, penetration into promising markets, which is of great importance in the basic economy, is not strong yet, still being far away from success.

the people's needs, the very basics for the national economic development. At present, regional economic committees for wards or village-tracts had been formed for the basic economic development, but there are still requirements for SMEs to gain success. Especially, penetration into promising markets, which is of great importance in the basic economy, is not strong yet, still being far away from success.

The requirement for the betterment of economy is for export products to become strong and imported goods to be reduced. Yet, in actuality Myanmar is still relying upon imports of commodities of small value, not to mention heavy commodities. As it is, products of SMEs are finding it difficult to penetrate into promising markets.

Imports from foreign countries, especially neighboring ones are presently occupying Myanmar markets. That is attributed to their quality, reasonable prices and availability of adequate amounts as much as what the people demand. Myanmar mostly managed to export raw materials. And, it is a sorrow and a great loss for us to get imports from them, occasionally the refined ones from our exported raw materials.

To sum it up, region-originated institutions need to monitor and help the needs of the SMEs whereas our businessmen and entrepreneurs as well are required to try their best to penetrate the world market, without looking at their personal interests only.

Htun Tin Htun

*"Better it is to live one day wise and meditative than to live a hundred years foolish and uncontrolled"*

"Shame to do evil (hiri)" and "Fear to do evil (ottapa)" are the principles guarding the mankind and these are the guardian of the Planet (Lokapala Dhamma). Stop killing (abstaining from killing). Stop stealing (abstaining from taking what is not given).

Stop raping (abstaining from sexual misconduct). Stop lying (abstaining from telling lies), Stop intoxicating (abstaining from liquors, drugs which cause heedlessness). Harming, despising, making violence/invasion/ encroachment, bullying, destroying, damaging among others to the living beings in this planet need to be eradicated. All tremble at violence; all fear death, life is dear to all; putting oneself in the place of another, one should not kill nor cause another to

kill. Man matters most and mindset is of great importance for peaceful, harmonious, just, secured, developed, sustainable and prosperous nation so that man-made disasters, enmity and aversion must be totally alleviated through the good education and training programs in order to enhance the good knowledge, skills and attitude which can equip the people with good behavior and habit for doing good and avoiding all evil. Equity (pro-poor), empowerment (pro-woman), employment (pro-job) and environment (pro-nature) needs to be deeply considered in order to avoid all man-made evil and to survive, develop and improve all human/living beings in our universe.

To avoid all evil, to cultivate good and to cleanse one's mind is the cardinal teachings of all Buddhas and this is the fundamental foundation for all matters such as building confidence, restoration of peace, national reconciliation, conflict resolution, territorial integrity,

peaceful co-existence, safeguarding the national sovereignty and national identity and interest. One world is what we all want to build and we try our best to achieve the sustainable development goals in which all round development and peace and security agendas are included.

"Delight in heedfulness!

Guard well your thoughts, speeches and actions! Draw ourselves out of this bog of evil even as an elephant draws himself out of the mud." Drop by drop is the water pot filled; likewise the fool gathering it little by little, moment by moment, one by one fills himself with evil. Do not associate with evil companions; do not seek the fellowship of the vile; associate with good friends; seek the fellowship of noble men. One will always be happy by not encountering fools.

One should give up anger, renounce pride and overcome all fetters. Overcome the angry by non-anger; overcome the wicked by goodness; overcome

the misers by generosity; overcome the liar by truth. One who while himself seeking happiness oppresses with violence other beings who also desire happiness, will not attain happiness hereafter. One who while himself happiness, does not oppress with violence other beings who also desire happiness, will find happiness hereafter.

Enlightenment factor of investigative knowledge, enlightenment factor of effort, enlightenment factor of delightful satisfaction, enlightenment factor of mindfulness, enlightenment factor of tranquility, enlightenment factor of concentration and enlightenment factor of equanimity are the seven enlightenment factors or conditions for the attainment of Path Knowledge to cleanse one's mind. Victory begets enmity; the defeated dwell in pain; happily the peaceful live, discarding both victory and defeat. It may be well with the evil-doer as long as the evil ripens not; but when it does

ripen, then the evil-doer sees (the painful results of) his evil thoughts, speeches and deeds. It may be ill with the doer of good as long as the good ripens not; but when it does ripen, then the doer of good sees (the pleasant results of) his good thoughts, speeches and deeds. Let a man guard himself against irritability in thought, speech and action, let him be controlled in mind, mouth (speech) (including writing and manner) and body; abandoning mental, verbal, bodily misconduct, let him practice good conduct in thought, speech and action (deed). Lead a righteous life; lead not a base life; the righteous live happily in this world and the next.

May you all be free from all dangers and sufferings!!! May you all be healthy, happy, peaceful and prosperous!!! May you all be free from man-made disasters!!! May you all be free from religious extremism and terrorism!!! May the love, peace, justice and joy be with you!!! ■

## Man matters most and mindset is of great importance for peaceful, harmonious, just, secured, developed, sustainable and prosperous nation.

# The Land of Music

UTA (Yangon University)

MYANMAR can be said "The Land of Music". Whatever Myanmar people do, they have a song to sing for it. In Myanmar, wherever you go, you can hear laughter and

singing. Myanmar people sing in their work sites or in the fields or even when they march to the combat area or the battle field, they sing a martial song. Now, Myanmar people sing longing for peace in the Peace Music Festival.

In Myanmar from babies

to the King love songs and music. Their singing shows what they feel or what they desire. Babies like to listen to the mother croon, cool and pleasant song lying in the cradle. When children play they sing a respective song for each kind of play or game, such as cook

fight, Shweson-nyo, bo-peep and so on. Workers sing a song to release their tiredness. Soldiers sing the martial song in romantic songs. Their singing show what they want to be or their feeling.

Now, Myanmar people are singing in the peace music



festival. This shows how their thirst for peace is great. One thing to my amazement is that the vocalist of any ethnic group can sing Myanmar classic or Myanmar folk songs very well. That means their way of life, their ideas and thoughts are the same, though their costumes are different in colours and designs. The love of singing reveals the civilization of people in a country.

In Myanmar, everyone from trishaw man to the president, loves songs and music. In fact, songs and music can help people to escape from the real world to a romantic fiction. Songs and music give the pleasure and peace to everyone of the different social classes. Music comes from the heart, from the head and from the hand. Myanmar is the Land of Music. ■

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



PHOTO: SAIKAT KUMAR BASU

Dear Editor

VULNERABLE populations and sub populations of natural insect pollinators across different local ecosystems and environment in South and South East Asia are showing a steady and alarming decline.

This farmer and environment friendly insect pollinators include honey bees, native or indigenous bees, moths and butterflies and some species of flies and beetles.

Anthropogenic impacts like modern industrial and agricultural expansions, change in land use patterns, excessive use of toxic pesticides and other agri-chemicals, parasitic diseases, environmental stress and lack of proper foraging plant species are impacting the rapid decline of insect pollinators, the worst impacted group being bees and more specifically native or indigenous bee species.

Unless suitable, long term and sustainable, environment friendly approaches are rapidly implemented across South and South East Asia; several species and sub species of local (indigenous) bees may soon become extinct.

This could negatively impact local agricultural crop productivity dependent on natural or biological insect pollinators for cross pollination such as food and feed crops as well as several industrial crops, forest trees and highly priced ornamental plants.

As a consequence both local ecology and economy could be impacted significantly. Establishing suitable Pollinator Gardens or Habitats or Sanctuaries at suitable sites may serve as an important solution for the successful conservation of local insect pollinators including native (indigenous) bee species.

Thanking you  
Sincerely yours  
Saikat Kumar Basu

## 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](mailto: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

## Interview with Professors at the Youth All-Round Development Festival



Dr Phoe Kaung.



Dr Nwe Nwe Yi.



Dr Mya Mya Khin.



Dr Le Le Win.



Dr Mo Mo Thant.



Dr Nyine Nyine.



Dr Soe Mya Mya Aye.



Dr Cho Cho Oo.



Dr Khin Mar Yee.



Dr Chaw Chaw Sein.

Interview: Nandar Win,  
Thant Zin Win  
PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

**The followings are the explanation of the professors on their subjects when interviewed with Myanmar News Agency.**

**Dr Po Kaung (Rector, Yangon University)**

Yangon University is arts and science university. Apart from the academic science, applied sciences are also taught. There are 8 science subjects and 13 arts subjects including social science and sociology. Therefore Yangon University consists of 21 subject departments.

The professors will discuss about their respective subject and how it can support the societies. Other professionals and students will also take part in the discussion and the professors and professionals will answer the questions raised by the enthusiasts.

**Dr Nwe Nwe Yi (Professor and head, Oriental Study Department, YU)**

The graduates with specialization in Oriental Study prioritize the teaching profession in the department with some others having job opportunity at the department of religion and culture. The official marks in matriculation examination for the entrance to Oriental Study of

YU are total marks 380 and 65 marks in English. The subject is beneficial not only to the nation but also to the mankind.

**Dr Mya Mya Khin (Professor and head, Anthropology Department, YU)**

Anthropology is the scientific study of mankind from different aspects. The study has been divided into Physical Anthropology and Cultural Anthropology. Physical Anthropology studies of human being and diversification of human being into races and tribes. Cultural Anthropology studies the existing ethnic people, discovering the diverse culture of ethnic people.

Graduates are working in ministry of education, ministry of culture and some in private businesses. Some venture establishing their own business. As this is the subject that studies men from different angles, the graduates can join the relief and resettlement department and children welfare department.

**Dr Le Le Win (Professor and head, Philosophy Department, YU)**

We are teaching mainly philosophy, but apart from Philosophy, Myanmar, English, History, Geography and Political Science. Required marks for entrance to Philosophy is total 380 marks and 60 marks in English. 50 students will be taken for Philosophy sub-

ject. Master and Doctorate courses are also given in Philosophy department. Philosophy is also teaching "critical thinking" as a subject which is important in modern education. Logical thinking, a branch subject of Philosophy can also help the decision makers in all respects.

**Dr Nyein Nyein (Professor, Department of Myanmar)**

Myanmar Language is taught as a university subject and also taught under the program of human resource development. Myanmar Language is a compulsory subject for all 1st year students of the university. Under the human resource development program, Myanmar Language is taught to foreign students and also to the students of editorial course. The courses under human resource development are taught in the morning from 7.30 to 9.30. People from media profession and people whose livelihood is related to literature attend the morning class of HRDP. Moreover, students from universities of China, Korea and Japan which are MOU signatories with department of Myanmar Language attend the Myanmar Language class in day time.

They study Myanmar Language also in their country as specialized subject. They study Myanmar Language one more year in Myanmar. We also give

Master and Doctorate degree.

Since Myanmar Language is an official language of the country the graduates should write and speak Myanmar correctly. We are teaching Myanmar to meet that requirement.

**Dr Soe Mya Mya Aye (Professor and head, Computer Science Department, YU)**

We are teaching Computer Science subject. The B.Sc (Hons), M.Sc, Ph.D in computer science are conferred by our department. The number of student intake previous years is 50, however the intake is 100 this year. The requirement for entrance is total marks 450 and distinction in Mathematics. Actual intake this year 120 though the set amount is 100. Computer Science is now very popular among the students.

The department has been established since 2004. The computer graduates can get the job easily as the computer technology is applied almost in all government departments and private businesses.

Some computer science graduates are working in foreign countries as IT technicians. Some are working in local IT businesses. Our department is targeting quality drive rather than quantity drive. We are now providing online diploma and master degree in computer science.

**Dr Cho Cho Oo ( Professor and head, Industrial Chemistry, YU)**

Industrial Chemistry is actually an applied subject that teach the students to be able to work in the manufacturing industry. The intake this year is designated as 100 students, however only 48 students applied for entrance to Applied Chemistry. The total lowest mark needed for entrance is 430. We are giving B.Sc, M.Sc, Ph.D degree in Industrial Chemistry. Diploma in Food Technology is also given to student who has successively completed the one year course. We also have the Cosmetic Technology 3 month course. After finishing that course one can produce the cosmetic products such as lipstick, Shampoo and etc.

We have the program this year to open post-graduate internship course. Those who finish the course can work in the labs of the industry in quality control section.

Some graduates now become the business owners such as businessman of soap factory, purified water and etc. In the research competition YCMG held in China, six students from our department won 1st prize in industrial chemistry. Moreover, in entrepreneurship research competition held in Yangon the students from IC gained also the first prize.

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# All-Round Youth Development Festival shows Shan paper and lotus robe making process

ALL-ROUND Youth Development Festival displayed for three days the process of making tradition paper of the ethnic Shans and the lotus robe for monks.

The tradition paper or the Shan paper as it is called is the basic material in creating many folk craft including lantern, fans and umbrellas.

Shan State Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement opened a booth where the production process of the traditional items are showed.

Shan paper making is a home industry mostly found in some towns of Shan State. Renowned all over Myanmar, Shan paper is made from a kind of jute

naturally grows in many parts of Shan mountains.

The process includes drying, washing, pounding, mixing, molding and other stages.

Padomma Lotus is the main raw material lotus robe looming industry. This lotus species can in Inlay Lake of the Shan State where it grows naturally.

Lotus fiber is used in Myanmar not only for making lotus robe but for human appliances such as wrap, bracelet and key chain made from lotus fiber.

Exhibition and demonstration for the production of lotus fiber in the booths of the All-Round Youth Development Festival were popular sites for the youths.—News Team (MNA)



People can learn Shan paper making-process at the festival. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Folk games win highest visitor's interest

By Aye Min Thu

Officials from various departments, teachers and students from universities, colleges and Basic Education schools and interested people from various fields visited the final day of Youth All-Round Development Festival which took place yesterday at Yangon University Campus.

Youth All-Round Development Festival was held in Yangon University Campus from 1 to 3 December and organized by five ministries and Yangon Region Cabinet with an aim to produce a better generation of the future.

The Youth All-Round Development Festival included many activities of education, health, technology, sport and literature sectors. Among those activities, sport activities attracted a very large number of people as sport sector is not only concerned with youths but also with everybody. Doing sports can get not only a lot of health advantages such as health and happiness and physical, mental and moral developments but also promote nation's dignity.

"Children were brought to study the sport competitions. Children are believed to get interest not only in their lessons but also in sport activities. Sport is also included in the school timetable. School lesson study can get only intellectual devel-



Pull! Let's see which team is stronger. **PHOTO: ZAR NI MAUNG**

opment. Physical development is also needed for the children. Sport is considered as an important part of human society", said Dr Kyaw Thu Htun, principal of Pearl Private High School.

The sport activities in the festival were men and women Lun Swe Pwe (tug of war) Htoke See Toe (Border crossing), Gaung Ohn Yite (pillow fight), fitness, Gone Ni Aeik Sut (gunny bags), basketball and running competitions and Chin Lone, Wushu, Thaing, Karate and etc..

Htoke See Toe game started

over hundred years ago. Myanmar played this game earlier than Thailand. There are rules for the game. A team for the game with seven lines was formed with a coach and 10 players (three of whom are substitutes). Plays should be stable and should not show any nerves in a Htoke See Toe game. Quickness and fitness are needed, said Daw Ohnmar Than secretary of Myanmar Traditional Game Federation.

"Lun Swe Pwe (tug of war) is a game that needed unity, strength, teamwork and deter-

mination for victory. Traditionally the game has been played to call the rains when there is drought since the ancient times. Then, rules are set to make it a system event. There are eight players in each side and the weight classes are classified.

Gaung Ohn Yite (pillow fight) is a traditional game. There is no specific rules for that game. Two players, usually male, sit facing each other on a horizontal bamboo trunk, each armed with a pillow. The one being knocked out by his or her opponent from

the lubricated bamboo trunk is the loser.

By playing these games, we can not only conserve the Myanmar traditional game but also assist the body fitness. The children minds can't fly away anywhere. Myanmar traditional game needs to be revitalized. We need to extend the scope of the traditional games till reaching the international arena", she added.

The semifinal and final competitions of Myanmar traditional games and performances were held by dividing two sessions, morning and evening and Htoke See Toe and Lun Swe Pwe were awarded the highest prizes, first prizes for Ks 500,00, second prizes for 3000,00 and third prizes for Ks200,000 each. Other games were awarded first prizes for 30,000, second prizes for 20,000 and third prize for 10,000 each.

At women Htoke See Toe competition, Jin Kaung team won the first prize, Star team took the second prize and Myozat Thit (generation) team obtained the third prize. At men Lun Swe competition, Bo Aung Din team took the first prize, Hlay Hlaw Htoe team obtained second prize and Tiger World team got the third prize. At women Lun Swe competition, Kar Yan Moe Myint team won the first prize, Strong Girls team obtained the second prize and Bote Sone Ma team got the third prize.



Australia's Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull attends the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Danang, Viet Nam, on 11 November 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

## Embattled Australian PM says he will lead government to next election

MELBOURNE — Australia's embattled conservative Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has shaken off speculation about the security of his leadership, declaring on Sunday he will lead his coalition government into the next election in 2019.

Turnbull, who has faced a horror run in recent weeks, losing his one-seat

majority and being called to stepdown before Christmas, said that he "runs the government" and that his party's policies would soon be converted into public support.

"I have every confidence that I will lead the coalition to the next election in 2019 and we will win it," Turnbull told Sky News television. "I am very confi-

dent we will be able to see a disciplined approach to teamwork within the coalition." Three Australian prime ministers have been ousted by their own parties since 2010.

Turnbull's confidence has been bolstered by the stunning by-election victory of his former deputy prime minister, Barnaby Joyce, who easily cruised

to victory on Saturday night with a huge 65 per cent primary vote.

Barnaby was kicked out of parliament just over one month ago because he held dual citizenship with New Zealand, a status he has since rescinded. Under Australia's constitution dual citizens are banned from the national parliament.—Reuters ■

## US national security adviser says potential for war with DPRK "increasing"

WASHINGTON — US White House National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster said on Saturday that the potential for war with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is "increasing every day" after Pyongyang's latest missile launch.

"I think it's increasing every day, which means that we are in a race, really, we are in a race to be able to solve this problem," said the senior security official

addressing an audience at the Reagan National Defence Forum in California.

McMaster's remarks came days after a successful test-fire of a newly developed Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) by the DPRK, which has drawn strong condemnation from countries and international organizations.

The DPRK represents "the greatest immediate threat to the United States," said McMaster, adding that US President

Donald Trump remains committed to the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

The national security adviser also noted that there are non-military ways to deal with the issue.

The latest launch by the DPRK came a week after the United States redesignated the DPRK as a "state sponsor of terrorism" and slapped a new round of sanctions against the Asian country.—Xinhua ■

## Philippine gov't says martial law to keep public safe when rebuilding Marawi

MANILA — Philippine presidential spokesman Harry Roque said on Saturday that the martial law will guarantee the safety and security of the public during the rebuilding of the war-torn southern city of Marawi.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) will submit its recommendation to Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on whether or not to extend the coverage of martial law to the entire Mindanao region, Roque said in a press briefing in Zamboanga City in the southern Philippines.

He also said Duterte is expected to make his decision by next week or the following week to allow congress to discuss the measure before it suspends session for the Christmas

holidays.

Roque said an extension of martial law in Mindanao would ensure the region is secured and government aid workers can focus on the rehabilitation work without having to worry about possible terror attacks.

"Although we liberated Marawi, the threat of terrorism and violent extremism prevails," Roque said.

He said martial law extension would also help in the process of rehabilitat-

ing Marawi city following the five-month siege by the pro-IS extremist fighters.

"All those involved in the rehabilitation will feel safer if the president will exercise his power as commander-in-chief," Roque said.

On 23 May, Duterte put the entire Mindanao under martial rule for 60 days after an estimated 700 extremists allied with the Islamic State (IS) group laid siege to the southern Marawi city.—Xinhua ■

### SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE PROCUREMENT OF WORKS

REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT  
UNDER THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION  
FLERP – FLOOD AND LANDSLIDE EMERGENCY RECOVERY PROJECT  
Credit No.:5889-MM

Contract Title: SAN KIN - KA LOT THAUK ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS  
AYEYARWADDY REGION

Reference No. : NCB C2-W01-01 (single lot)

Contract Title: SHAN ZU- CHAUNG ZAU to HLE ZEIK ROAD REHABILITATION  
AYEYARWADDY REGION

Reference No. : NCB C2-W02-LOT 1-2

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Flooding and Landslide Emergency Recovery Project (FLERP). The Department of Rural Road Development (DRRD) under the Ministry of Construction, in its role as Implementing Agency of Component 2 of the FLERP, intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract(s) for the procurement of Road Works.

The Department of Rural Road Development (DRRD) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following road works in the Ayeeyarwaddy Region:

C2-W01-01 (single lot)

ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS. LENGTH OF ROAD 4,825 METER ON THE SAN KIN - KA LOT THAUK ROAD UNDER DANUPHYU TOWNSHIP

C2-W01-02-LOT 1:

ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS. LENGTH OF ROAD 7,012 METER SHAN ZU - CHAUNG ZAU TO HLE ZEIK ROAD UNDER KYONE PYAW TOWNSHIP (KM 0+000 to 7+012)

C2-W01-02-LOT 2:

ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS. LENGTH OF ROAD 6,900 METER SHAN ZU - CHAUNG ZAU TO HLE ZEIK ROAD UNDER KYONE PYAW TOWNSHIP (KM 7+012 to 13+912)

The works are scheduled to start on 1 February 2018 with an estimated maximum duration of 150 days.

The contract for C2-W01-01 (single lot) will be awarded to the Bidder offering the lowest evaluated cost to the Employer. For the contract(s) C2-W01-02 LOT1-2 Bidders have the option to Bid for any one or both lots. Bids will be evaluated lot-wise, taking into account discounts offered, if any, for combined lots. The contract(s) will be awarded to the Bidder or Bidders offering the lowest evaluated cost to the Employer for combined lots, subject to the selected Bidder(s) meeting the required qualification criteria for lot or combination of lots as the case may be.

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in "the World Bank's Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014" (the Procurement Guidelines), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Department of Rural Roads Development (DRRD), Ms. Tin Moe Myint, FLERP Project Director, ([ruralroad.drrd@gmail.com](mailto:ruralroad.drrd@gmail.com) and/or [rbbdrd@gmail.com](mailto:rbbdrd@gmail.com)) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 16.00 Hrs at the address given below.

A complete set of electronic bidding documents in English Language may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible bidders by simple e-mail request to the address below. Alternatively, a complete set of printed bidding documents in English Language may be obtained by interested eligible bidders upon submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 70,000.00 MMK. The method of payment will be cash payment or cashier's check directly at the address mentioned below where the set of bidding documents can be collected. No printed documents will be sent.

Interested Bidders that obtained the bidding documents will be invited to attend a Pre-Bid Conference on Monday 11 December 2017.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday 5 January 2018 1:00 pm Myanmar time. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on Friday 5 January 2018 2:00 pm Myanmar time.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security or a Cash Deposit with a reputable Bank in Myanmar, licensed by and under the supervision of the Central Bank of Myanmar for this activity.

The address referred to above is:  
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Nay Pyi Taw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
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# Residents living close to Indonesia's Bali volcano facing ordeal

BALI, (Indonesia) — Residents living close to Indonesia's Bali volcano have been going through unprecedented ordeals.

"We are now very confused why it can be like this. If it can, please erupt as soon as possible so as to make everyone here going back to normal life again," Nyoman Sudarsana, a local resident, said.

Nyoman referred to Mount Agung volcano,

whose activities have yet to recede with the alert remaining the highest.

Nyoman and his family members of three generations live in a banjar building now used as a shelter for residents of three villages in Bali's Karangasem regency village of Culik.

Culik is located in Bali's eastern coastal region of Amed, around 12 kilometers from Mount Agung crater. The authorities have

declared a dangerous zone within 10 kilometers from the crater.

Nyoman, father of four children, told Xinhua on Saturday that he only carried along some clothes, a stove and mats to sleep. "It's even harder for my children," the 35 year-old father said, adding the banjar is packed by at least 250 people.

Like many others in the shelter, Nyoman visit-

ed his farm land in the red zone area once in a while even though he realized that it's quite risky.

Most of the residents seeking refuge in the shelter have no idea on how dangerous the impact of the volcano eruption can be. Most of them are from generations born after the volcano made its most devastating eruption in 1963, which killed at least 1,500 people.

Referring to geographical condition in Amed, a resident told Xinhua that should the volcano erupt, emitting lava, Amed would be isolated from any direction as access to the region would be blocked by the flows of lava.

He said it would make people in the region hardly able to evacuate. "The only way out is through the sea," he said.

Realizing the ordeal

faced by local residents, many volunteers have come to Amed and offer their assistance to ease residents' suffering.

Among those volunteers is Michele Yoga from Australia. "I know the government is doing the best they can, but this is such a huge, huge crisis, everybody needs to help," the 51-year old volunteer told Xinhua in a Culik shelter.—

Xinhua ■



Job seekers hold a discussion during a Hassiyadai Inc. training session in Tokyo in September 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

## Staff-strapped companies turning to "delinquents," non-college grads

TOKYO — A Tokyo start-up is generating buzz with a new job internship programme to connect regional non-college graduates — many of whom are considered delinquent youth — with companies in the grips of a deepening labor shortage.

Hassiyadai Inc. said the project is aimed at helping graduates of high schools and junior high schools outside Tokyo gain more access to employment information and job choices, allowing them an opportunity to hold their own against college graduates. Client companies have given the programme high approval. Since starting the project in the fall of last year, Hassiyadai has trained about 100 young job-seekers.

Dubbed the "Yankee Internship," the programme, whose participants range in age from 16 to 22, is unique in that it also encompasses the category of Yankee — a Japanese

slang for delinquent youth. Such juveniles are popular as potential workers among companies in need of staff because although they "are wayward they have guts," according to Hassiyadai.

"Many of them are actually quite earnest," said Shigeto Hashimoto, 26, a director of the company.

In late September, Hassiyadai held the internship for about 30 trainees at its office in Tokyo's Shibuya Ward. "You shouldn't be satisfied just by taking part in the programme," Hirofumi Ueda, 33, an advisor to Hassiyadai, told them. "You need to imagine how you wish to grow."

Hassiyadai provides trainees with accommodation in Tokyo, as well as lessons in English conversation, programming and business etiquette. On weekdays, the trainees sell internet connections door to door. At the session, participants were asked to speak about what they believed to be the signifi-

cance of the program and answered questions put forth from others in the group. They received feedback such as, "Your story was based on experience and easy to understand but wasn't quite logical" or "You spent a lot of time talking but didn't answer my questions at all."

Ueda said a key was getting trainees to open up. "We aim to have trainees frankly express their opinions to help them realize what they understand and the issues they need to work on," Ueda said.

"Our biggest goal is to narrow the information gap" between these youth and university graduates from the metropolitan area, Hashimoto said. Masahiro Takeda, 20, has been in the program since July. He graduated from a technical high school in Toyama on the coast of the Sea of Japan two years ago and started working at a factory run by a major company. —Kyodo News ■

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**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION**  
**FLERP — FLOODING AND LANDSLIDE EMERGENCY RECOVERY PROJECT**  
Credit No.:5889-MM

**Contract Title: THANDWE-GWA ROAD WORKS — RAKHINE STATE**

**Reference No. : NCB CI-MOC-W01 LOT 1-5**

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The Department of Highways (DOH) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following road works along the Thandwe-Gwa Road in the Rakhine State:

CI-MOC-W01-LOT 1: 30 BOX CULVERTS

CI-MOC-W01-LOT 2: 31 BOX CULVERTS

CI-MOC-W01-LOT 3: 450 METER LENGTH MASONRY RETAINING WALLS

CI-MOC-W01-LOT 4: 380 METER LENGTH MASONRY RETAINING WALLS

CI-MOC-W01-LOT 5: SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SAFETY STEEL GUARD RAILS  
The works are scheduled to start on 1 February 2018 with an estimated maximum duration of 150 days.

Bidders have the option to Bid for any one or more lots. Bids will be evaluated lot-wise, taking into account discounts offered, if any, for combined lots. The contract(s) will be awarded to the Bidder or Bidders offering the lowest evaluated cost to the Employer for combined lots, subject to the selected Bidder(s) meeting the required qualification criteria for lot or combination of lots as the case may be.

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Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Department of Highways (DOH), Mr. Hla Tun Oo, FLERP Project Director, ([flerp.moc@gmail.com](mailto:flerp.moc@gmail.com)) and inspect the bidding documents during office hours Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 16:00 Hrs at the address given below.

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All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security or a Cash Deposit with a reputable Bank in Myanmar, licensed by and under the supervision of the Central Bank of Myanmar for this activity.

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# Four singers reach Grand Final of Peace Music Festival

Studio-A of Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) broadcast live yesterday the names of the four singers who advanced to Grand Final of 2017 Peace Music Festival.

The four who advanced to Grand Final are Kyu Kyu Khaing, Phyu Hla, Sa Paung and May Thu Kyaw. The Grand Final will be held at People's Park, Yangon on 10 December.

Secretary of Peace Music Festival Central Committee and Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV)'s Director (music) U Toe Kyaw and the judges Daw Lae Lae, composer Myint Moe Aung, Daw Htar and composer Min Chit Thu came and announced at the live program.

The Grand Final competition will feature the contestants and famous professional singers.

The winner will be awarded Ks 30 million, the first runner up Ks 20 million, the second runner up Ks10 million and the third runner up Ks 5 million. The seven consolation winners will



Judges explain selection of four singers who reach Grand Final of Peace Music Festival. PHOTO: MI CHI KO HAN

be awarded Ks3 million respectively.

The Peace Music Festival was supervised by Ministry of Information and held by MRTV across the nation with the aim of

arousing public awareness and support of and cooperation in the national reconciliation, the national unity, the internal peace and the democratic federal state.

The competitions of Peace

Music Festival were and will be broadcast live from MRTV, MRTV Facebook Page, [www.facebook.com/mrtvwebportal](http://www.facebook.com/mrtvwebportal) and Peace Music Festival Facebook Page, [www.facebook.com/peace-](http://www.facebook.com/peace-musicfestival)

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Participants in all sectors of the festival and well-wishers are visiting IDP camps of the host cities and donating provisions.—Khin Zarli ■

## New tour destination to be created at Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagaing

Sagaing Region government is endeavouring to create new tour destination at Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagaing Region, dividing into four zones, said U Than Htay from regional tour development group.

“The Forest Department will arrange the tour under security guards. Those adventures need to contact the administrators of Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary to explore the zones”, he continued.

Regional government are negotiating with the Forest Department, Htamanthi Wildlife

Sanctuary Conservation department, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), NGOs and INGOs. It is also taking actions against hunting and gold digging to uphold the rule of law.

“There can be found large varieties of wildlife and orchid species at the sanctuary. The regional government is creating pilgrimage, resorts and new safari tour and will try to attract publicity. Tour needs to offer facilities for accommodation and food, he added.

“Endangered species persist at Htamanthi Wildlife



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Sanctuary. WCS and the Forest Department are carrying out

research activities and detect tiger, elephant, leopard, ape,

wild boar, ostrich, etc.

“We heard new tour plan is being implemented at Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary. We do not know what kind of tour it is. It seems to create adventure tour. It will be good choice for those who wish to explore the scenic beauty of the mountain ranges and go on adventure tour”, said U Kyaw Moe, coordinator from WCS. Since 1974, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary was founded as the natural protected areas in Sagaing Region, covering over 830 sq mi (531,456 acres).—Aung Thant Khaing ■

## Interview with Professors ...

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We invite the students to study Industrial Chemistry at YU considering the IC as applied subject. The creative productions of the students are displayed in this festival so as to attract the student of coming batch to study IC in YU.

Dr Khin Mar Yi (Professor and head, Law Department, YU)

Our department gives B.A Law, M.A Law and Ph.D degrees and under human resource development program four diplomas and a Master degree are provided. A student has to attend 5 years to get the first degree. Total lowest mark for entrance is 425 and 65 in English. Law graduate can be a judge, law officer and private lawyer if he passes the necessary entrance exams.

### Dr Mo Mo Thant (Professor, History Department, YU)

History has been the department born together with the Yangon University. The department is producing history professionals who will contribute and be beneficial to the country and the people. This year intake is targeting to accept 60 students. B.A, B.A (Hons.), M.A and Ph.D in history. The history is learning the past and formulate the present with good things and bring about the better fu-

ture. History is taught to impart the knowledge of past events to be used in planning for the present and the future. We invite all enthusiasts who want to discuss about history with us. We are also trying to open the course to cope with the challenges and changing of the world.

### Dr Chaw Chaw Sein (Professor, International Relation Department, YU)

We are teaching political science besides international relation. As IR is the most popu-

lar subject among the students, the entrance marks is also high. We will accept 100 students. If the students get the degree with IR and political science they can work in diplomatic services in the foreign office.

Those with political science can join the political parties, work in the Hluttaws and Election Commission. As the education system is changing students can choose the subjects which they like in the coming year. ■

# Worldwide book distribution on State Counsellor clarified

An event clarifying the recent release of worldwide distribution on State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was held at the Ahlon Township Information and Public Relations Department attended by Members of Myanmar Journalist Association, Members of Myanmar Writers and Journalist Association and invited guests.

The title of the book is (Daw Aung San Suu Kyi: World's Number One Living Democracy Icon) authored by Sayar Mya (MOFA), and it is published and distributed worldwide by Lulu Publication of Morrisville, North Carolina, United States. The price tag is US\$ 10.

Ahlon Township MJA Chairman U Maung Maung delivered opening remarks.

Author of the book Sayar Mya (MOFA) informed the attending guests that all the royalties accrued over a period of time would be donated to the orphanages in Myanmar. He also spoke words of thanks and appreciations to Senior Surgeon Dr. Robin Chan of Ancona in Italy and, Madam Sandra Campagnac Carney of Raleigh in North Carolina, United States, who earnestly helped in realizing the printing and publishing worldwide.

Earlier in June 2017, the writer locally published and printed in Yangon the same book in Myanmar and English languages, and the price tag was



Sayar Mya (MOFA), author, shows the book titled Daw Aung San Suu Kyi: World's Number One Living Democracy Icon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Myanmar Kyats 1,500.

In the book, the author highlighted the advice of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who talked on the importance of English language to come on a par with the world.

"If we wanted our country to stand tall among the world nations, then our citizens in the nation must be able to speak, read and write in a common language that understands by the world people. When we look into the heart of the matter about reading and writing, we must equip ourselves with the translation skills on English language as soon as possible. Perhaps, we must able to translate an English book of vital importance for us or a science article for the public interest, or

great works of arts and literature to be read among us. We must have the ability to translate the English text immediately.

Therefore, if we are skillful in English translation, we have the enormous and overwhelming opportunity in studying many subjects. Moreover, we could catch up all the developments of the world that are happening on the spur of the moment.

Therefore, we must push, promote and persuade for the learning of English language. The wakeup call should be more skillful in English. Only then, we would be on a par with the world." The author replied the questions raised by the journalists and the event ended before noon. —GNLM ■

## Watercolourists stage their works through exhibition

ONLY watercolour paintings are being displayed at a group exhibition held at Mandalay Hill Art Gallery in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay Region, according to the organisers.

The seven artists from Kala, a town in Sagaing Region, staged their works with a focus on local lifestyles, cultural heritages and traditions.

This is the second time, the group of watercolourists exhibited their works in Mandalay, a popular tourist destination because of its unique culture.

The free event is opened for the public beginning on Sunday from 9 a.m to 5 p.m daily, showcasing works of Artist Aung Maung, Artist Hla Kyi, Artist Tun Myint Oo, Artist Ko Ko Aung, Artist Kyi Khine Min, Artist Thein Naing and Artist Aung Hmu.

Subject matters include natural landscapes, Buddhist temples, still life and ethnic culture.

The art expo will last un-

til 7 December, with the event organisers inviting enthusiasts to come to the exhibition.

—Thiha Ko Ko ■



**PHOTO: THIHA KO KO**

### WEATHER

## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

**SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs M.S.T:** During the past (24) hours, light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Yangon Region, weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Kachin and Kayin states and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States. Night temperature were (3°C) below December average temperature in Chin state and (2°C) below December average temperatures in Magway Region, Kachin and Northern Shan states and (2°C) above December average temperature in Mon State and about December average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant night temperatures were (- 1°C) in Hakha, (6°C) each in Namsam, Heho, Loilin, Falam and Tiddim.

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at (13:30)hrs M.S.T today, yesterday's the low pressure area over the Andaman Sea still persists over Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining South Andaman Sea. It is likely to intensify into a depression during next (24)hrs. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 4th DECEMBER, 2017:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Kayin and Mon states and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts. Surface winds speed in easterly winds may reach (30-35)m.p.h. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (6 - 8)feet in Deltaic, off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts and (4-6)feet in Gulf of Mottama and off and along Rakhine Coast.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Region.

**FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4th DECEMBER, 2017:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4th DECEMBER, 2017:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4th DECEMBER, 2017:** Generally fair weather.

### EARTHQUAKE NEWS

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.9) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (25) miles West-Southwest of Kani) about (108) miles West-Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (16) hr (17) min (14) sec M.S.T on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2017.

## Trishaw drivers in Dala Township face low demand due to motorcycle taxis

"WE are facing low demand day after day due to increase in the number of motorcycle taxis in the township," said trishaw drivers in Dala, a small township located in the south of Yangon River, one of Yangon municipal areas.

The majority of trishaw drivers in the town are considering a career change while some others continue their low-income transport business despite low market demand, said U Than Htay, chairman of the rule enforcement team for trishaw transport.

According to a survey, there are almost 960 trishaw taxis across the township in the past. At present, the town has only around 400 trishaw taxis, he added.

"On a good day, a trishaw driver can make between Ks8,000

and Ks10,000. However, it is difficult to earn Ks5,000 daily on the bad days. The regular customers include unhealthy elderly and foreigners wishing to go around the town by trishaws," said U Myint Oo, one of local trishaw drivers, who added that the earning from this kind of business is insufficient for daily survival because of high commodity prices.

For the time being, the most parts of the road, junctions, jetty and markets are always busy with motorcycle taxis. Some traffic accidents in the town mainly associate with the increase in number of unregistered motorcycle taxis, said U Than Htay who urges authorities to take action against the undisciplined motorbikes to help trishaw drivers. —Naing Lin Kyaw (Dala) ■

## New youth players to be selected by Magwe FC today

Kyaw Zin Lin

New youth players of Under-21 will be selected by Magwe FC on 4 to 6 December.

The player selection will be made in Kyaikkasan stadium starting from today 7am and the selection will be ongoing till Wednesday.

All the intrustees coming to the event need to bring their national registration cards and household lists .

They also need to wear football jerseys with football shoes.

Magwe Football Club is a Myanmar Professional football club, based at Magwe, Myanmar. The club represents the Magwe Division of Upper Myanmar.

The club was founded in 2009 as Magway Football Club by Htun Myint Naing, Managing Director of Asia World Co., Ltd., and is one of the eight founding



Magwe youth FC. PHOTO:MNL

members of the Myanmar National League. In 2012 the club was renamed Magwe Football Club. The club won their first title in 2016, defeating Yangon United in the MFF Cup, qualifying for the AFC Cup as a result. The club was famous for its aggressive playing style

and nurtured many young talent football players. Every season, Magwe Football Club was based on young talent football players as Zaw Min Tun, a national player, who was negotiated by highest transfer fee of Myanmar National League to Yadanarbon Football Club. ■

## Yadanabon FC makes emergency reinforcement with new players

Yadanabon FC which is preparing for the next season of MPT Myanmar National League 2018, recruited Chin United's reliable midfielder BiBi (alias) Bawi Nuam Thang according to Myanmar National League website.

Bi Bi and the team has agreed for the two year contract.

Similarly, Yadanabon's defenders Thet Naing and Thein Than Win also re-contracted for two years with the team.

Yadanabon FC Striker Aung Thu was recently transferred to Police Tero team in Thailand from his home club Yadanabon and it is the major

player needs for the team.

Yadanabon Football Club is a Myanmar football club, based, in Mandalay, a cultural city of Myanmar. The club was a founding member of the Myanmar National League in 2009.

In the first round of the 2017 domestic league season, Yadanabon FC drew a home attendance of 400, the highest in that round.

It is the winner of the league's first two cup competitions: the MNL Cup 2009 and the MNL Cup 2009-10.

It is also the champion of the 2016 Myanmar National League Competition. —Kyaw Zin Lin ■

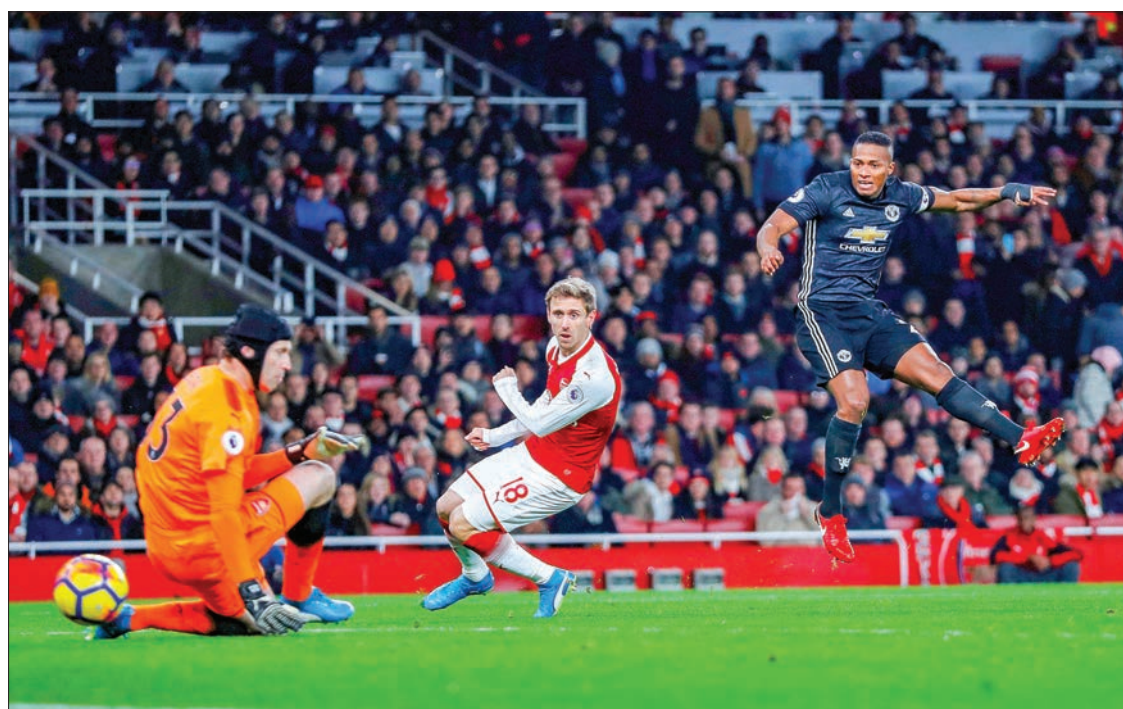
## 10-man United beat Arsenal in thriller to keep heat on City

LONDON — Manchester United held on with 10 men after Paul Pogba's late dismissal to beat Arsenal 3-1 in a pulsating game at the Emirates Stadium on a day when Liverpool and Chelsea also kept up the heat on Premier League leaders Manchester City.

With Pep Guardiola's free-flowing side not in action until Sunday, second-placed United closed the gap at the top to five points with a thrilling display that belied manager Jose Mourinho's reputation as overly defensive away from home. While goals from Antonio Valencia and Jesse Lingard inside 11 minutes, and a further second-half strike from Lingard, showed United at their best, Pogba's crude 'studs-up' lunge at Hector Bellerin revealed another side in the 75<sup>th</sup> minute.

The Frenchman deservedly received a straight red card and will miss three games, including next week's derby against City.

Until Pogba's dismissal, everything had looked perfect for United, for whom David De Gea was outstanding and was beaten only by Alexandre Lacazette just after the interval.



Manchester United's Antonio Valencia scores their first goal at Emirates Stadium, London, Britain, on 2 December 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

"What I saw today was the best goalkeeper in the world," said Mourinho, who said he "did not know" what to make of Pogba's dismissal and would leave it to the television pundits to decide.

Liverpool took advantage of Arsenal's first home Premier

League defeat in 13 games to move fourth after thumping Brighton & Hove Albion 5-1. Juergen Klopp's side have now scored 15 goals in four away games in all competitions. The German made even more changes than his team scored goals, leaving out six of the side who

beat Stoke City 3-0 in midweek. Liverpool were not weakened and after stand-in centre half Emre Can put them ahead with a bullet header, Roberto Firmino hit a double, Philippe Coutinho scored from a free kick and Brighton's Lewis Dunk headed into his own net. With the visi-

tors three up, Glenn Murray's 51<sup>st</sup>-minute penalty was not enough to spark Liverpool's usual defensive jitters.

Earlier, Chelsea came from behind to sweep past Newcastle United 3-1 at Stamford Bridge.

After Dwight Gayle gave Newcastle the lead, Belgium's Eden Hazard produced nine shots, six on target, and two goals in a display that, according to Newcastle manager Rafa Benitez, made the difference against a side who have now gone six games without a win.

Hazard also provided a potent reminder of what England can expect when they face Belgium in the World Cup in Russia next year. At Vicarage Road, Spurs clung on for a 1-1 draw with their near neighbours after Davinson Sanchez was sent off for elbowing Brazilian Richarlison at the start of the second half. The goals came early with Christian Kabasele's opener for Watford cancelled out by Son Heung-min. Sixth-placed Spurs are now four points behind Liverpool and 15 adrift of leaders City. —Reuters ■