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Union Minister U Kyaw Tin participates in 27th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), related meetings



Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin joins the ASEAN-European Ministerial Meeting via videoconference on 12 September 2020. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin participated in the 27th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting and the ASEAN-European Union Ministerial Meeting which were held via videoconference yesterday starting

from 7:30 am from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the 27th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the Ministers exchanged views on regional and international issues. They also commended the provisional measures undertaken to ensure

continuity of cooperation and operations of the ARF amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and adopted “ARF Ha Noi Plan of Action II (2020-2025)”, “ARF Statement on Enhancing Cooperation to Prevent and Respond to Infectious Disease Outbreak”, “ARF

Statement on the Treatment of Children Recruited and Associated with Terrorist and Violent Extremist Group” and “ARF Statement on Cooperation in the Field of Security and in the Use of ICTs in the Context of international Security”.

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Myanmar brings back its citizens stuck in Malaysia

A relief flight of Myanmar Airways International (MAI) landed at Yangon International Airport yesterday afternoon, bringing back 172 Myanmar nationals stranded in Malaysia.

As they arrived in Yangon, officials from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports, and the Yangon Region government helped for their 21-day quarantine period in line with the regulations of immigration and medical checks.

To bring back the Myanmar citizens who are stranded in foreign countries by relief flights and chartered flights following the instructions of National-Level Central Committee on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective countries. The Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur cooperates with the relevant organizations of Malaysia in accordance with the instructions of Ministry of Foreign Affairs to send back the undocumented Myanmar nationals and those detained at cells by relief flights and has organized 13 relief flights to pick up Myanmar nationals stuck in Malaysia to date. —MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

Myanmar nationals returned from Malaysia line up for immigration service at the Yangon International Airport on 12 September 2020. PHOTO: MNA



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Advice to people who returned from Rakhine State

1. The names of people who came back from Rakhine by air after 10 August 2020 have been published in the newspapers. Although they were informed to contact relevant departments, about half of them have not made their report. Therefore, their names will be published again together with their addresses. And that, they would be known by their neighbours and friends. There will be a specific period for the report. If they failed to make the report voluntarily during this period, legal actions will be filed against them.
2. About half of those who travelled from Rakhine State have not made reports until now, and more than 4,500 people, still need to do so.
3. They need to make a voluntary report to the nearby health centres and administrative organizations out of consideration for themselves, their family members, their wards/villages, their townships and regions and their citizens.

Message from Chairman of Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons, Union Minister for Home Affairs, Lieutenant General Soe Htut on the Commemoration of the 8th Anniversary of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day of Myanmar (13 September 2020)

Myanmar enacted the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law on 13 September 2005. The day was marked as Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day since 2013. This year marks the 8th Anniversary of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day of Myanmar.

In previous years, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day Celebration was held in Nay Pyi Taw and, Region and State level ceremonies were held under the auspices of the respective governments. This year, the Ceremonies of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day could not be held due to the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), but the respective States/Regions have conducted the public awareness-raising activities on trafficking in persons.

Human trafficking is an unacceptable serious human rights violation in the community and a big challenge facing all countries around the world. People, especially from less developed countries, often fall victims to human trafficking while migrating to developed countries for seeking employment opportunities. Every year thousands of men, women and children are trafficked in various forms and more than half of them are from the Asia-Pacific region.

The 70% of Myanmar's population are from rural areas and they are migrating from one place to another as migrant workers due to the socio-economic conditions, internal armed conflicts and natural disasters. On this situation, brokers and traffickers take advantage of the plight of migrants and human trafficking is being perpetrated.

Annually, 300 - 360 Myanmar nationals are identified as victims of trafficking abroad and domestically, and they are trafficked primarily for purposes of forced labour, forced prostitution, forced marriage, and forced surrogacy.

The forms of trafficking are continually changing. Evidence shows that traffickers from neighbouring countries entered the country and recruited young women and girls for marriage. It is also reported that fishermen working on fishing boats and rafts in domestic fishing industries have also been trafficked for forced labour.

Myanmar has designated combatting trafficking in persons as a national cause since 1997. In March 2004, Myanmar acceded to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its protocols on migrant smuggling and human trafficking and accelerated its actions for combatting trafficking in persons.

On 13 September 2005, Anti-Trafficking in Persons

Law was enacted. Under the guidance of the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons, there are three working groups namely: Working Group on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Trafficked Victims, Working Group on Legal Framework and Prosecuting Measures, and Working Group on Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Trafficked Victims, and State/ Region/District/ Township levels Bodies and Community-based Watch Group for Combatting Trafficking in Persons have been formed. In addition, Objectives, Strategies and Tactics were developed in a Five-Year National Plan of Action on Combatting Trafficking in Persons and since then, the action plan has been implemented accordingly. At present, the annual work plan has been developed and activities are being implemented in accordance with the Third Five-Year National Plan of Action (2017-2021).

To effectively carry out the activities under the annual work plan related to Policy and Cooperation, Prevention, Prosecution and Protection, the respective working groups and State/ Region/ District/ Township/ Ward/ Village level bodies for combatting trafficking in persons have been formed and activities are being implemented in cooperation with relevant government departments/organizations, UN agencies, International Non-Governmental Organizations, and Civil Society Organizations.

Furthermore, Myanmar is a party to the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) and ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (ACTIP). Myanmar also signed the Myanmar-China/ Myanmar-Thailand/ Myanmar-Lao PDR/ Myanmar-India Bilateral MOUs on cooperation to combat trafficking in persons effectively and has been accelerating its efforts to enhance bilateral and multilateral cooperation mechanisms in combatting trafficking in persons.

As for the prevention of trafficking in persons, awareness raising via Medias, producing awareness raising short films and songs, distributing pamphlets, setting up awareness raising Bill Board, sending awareness raising SMS to public by the assistance of phone operators, and putting trafficking in persons subject in the curricula of schools were carried out to raise public awareness. Twenty-four-hour hotlines have been set up for the public in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Muse. These hot lines are dedicated to receiving information related to trafficking in persons, enabling efficient investigation, action against perpetrators and

rescue of victims of trafficking.

From the 7th Anniversary of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day to until now, 148 trafficking in person cases have been identified and actions have been taken on a total of 475 offenders comprising of 170 males and 305 females. A total of 222 victims of trafficking comprising of 45 males and 177 females including 6 male and 40 female child victims have been rescued. A total of 388 offenders comprising of 145 males and 243 females have been prosecuted and a total of 231 offenders comprising of 92 males and 139 females have been punished.

As regards to the protection of victims of trafficking in persons, a National Standard Operating Procedures on Return/Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Trafficked Persons has been published and provided the support and assistance to the victims of trafficking in persons for their livelihood and also for the travel cost, medical expenses and meal costs during their legal proceedings. The establishment of a dedicated fund to provide support and assistance for victims of trafficking is also in process. Temporary shelters in Myawady, Muse, Kawthoung and Mandalay provide shelter and support for basic needs to the victims of trafficking in persons. At present, a temporary shelter, which can accommodate 50 male and 50 female victims in Yangon Region, and a new shelter in Kachin State are being constructed.

As Myanmar has been currently facing the challenge of trafficking in persons, the country needs to implement measures which will enhance the public awareness of various forms and negative consequences of human trafficking and the public participation in preventing trafficking in persons.

At present, due to the COVID-19, there are fewer employment opportunities, creating more vulnerabilities and increasing the need to migrate to other places for job opportunities which in turn may lead to increased cases of human trafficking. Thus, the prevention working group/bodies are urged to make accelerated efforts in carrying out their prevention activities.

In accordance with the motto of this year, 8th Anniversary of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day 2020, "Committed to the Cause- Working on the Frontline to End Human Trafficking", I believe that respective stakeholders and organizations in cooperation with the people around the country will successfully carry out the activities in combating trafficking in persons.

2020 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



Who is eligible to vote?

- irrespective of sex or religion
- those who are 18 years of age on the date of the election
- citizens, associate citizens, and those who have permission to become naturalized citizens, who do not contravene the provisions of the Hluttaw Election Law
- a person whose name has been included in the voting list of the respective constituency

Who is ineligible to vote?

- a member of a religious order
- person serving a prison sentence
- person adjudged to be of unsound mind as provided for in the relevant law
- person who has not yet been discharged as an insolvent
- person prohibited by the Election Law
- foreigner or person who has assumed foreign citizenship

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Some Ministers made reference to the complex humanitarian situation in Rakhine stressing the importance of addressing the root causes of the problem and creating conducive environment for the returnees. They encouraged ASEAN to continue its efforts to assist Myanmar in addressing the humanitarian situation in Rakhine. They also encouraged Myanmar and Bangladesh to continue constructive and effective dialogue to facilitate the repatriation process.

In his response to the remarks on the issue of Rakhine State, the Union Minister stressed the need to look at the issue from the broader view and to understand the challenges and complexities surrounding the issue. He added that the issue of Rakhine is a complicated one with long historical roots involving cross-border migrations and separatist movement that started even before regaining of Myanmar's independence. He underscored that building trust and harmony among these communities is one of the issues that Myanmar has been taking seriously as there have been deep-rooted mutual mistrust and fear between different communities. He stated that the present Government has attached a high priority to finding sustainable solution for all the communities. He highlighted



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin joins the ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting via videoconference from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 September 2020. PHOTO: MNA

that many people overlook the fact that the mass displacement was triggered by the violent coordinated attacks committed by the ARSA terrorist group in 2016 and 2017. He pointed out that Myanmar stated time and again her commitment to taking back those who have been verified as former residents of Rakhine State as agreed in the three bilateral arrangements between Myanmar and Bangladesh. He refuted that the number of the displaced persons mentioned by Bangladeshi Foreign Minister is too much exaggerated and inflated. He highlighted that despite Myanmar's readiness to start repatriation, the process have been delayed due to intimidation by the terror group in the camps aimed at preventing repatriation and exploiting

the plight of displaced persons for their own political agenda. He asserted that Myanmar will not subscribe to other intrusive initiatives that are not included in the bilateral agreement. He added that the escalation of dual conflicts with AA and ARSA coupled with the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic made the situation more difficult and complicated.

The Union Minister added that although the repatriation process stands still at this moment, Myanmar continued to engage with Bangladesh through diplomatic channels to implement the bilateral agreements for repatriation and was also discussing to start the pilot projects in two villages in Rakhine. He updated that as of July 2020, a list of over

25,000 verified displaced persons have been sent to the Bangladesh side. He emphasized that in the meantime, Myanmar was trying to create conducive environment in Rakhine in cooperation with the UN agencies, ASEAN friends, and its development partners. He also informed that recently, ASEAN and Myanmar have approved four "ASEAN Projects" to implement the recommendations of the ASEAN's Preliminary Needs Assessment. He also apprised of the Forum that following seven rounds of field assessments covering 120 villages, the UNDP and UNHCR have also undertaken 75 Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) to improve community infrastructure and to assess the needs of the people. He concluded by expressing appreciation to the

ASEAN Member States and other development partners who have sincerely been extending their support to Myanmar in creating better condition in Rakhine State.

The Joint Communique of the 53rd ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting was issued in which the ASEAN Foreign Ministers, among others, reaffirmed their support in providing humanitarian assistance, facilitating the repatriation process, and promoting sustainable development in Rakhine State. They welcomed the endorsement of the finalized projects at the 3rd High-Level Coordination Meeting, held on 27 July 2020. They also welcomed the of Myanmar Government's efforts in the implementation of the "National Strategy on Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Closure of IDP Camps". They also expressed their continued support for Myanmar's efforts to bring peace, stability, the rule of law, to promote harmony and reconciliation among the various communities, as well as to ensure sustainable and equitable development in Rakhine State.

During the 53rd ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Related Meetings which were held from 9 to 12 September 2020 via videoconference, the Ministers issued (41) documents which include, among others, Joint Communique of the 53rd ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting. —MNA

COVID-19 Call Centre opens daily

In efforts to speed up the prevention, containment and treatment of the COVID-19 disease, the call centre (phone number 2019) is established by four communications operators and the Blue Ocean Company with the coordination of the Medical Research Department of the Health and Sports Ministry and Post and Telecommunications Department from 9 am to 5 pm daily at the Medical Research Department in Yangon.

Over 43 staff from the Medical Research Department and 17 volunteers from the Myanmar Medical Association totally 60 workers have been working at the centre since 8th April.—MNA

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MR temporarily suspends Yangon-Mawlamyine trains

A train is seen on Yangon-Mawlamyine route. Myanma Railways (MR) suspended its operation on Yangon-Mawlamyine route following the resurgence of COVID-19 in Myanmar. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

By Nyein Nyein

MYANMA Railways (MR) has stopped No 81 down Yangon-Mawlamyine-Ye express

train and No 83 down Yangon-Mawlamyine express train out of three express trains, operating Yangon-Mawlamyine route starting from 11 September.

MR has suspended its Yangon-Mawlamyine route to prevent better the coronavirus spreading around the country. MR is refunding the ticket fares

to the passengers who have already bought the tickets for those trips.

No 89 down express train was suspended on 11 September which is set to leave at 06:30 hours on 12 September.

Additionally, the trip for Ye and Mawlamyine to Yangon has been cancelled starting from 11 September. MR will announce if there will be changes in the train schedules.

MR will also suspend its operation along other train routes except for six important ways because of the declining number of passengers, according to MR.

The respective railway stations will announce the details of the train schedules. MR is operating 54 circular trains daily. Starting from 11 September, MR will run only 30 circular trains.

However, the cargo trains and parcel trains will be run as usual on Yangon-Mandalay route and Mandalay-Myitkyina route, according to MR.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Over \$140 mln worth FDI flows into Thilawa SEZ this FY

BY Nyein Nyein

FOREIGN Direct Investment (FDI) of US\$142 million has flowed into Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in the past 11 months of this financial year, which is a drop by \$79 million compared to that of last year, according to the figures released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration

(DICA).

According to the DICA statistics, six foreign enterprises have been granted permits and endorsements between 1 October and 28 August in the current FY, bringing in the capital of \$142.297 million.

During the same period of the last financial year of 2018-2019, MIC gave the green light to 16 FDIs and endorsements, and

it has ploughed \$221.430 million.

The number of permitted or endorsed enterprises this year was ten lower than last year, and the FDI investment amount has also dropped by \$79.133 million, according to DICA.

Although there are industry sector, commodity trading sector, housing and construction development sector, transportation and logistics sector,

service sector and hotels sector in Thilawa SEZ, FDIs are only in the industry sector and the service sector.

In the current financial year, MIC has set an FDI target of \$ 5.8 billion. The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations has been inviting responsible businesses to benefit the country.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Yangon entrance gates closed except for cargo trucks

AUTHORITIES are making an effort to check the vehicles at Yangon highway entrance gates after the Yangon Region government prohibited going outside of Yangon Region on 11 September, according to the officials from the General Administration Department.

On 11 September, two checkpoints were opened on Yangon-Mandalay highway new

and old roads in Hlegu Township. The investigations of the vehicles are also made on some roads in Hlinethaya Township from which the cars can leave for Ayeyawady Region.

On the first day, some vehicle owners are requested not to go out of the Yangon Region except emergency cases. So, the checkpoint authorities permit the travellers to go out of the

region with an agreement under which they will not be allowed to enter Yangon Region till the COVID-19 issue is over. Next day, the authorities do not let the vehicles to go outside of the area for any reason except the health issue.

Yangon Region government announced that the residents would not be allowed to travel outside of Yangon Region until

1 October. However, the restriction is not effective for the cargo trucks.

After the announcement has been made, the highway passenger bus lines have also suspended operation starting from 11 September, according to the person in charge of the bus lines.—Zin Yaw Aye

*(Translated by Hay Mar)***Elections are the root for development of democracy.**

Obey the rules and regulations

Right now, we have issued rules and regulations with regard to Yangon Region. Some might think that these rules and regulations are too restrictive. However, if we all obeyed these restrictions strictly for two or three weeks, we can arrive at a situation when this disease would be under control. That is why I urge all of you to obey the rules and regulations. When we say "rules", we should think about its meaning. The first point is to protect oneself. The next thing is to protect others. By obeying the rules and regulations, first of all, you are protecting yourself.



(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's Report to People regarding need for strict compliance with regulations, instructions, directives issued for containment of COVID-19, on 10 September 2020)

MoSWRR provides CERP cash assistance for IDPs in Myebon



MoSWRR officials provide CERP cash assistance for IDPs in Myebon Township, Rakhine State on 10 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

OFFICIALS from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (MoSWRR) in MraukU provided a total of K6.2 million for 1,555 households in Myebon Township, Rakhine State at the Township General Administration Department on 10 September.

The cash assistance of K40,000 for each household was distributed under COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan-CERP.

The following table shows the locations of IDP camps, number of households and number of persons that the cash assistances were delivered.

No.	Locations	No. of Households	No. of persons
1.	On a hill in Myebon Township	64	2,916
2.	Kyee Gaung Taung Village	30	115
3.	Taunggyi Yin Village	61	243
4.	Yay Shin Village	79	256
5.	Angu Village	32	104
6.	Town Hall in Alea Painag Ward	43	134
7.	Yat Chaung Village	141	591
8.	Thabyay Taw Village	10	29
9.	Pyar Thone Village	40	193
10.	Pin Kat Taw Maw Village	96	343
11.	Wizitar Yama Monastery	42	138
12.	Primary School in Zay Paing Ward	30	106
13.	MyoOo Su Taung Pyae Dhamma Hall in Kan Daung Gyi Town	230	776
14.	Ngan Taung Village	15	69
15.	Pauktu Taung Village	51	166
16.	Set Khway Village	13	48

The ministry will continue providing CERP cash assistance for IDPs in Sittway, Pauktaw, Yathedaung, Ponnagyun, Minbya and An townships in Rakhine State.—MNA
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Announcement on prohibited commodities during COVID-19

The Ministry of Commerce issued Notification 21/2020 on 30 March 2020 prohibiting the sales and distribution of health aid equipment for COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment measures, medicines and consumer goods with increased prices and storing the goods for speculation.

If businesspersons fail to abide by the orders and notifications about the prohibited products, they will face actions under Essential Supplies and Services Law.

Ministry of Commerce

318 Myanmar nationals come back home via Myawady border

A total of 318 Myanmar nationals returned home from Thailand through No.2 border bridge in Myawady, Kayin State, on 12 September, according to the local authorities.

Myawady District Administrative Officer

U Tay Zar Aung, his deputy officer U Aung Chan Nyein and local officials helped the returnees with medical tests and other supplies.

The number of migrant workers who returned home from abroad through this

border has been 76,743 until now.

The latest group of returnees included 226 males and 92 females from different regions and states.—Htein Lin Aung (IPRD)

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

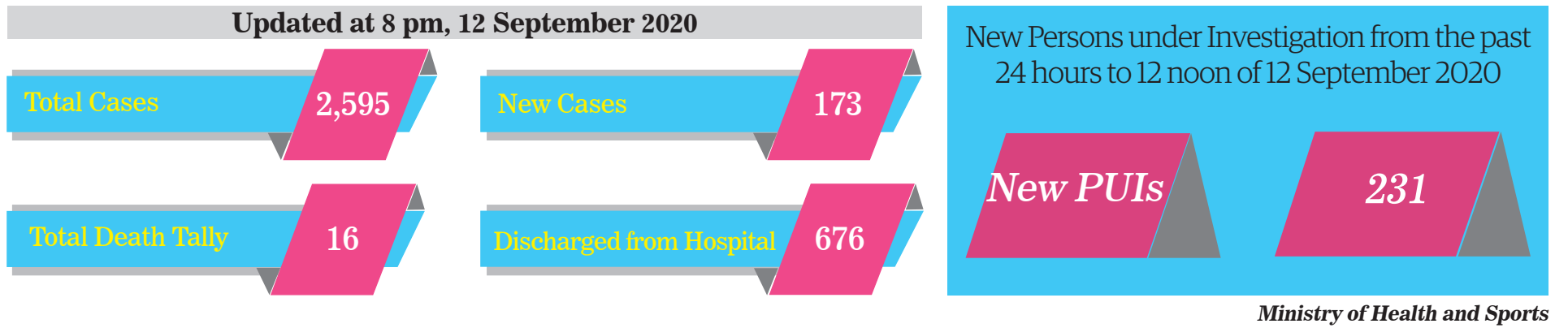


A Myanmar national returned from Thailand (L) has body temperature checked at Myawady border on 12 September 2020. **PHOTO: HTEIN LIN AUNG (IPRD)**

"People are the key"

173 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 12 September, total figure rises to 2,595

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 2,595 after 173 new cases were reported on 12 September according to Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 2,595 confirmed cases, 16 died, 676 have been discharged from hospitals and 231 were held under investigation.—MNA



Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (L) provides essential goods for IDPs in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states. PHOTO: MNA

More supplies reach IDP camps for measures against COVID-19

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is providing medical and relief items to the IDP camps in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine states for prevention of COVID-19 transmission. Moreover, the ministry is conducting awareness campaigns and motivation works in Nay Pyi Taw council area and other Regions/States.—MNA

The table shows supplied items and IDP camps in respective areas on 9, 10 and 11 September 2020.

Items	Kachin					Rakhine	Shan	
	Waingmaw Township	Putao Township	Bhamo Township	Mogaung Township	Myitkyina Township	Buthidaung Township	Muse Township	Kutkai Township
	12 camps	2 camps	3 camps	1 camp	31 camps	2 camps	6 camps	2 camps
Soap Bar	5,064		3,118		17,198	2,338		
Lime Powder bags	140		40		310	20	80	

Large drug haul seized in Sagaing Region, Mon, Kayin states

MYANMAR Police seized a large haul of illegal drugs in Sagaing Region, Mon and Kayin States.

The incident took place Yey-Thanhbyuzayat road near Thakkaw village around 11 am on 11 September when a joint team consisting of the members of Mon State Police asked a Honda Fit car to stop, the driver drove the car and run away and the police shot the tires of the car to make it stop.

Khant Zaw Ko, Ye Htet Lwin and Nyi Mon Oo were examined and arrested together with 9kg of ICE, 4,840 stimulant tablets worth of 384.2 million kyats.

According to the investigation, the police searched the house of Aye Win Naing(a) Watote from where they started taking the drugs, on the same day in Yadanatheinka Street, Ward (3), Phayathonezu Town in Kayin State and arrested him

with 943,400 stimulant tablets, 108.15 kg of heroin, 1kg of Ketamine, 0.45kg of crushed stimulant tablets powder worth of 1085.5 million.

The seized drugs were belong to Aung Kyaw Latt (a) Mg Latt who was arrested with 58,000 stimulant tablets, 137.655 kg of heroin and 1,598 kg of ICE on 19 August on Wawlay-Myawady road in Wawlay town near Thee Phyu Chaung Village. He paid 130,000 Thai Baht to Aye Win Naing(a) Watote to keep the drugs.

A case has been opened against Khant Zaw Ko (a) Khant Ko (a) Bai Kyaw, Ye Htet Lwin, Nyi Mon Oo (a) Nyi Nyi, Aye Win Naing (a) Watote and Aung Kyaw Latt (a) Mg Latt.

Similarly, a joint team consisting of Anti-Narcotic Task Force searched the Hino Dutro Van container car driven by Zin Min Htwe with Aeik Laung

around 10 pm on 11 September on Pinlebu-Phaungpyin road, Pinlebu township in Sagaing Region and arrested them with heroin 9.45 kg worth of 756 million kyats.

According to the investigation, the drugs were being carried from Ko Thiha who lives in San Laung Village in Hsipaw Township.

A case has been opened

against Zin Min Htwe, Aeik Laung and Thiha. A joint team consisting of the members of Phaungpyin Township Police asked a Cygnus car around 4 am on 12 September near Myaukwin village, Phaungpyin-Bamauk road and the car hit the three motorbikes of the investigation team and run away. The police shot the tires of the car and it was

overturned beside the right side of the road. The driver was escaped and 9.57kg of heroin worth of 957 million kyats were found. A case has been open according to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law and the police are investigating the suspects.—MNA

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)



Suspects are seen with confiscated drugs. PHOTO: MNA

Peru's Congress votes to open impeachment proceedings against president

LIMA — Peru's Congress on Friday voted to open impeachment proceedings against President Martin Vizcarra for "moral incapacity" over accusations he tried to obstruct a corruption probe against government officials.

The motion was approved by 65 votes, with 36 against and 24 abstentions. Fifty-two votes were required to open the proceedings early next week.

To remove the president, who lacks a party, 87 votes are required. After Vizcarra appears in Congress next Friday to defend himself, the plenary will debate and vote. Six out of nine parties -- representing 95 of the 130 seats in Congress -- have backed the motion.

"I'm not going to quit. I do not run," Vizcarra said in a televised address ahead of the vote in which he denied any wrongdoing.

"We are facing a plot against democracy," he said, adding that he had nothing to hide but that lawmakers should act "with caution, with responsibility, and to take the decision they deem necessary."

Vizcarra, in power since 2018, came under fire after leaked audio recordings in which he is heard telling aides to hide details of his office's controversial hiring of a popular singer as a paid cultural advisor.

In the event of impeachment, legislative speaker Manuel Merino will act as interim leader until the current presidential term ends in July 2021.

Vizcarra has won popular support for an anti-corruption crusade that has put him at loggerheads with opponents in Congress, including over a reform banning convicted criminals from standing for election.

The impeachment motion



Peru's President Martin Vizcarra, who faces impeachment proceedings. PHOTO: PRESIDENCIA DE PERÚ/AFP/FILE

is reminiscent of the one that forced the resignation of his pre-

decessor Pedro Pablo Kuczynski in 2018, after he became em-

broiled in the Odebrecht bribes scandal.—AFP ■

Belarus president to visit Russia on Monday: Kremlin

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday will hold talks with Belarus strongman Alexander Lukashenko, who faces the

biggest protest of his nearly three-decade rule, the Kremlin said.

Lukashenko's visit will be the first to Soviet-era master



More than 100,000 people are estimated to have taken to the streets of the Belarusian capital Minsk over the past four weekends.

PHOTO: AFP

Russia by the Belarusian leader since protests broke out over his disputed election win last month.

Putin has been keen to unify Russia and Belarus, and Moscow has accompanied its recent offers of military aid with calls for tighter integration.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday however there was no plan for the leaders to hold a news conference or sign any documents. The location of the "working visit" in Russia was yet to be announced, he said.

Lukashenko said last week that during his talks with Putin, he planned to "dot all the i's on issues that are very sensitive and delicate for the two states".

Lukashenko, who has been

in power for 26 years, has vowed that he will not give up power to the opposition, which claims its candidate Svetlana Tikhanovskaya was the rightful winner of the August 9 polls.

She has taken shelter in EU member Lithuania after coming under official pressure.

Mounting Western pressure

There were fresh global expressions of worry and outrage on Friday.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said he was "deeply concerned" over the use of force against peaceful protesters and also expressed worry over "the detention of people exercising their legitimate democratic rights."

—AFP ■

Italian prosecutor set for 'historic' anti-mafia court battle

ROME — After years of investigation, mountains of evidence and hundreds of suspects, Italy's plucky anti-mafia prosecutor Nicola Gratteri is gearing up for a "historic" court battle against the country's powerful 'Ndrangheta clan.

The first salvos in a court battle were fired Friday as a preliminary hearing against 'Ndrangheta members opened in the Italian capital, in a case not seen since the days of the "Maxiprocesso" trial against the Sicilian Cosa Nostra in the mid-1980s.

Gratteri, 62, who has spent three decades under close police protection, is hoping to send more than 450 suspected clan members to jail for belonging to a criminal gang that allegedly built its fortunes and sinister reputation on extortion, money laundering, kidnapping, drug trafficking and so-called vendettas.

"It's a war," Gratteri told AFP shortly after the preliminary hearing concluded in Rome in the case against Italy's only mafia group with tentacles on every continent.—AFP ■

Bahrain-Israel contacts go from discreet to public

MANAMA — Bahrain's contacts with Israel, thought to have started discreetly in the 1990s, accelerated in recent years towards the historic agreement to establish diplomatic relations announced on Friday.

Bahrain is the second Gulf state to announce a normalisation deal in the space of a month, following in the footsteps of its neighbour the United Arab Emirates, which agreed an accord seen as a "betrayal"

by Palestinians longing for an independent state.

Like most other Gulf countries, Bahrain shares with Israel a common enemy in Iran, which Manama accuses of instigating protests by the nation's Shiite Muslim community against the ruling Sunni Al-Khalifa dynasty.

But it is not likely to have acted without a nod from Saudi Arabia, its close ally just across a narrow causeway from the island state.

First meetings

Following years of low-key contact, Bahrain's crown prince Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa kicked off official diplomacy with talks with Israeli officials during World Economic Forum summits in 2000 and 2003.

The two nations' foreign ministers met at the United Nations in 2007 and two years later, Israel's then-president Shimon Peres and Bahrain's

king reportedly met in New York on the sidelines of a UN conference.

An official Bahraini delegation travelled to Israel the same year on an unprecedented trip to recover a group of nationals held by the Jewish state.

The Bahrainis in custody were among pro-Palestinian activists on a ship seized by the Israeli navy as it headed for the Gaza Strip in defiance of Israel's blockade.—AFP ■

Keep joining hands in unity for fight against global pandemic

MYANMAR reported its first COVID-19 cases in late March this year. The Ministry of Health and Sports confirmed that two men who travelled to the United States and the United Kingdom tested positive.

After nearly one month of the imported cases, a local transmission emerged, Case-376, a woman from Sittway, Rakhine State, who had no travel history and no record of contact with an infected person.

From the days of 'zero' figure to date, the government did its best to protect all the nationals from the global pandemic. Without having advanced technology or wealth, the government provided possible assistance to people from all strata of society—from the grass-roots level to the business sector.

In recent days, the virus has posed a great challenge to the people in almost all areas. Meanwhile, new cases have provoked some criticisms among the people on the management of quarantine procedures and stay-at-home programmes.

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In any circumstance, officials and ordinary people need to join their hands in facing against the COVID-19, even while international communities are providing their assistance to Myanmar for overcoming the pandemic.

Myanmar people must develop a single attitude which is 'People are the key' to confront all the challenges.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting the submission of poetries, opinions, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own 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 sent 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

THE 77TH EDITION OF THE "MOSTRA" FESTIVAL

COVID-19: Venice film festival gears up to award masked Golden Lion winner

Throughout the 11 days of industry schmoozing and movie watching on the glitzy beachfront Lido, elbow bumps replaced handshakes, theatregoers were masked and the red carpet eerily devoid of screaming fans.

THE Venice film festival will present its coveted Golden Lion award Saturday after a competition marked by facemasks and missing stars but billed as a re-launch of global cinema, bruised by the coronavirus crisis.

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The 77th edition of the "Mostra" festival has taken place against an unprecedented backdrop, in a year where theatres have been closed, film sets shut down and moviegoers forced to embrace streaming video at home instead, during months of coronavirus-imposed lockdown.

Many directors saluted the festival's organizers for going ahead with the event.

"The Venice Film Festival has given us the opportunity and the privilege to start dreaming again," Italian director Emma Dante said in Ciak magazine, distributed daily at the festival.

Leading contenders among the 18 films vying for the top prize include Michel Franco's "Nuevo Orden" (New Order), a dystopian view of Mexico, Gianfranco



Eighteen films are vying for the top Golden Lion at the Venice film festival. PHOTO: AFP

Rosi's documentary "Notturmo" shot on the borders of Syria, "Quo Vadis, Aida?" by Bosnia's Jasmila Zbanic about the 1995 Srebrenica massacre and "Dear Comrades!" from veteran Russian director Andrei Konchalovsky about the 1962 shooting of striking factory workers in the USSR by the army.

The last entry in the competition lineup to premiere was the much anticipated "Nomadland" by US director Chloe Zhao, star-

ring Frances McDormand -- one of the few films from the United States at the festival -- which received sustained applause during its earlier press screening.

High-profile 'test'

Normally attended by more than 10,000 film industry executives, critics, journalists and moviegoers, the Venice festival was the first major international movie competition to go ahead

after others around the world, including its main rival, the Cannes Film Festival, were cancelled.

THE AZD1222 VACCINE

AstraZeneca to resume Oxford coronavirus vaccine trial

DRUGS giant AstraZeneca said it had resumed a Covid-19 vaccine trial after getting the all-clear from British regulators, following a pause caused by a UK volunteer falling ill.

"Clinical trials for the AstraZeneca Oxford coronavirus vaccine, AZD1222, have resumed in the UK following confirmation by the Medicines Health Regulatory Authority (MHRA) that it was safe to do so," the company said in a statement.

AstraZeneca announced on Wednesday it had "voluntarily paused" its trial of the vaccine developed alongside Oxford University after the volunteer developed an unexplained illness.

An independent committee was drafted in to review safety, in what the company and the World Health Organization described as a routine step.

Safe to resume

The committee "has concluded

its investigations and recommended to the MHRA that trials in the UK are safe to resume", AstraZeneca said.

AstraZeneca's vaccine candidate is one of nine around the world currently in late-stage Phase 3 human trials.

In the United States, the company began enrolling 30,000 volunteers across dozens of sites on August 31, and the inoculation is being tested on smaller groups in Brazil and elsewhere in South

America.

The AZD1222 vaccine uses a weakened version of a common cold-causing adenovirus engineered to code for the spike protein that the Covid-19 coronavirus uses to invade cells.

After vaccination, this protein is produced inside the human body, which primes the immune system to attack the coronavirus if the person is later infected.

"AstraZeneca is committed to the safety of trial participants

normalcy for the first country in Europe to be battered by the global crisis.

Nevertheless, big-budget blockbusters that have premiered in Venice in years past were missing, as was the bevy of Hollywood A-listers, who have fans screaming for autographs on the sidelines of the red carpet.

Instead, the 2020 version was decidedly low-key, with about half the usual number of attendees, fewer films and seating in theatres that was staggered to respect social distancing.

Masks were mandatory, hand sanitizer bountiful, temperatures were taken on entering the festival grounds and ubiquitous red signs warned attendees to respect the anti-coronavirus measures.

Still, organizers said the scaled-down event offered a diverse panorama of cinema today, with 50 different countries represented in the lineup.

Of the contenders for the top prize, eight were directed by women, which some hope reflects a new direction for festivals after criticism in past years over a lack of gender diversity.

'A miracle'

Brad Pitt, Meryl Streep and Scarlett Johansson were among

those to have supplied the celebrity panache at last year's festival.

But ongoing travel restrictions -- especially a travel ban from the United States into Europe -- mean most Hollywood big names were no-shows this year, along with actors and directors from China, India and South America.

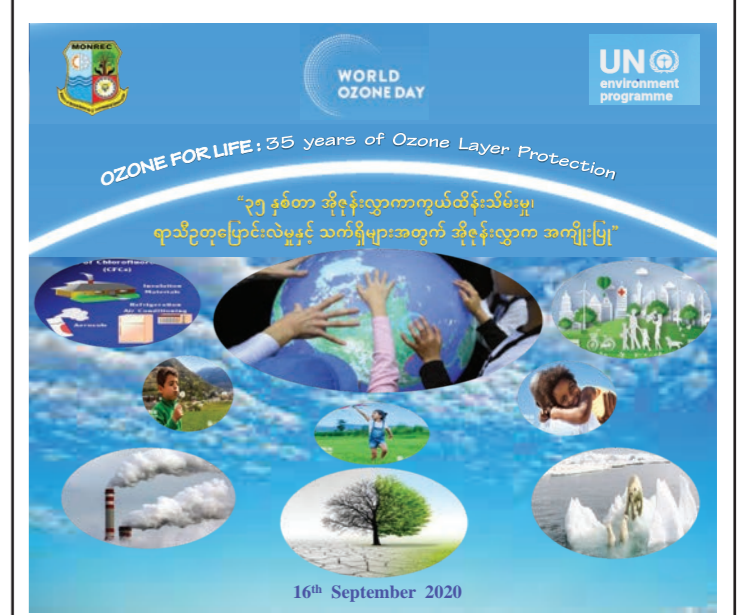
However, Cate Blanchett, as jury president, provided some much-needed star power, telling an opening night audience that the festival's launch seemed "some kind of wonderous miracle."

"The way is uncertain, but tonight is a beginning," she said.

As well as Blanchett, the judges comprise US actor Matt Dillon, Austrian director Veronika Franz, British director Joanna Hogg, Italian writer Nicola Lagioia, German director Christian Petzold and French actress Ludivine Sagnier.

Last year, "Joker" by US director Todd Phillips took home the Golden Lion, while Roman Polanski won the runner-up Grand Jury prize for "An Officer and a Spy."

SOURCE: AFP



The slogans for Ozone Layer

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- * Let's preserve the Ozone layer to protect the living things under the Sun
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- * Save Ozone, save life
- * Save Ozone, make future cool

Environmental Conservation Department



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 12th September, 2020)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 13th September, 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, Scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago Regions and Rakhine, Kayah States, fairly widespread in Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and (Northern and Southern)Shan, Chin, Kayin, Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Thundery activities in the Northern Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13th September, 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13th September, 2020: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13th September, 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

SOURCE: AFP



Altogether 18,000 individuals have received the AZD1222 vaccine as part of the trial taking place in the UK, US, South Africa and Brazil. PHOTO: AFP

and the highest standards of conduct in clinical trials," Saturday's statement read.

"The company will continue to work with health authorities across the world and be guided

as to when other clinical trials can resume to provide the vaccine broadly, equitably and at no profit during this pandemic."

SOURCE: AFP



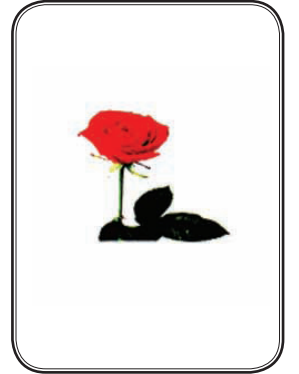
United Democratic Party-UDP presents its policy, stance and work programmes

United Democratic Party-UDP Vice-Chairman U Kyaw Swar Htet Oo presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 12 September.



Rose - UDP
Blossom of Rose - Uplifting of Life
Uplifting of Life - Earning Basic Income
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If you wish for a better life,
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People hold people's power;
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Give us five years.
The development will be with-
in five years.



India's auto industry shows signs of growth as sales rise by over 14 per cent in August

NEW DELHI — Sales of passenger vehicles rose by 14.16 per cent during August in India, as compared to the same month last year, thereby showing a positive sign of growth in the auto sector, said the latest data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).

In all, 215,916 units of passenger vehicles were sold in the previous month, compared to 189,129 units sold in August last year, according to the SIAM data released late on Friday. Industry insiders said this was a good signal of revival of Indian economy in the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic and the prior overall economic slowdown. Normally, October-November are the festive months in India when most people indulge in buying, particularly vehicles. The growth in sales of vehicles during August is also seen as a big boost ahead of the festive season.—Xinhua ■



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National Political Alliance Party (NPA) presents its policy, stance and work programmes

National Political Alliance Party (NPA) Vice-Chairperson Daw Win Kay Khaing Aye presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 12 September.



Greetings to esteemed people

I am the Vice-Chairperson of the National Political Alliance Party, Daw Win Kay Khaing Aye. At this auspicious time, I will be explaining the policies and work programmes of my party. We are National Political Alliance Party - NPA. Our party's logo has a blue background with a white circle and a single white star inside. The star represents honesty, providing light and guidance and a united nation under sovereignty. The white circle represents sovereignty, and the blue background represents calmness and equality.

I will now explain our party's aim and objective. Our NPA's motto is "Peace for the people first, democracy is essential, improving the lives of the people is paramount". Our party will firmly work for the national objective of a peaceful, modern and developed federal democratic union from the front lines.

Our party was founded on 25 July 2009, and our members have been involved in politics since the 1988 political movement. We have received the political inheritance passed down by the party's leaders and continue to move forward with vigour.

Our party has always believed in the need for a constitution and a Hluttaw with an equal ratio of the people and political parties based on that, and a civilian government, administering in line with it as well. We participated in the current democratic and political affairs with that belief. Our party participated in an advisory role of the political party group in the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC) and actively contributed in the nation's peace process.

Esteemed people

As everyone knows, our nation was subjected to a divided life of colonial oppression for many years. The consequences of that became a major obstacle when the country achieved independence. Just as independence was gained with the Panglong Conference, we need to have ethnic solidarity to build a democratic nation today. Myanmar is home to a large number of unique ethnic groups living together. While this difference may be a weakness now, we believe it will be a source of strength when we become truly united and achieve peace.

Building a federal union requires finding a solution with ethnic armed organizations, moving to a single military system, distributing natural resources be-

tween the union and federal states in a fair manner, and developing the national economy. That is why our party says peace comes first. We firmly believe in the fact that democracy and development of the people are as the most important as peace and equality.

Esteemed people

A systematic administrative mechanism has an essential role in a democratic nation. It's natural for political parties to make promises during their campaign. Still, if the administrative mechanism is not working correctly, then they won't be able to fulfil those promises and will get criticized by the people. Parties may change, but if the fundamental part of the mechanism is not working well, then improving people's lives will be slow, and challenges will be plenty.

Democratization has reached a particular stage in our nation. It is slowly changing from an undemocratic, authoritarian system to a democratic one. There is a multitude of requirements to stand as a democratic nation successfully. Every citizen must ensure democracy is for all the people and not just a selected group.

We cannot go towards national development with one person or one organization. It takes the entire nation and equal contribution. Different ethnic groups with unique cultures and literature do not discriminate into the strong and the weak, and we will ensure there is equal opportunity for everyone. Everyone should have equality and protection by the law. Everyone should have the democratic rights of freedom to believe, express and display.

Everyone can see that the democratic transition seems simple but is more complicated than it looks. We inherit the good and awful heritage and require patience to reach a fully democratic situation gradually. At the same time, we need to find a nationally accepted solution for the nation's current and future issues.

Our nation will have to go through some difficult times to reap the fruits of democracy like the nations that have fully achieved it and the Asian and Southeast Asian countries that have mature peace, stability and modern progress. It is crucial that all political parties and people from different walks of life actively participate for the benefit of the nation.

There are many things to say and do about establishing a democratic nation, but our times are short, so I would like to move on about our NPA's stance on improving public livelihood. Political parties, organizations and governments talk about improving livelihoods, but that is not a simple case and has multiple connected issues and components to it. You could even say it is the most delicate and complicated process of a democratic nation. The national economy needs to be developed, and the production value of all citizens need to be increased as well.

Like I explained about the peace process, natural and human resources need to be systematically distributed among the people living in this nation, and this is the key to achieving peace, democracy and improved livelihoods.

In this regard, we need to do such things as sufficient production of electricity and energy, a high volume of foreign direct investment, penetration into foreign

markets for agro-based produces and products, development of medium and heavy industries in the country, and lessening underemployment and creating of employment opportunities.

It requires the government to enact laws that support and promote this, protect the interests, to give capital and to transfer to the hands of ethnic entrepreneurs and to form public-private partnerships. On the other hand, they need to carefully spend taxpayers' money and not waste it and make necessary adjustments to taxes to promote businesses. The government does this job that needs to be free of corruption, transparent, and parties and organizations put the interest of the people before their party or organization.

Esteemed people

There is not enough time to explain the various processes, strategies and action plans for developing the nation. The essence is that the improvement of people's livelihoods is the best measure. The government needs to make use of the authority granted by the people in trust wisely to garner their support. Otherwise, people will deal with the appropriate punishment.

Now let me explain about national security. In the present day, you will say all the governments of the world are investing so much into national defence, maintaining sovereignty and improving national integrity by modernizing and supporting their military force. We will undoubtedly need a modern and strong military when we establish our federal democratic nation. The current military defence services were created as a result of our struggle for independence from the clutches of colonialism at the same time ethnic groups took up arms. The armed conflicts have become an eroding force within our nation that has pushed it into the depths of poverty. NPA has actively participated in efforts to end the disputes, improve people's lives and continue the peace process. We believe a single military system will inevitably emerge to serve and honour our federal democratic nation.

In conclusion, regardless of whether NPA loses or wins in the multiparty democratic elections, we will respectfully follow the decision of the people. We believe other political parties will do the same and compete honestly within the legal framework.

The NPA will continue to participate in efforts towards peace, democracy and improving people's livelihood regardless of the outcome. We, the NPA, will maintain our love for our nation and work for the freedom, sovereignty and stability of the country, and I will end my message with that explanation.

Thank you.



Elections are the root for development of democracy.

Wontharnu Democratic Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Wontharnu Democratic Party Vice-Chairman U Aung Kyi Myaing presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 12 September.



Greetings to esteemed people

I am the Vice-Chairman of Wontharnu Democratic Party, U Aung Kyi Myaing. Our party was formed when we applied to the Union Election Commission on 9-4-2010 and received registration on 27 May 2010. Our party number is 22. We are based in Mandalay, and we will protect the integrity of the nation.

Our party's objective is peace, unity, national reconciliation, and genuine democracy. We will be participating in the coming 2020 election for the benefit of the nation and its people. We will respect the decisions of the voters because the strength to bring benefits to the country and the people lies within the voters, and that is the belief of the Wontharnu Democratic Party.

I would like to explain the symbol and flag of our party. The red background represents courage and decisiveness. The white star on the right is our party's light. In the white circle in the middle is a green peacock coloured with red and blue represents honesty, courage, freedom, unity and fairness. The peacock has 14 tail feathers representing the 14 states and regions that are united.

I will now explain our policy and stance for the nation and the people. We aim for better national reconciliation, genuine multiparty democracy system and building a modern developed nation.

Firstly, our view on the national economy and benefit is that there needs to be a free and fair market economy system with successful SMEs growing into international businesses. We will work hard to develop human resource so that citizens can create

their employment opportunities through short and long term projects. We will improve the wages and rights of the labourers as well.

Our stance on civil servants:

- Receiving the rights of civil servants and social integrity.
- Receiving improved wages related to the region
- Receiving security after retirement

Our stance on public affairs:

- Accepting the rights of the Constitution and existing laws
- Opening a Hluttaw representative office to listen to public challenges and issues and offering assistance both within and outside the Hluttaw.
- Prioritizing 'no one is above the law' in this regard

Our stance on education:

- Education and physical education must be taught in tandem and ensuring national education catches up with regard to international education.
- Implementing a student-centred education system that promotes critical thinking.
- Opening training schools that meet international standards and provides extracurricular education and vocational training in order to develop national human resource

Our stance on healthcare:

- Free healthcare across the nation, including rural areas.
- Having sufficient supply of medicine, modern treatment methods, adequate equipment and trained professionals.
- We will develop sports, and physical education in line with the motto 'public health begins from the school'.

Let me continue on rural development:

- We will ensure rural development is not behind urban areas in infrastructure, education, healthcare and electricity.

Our stance on farmers:

- We are a nation based on agriculture, so we will ensure agricultural expenses and other requirements

of all farmers and cultivators are fulfilled.

- Improving a crop market that guarantees agricultural produce

Our stance on youths and the younger generation is:

- We will cultivate the youths who will be taking over national duties in the future to grow up into educated and well-rounded individuals.

Our stance on women's affairs:

- We will continue to improve the role of women
- We will get rid of violence against women and ensure they have equal rights with men
- We will provide skilled, and well-rounded female leaders are nurtured

Our stance on the Defence Services:

- We will confirm the Defence Services is the sole military that will shoulder the responsibility of maintaining sovereignty and national security while upholding its the duties.
- We will ensure the Defence Services and the public can genuinely cooperate with trust

Our stance on philanthropic organizations:

- They are indispensable components in national development and the lives of people. We will work to develop and upgrade these organizations.

Our stance on internal peace:

- We will work hard for all ethnic armed organizations to sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement
- We wish for state and regional governments to be formed with ethnic representatives who will be able to manage their development affairs

In conclusion, we will act in line with the motto, "Nationalists for the benefit of the nation" to implement actual change for the improvements and reforms yet to be made and that is why we wish and urge for you to vote for the Wontharnu Democratic Party.

Thank you.



Campaign speeches of Modern People Party, Mro National Party and Peace for Diversity Party to be broadcast on 13 Sept, published on 14 Sept

Campaign speeches of Modern People Party, Mro National Party and Peace for Diversity Party for 2020 General Election will be broadcast on MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, Myanma Radio and MRTV Facebook page at 7 pm on 12 September, and will be published in the state-owned newspapers— the Myanma Alinn, the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar—on 13 September.—MNA

Section 59 (g) in Hluttaw Election Law

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EU and China to talk trade as tensions mount

BRUSSELS — EU leaders hold video talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday hoping to make progress on trade and investment, even as tensions mount between Beijing and the West over Hong Kong and the treatment of minority Uighurs.

The virtual meeting between top Chinese officials and EU Council President Charles Michel, European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, replaces a full summit with all 27 European leaders which had to be cancelled because of coronavirus.

China has said an investment deal already seven years in the making can be agreed by the end of the year, but EU officials warn significant obstacles remain and insist they will not agree to unfavourable terms simply to cut a deal. "Even if there is a



European Council President Charles Michel gives a news conference following a video conference EU summit to discuss the measures to tackle the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Brussels, Belgium, on April 23, 2020. PHOTO: AFP

political objective to accelerate negotiations and conclude them by the end of the year, we will have this only if it is something worth having," an EU official said.

Brussels says "significant progress" has been made in talks since a similar video summit in June, and officials hope to

agree a "roadmap" to get a deal done by the end of the year, but they also warn Beijing needs to do more to improve market access for European companies. Brussels wants to reinforce respect for intellectual property, end obligations to transfer technology and see a reduction in subsidies for Chinese public

enterprises.

China-US tensions

No major breakthrough is expected on Monday but the EU side hopes to persuade Xi, China's paramount leader, to give fresh political impetus to the talks -- and to allow his negotiators more room to compromise.—AFP ■

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New Yangon Specialist Hospital to be commissioned into service in Yangon next year

By Zin Lin Myint

PEOPLE'S hospitals are the places where medical treatments are given to the patients free of charge or at the least cost. The patients' reliance on people's hospitals has been increasing day by day due to the free medical treatment services. The Yangonites are placing too much reliance on Yangon General Hospital and the patients coming to there are a larger number. As a result of that it is not easy for the YGH to accommodate all the patients coming to it to undergo medical treatment. For that reason, New Yangon Specialist Hospital is under construction in Yangon with the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and it is expected to be commissioned into service in 2021.

The New Yangon Specialist Hospital is located on the side of Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street at the corner of Pyay Road and Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Region.

On 28 April 2019, the Ground Breaking ceremony of "the Project for the Construction of New Yangon Specialist Hospital" by the cooperation of Department of Medical Services (DoMS) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was held at the construction site situated on the side of Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street at the corner of Pyay

Road and Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Region. The construction of the project was expected to be completed in 2021, but unfortunately the noble coronavirus called COVID-19 occurred in Myanmar resulting in some delays to the construction project.

Design for New Yangon Specialist Hospital

Japan-based Taisei Corporation has taken the responsibility for the construction of the project of New Yangon Specialist Hospital whose design was created by Japanese experts so that Myanmar youths will be able to study the construction of the hospital and the implementation of the design. In partnership with Japanese experts, Myanmar engineers can enjoy the opportunity of closely observing systematic measures.

Financial assistance by Japanese government

Japanese government provided Japanese Grant Amount of 8.661 billion Japanese Yen for the implementation of New Yangon Specialist Hospital with the contribution of K42 billion by the Ministry of Health and Sports.

In addition to the grant aid, Japanese government is going to provide hospital equipment



New Yangon Specialist Hospital

and the Ministry of Health and Sports, hospital equipment worth of K 42 billion to the new hospital.

A significant symbol marking long-lasting friendship and cooperation will be appearing in the health sector between Myanmar and Japan.

Extension of hospital facilities

With an increasing number of more than 7 million people in Yangon, the situation calls for more healthcare services. With the changes in food and lifestyles, the number of those who get diseases is increasing and the construction of more hospitals is being extended. A new

people's general hospital has been constructed in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region. In addition to the upgrading on the remaining hospitals, the construction of new hospitals is under implementation.

The New Yangon Specialist Hospital will have a total of seven stories and it will be 300-bedded hospital. The ground will have to see the emergency unit and out-patient unit and the lab room and administrative units will be on the first floor. There will be surgical rooms and intensive care units on the second floor. There will be surgical and treatment rooms for neurology and cardiology on the remaining four floors.

Support equipment

Upon completion of New Yangon Specialist Hospital, units of cardiology and neurology from Yangon General Hospital will be moved into the new hospital where medical treatment is going to be provided to the patients. Sophisticated medical equipment and modern medicines as well as health-support equipment will be available at this new hospital and the patients will be able to receive medical treatment having easy access to a variety of support equipment.

In addition to such favourable conditions, the medical students attending the University of Medicine, the undergraduate students and postgraduate ones will have



to get easy learning access.

This new hospital will provide healthcare services especially neurological and cardiological problems to Myanmar citizens with the use of advance healthcare systems from Japan. With this good intention, efforts are being made to achieve success in the construction of the new hospital amidst any difficulties.

Updates on hospitals in Loikaw, Lashio, Magway and Dawei

The Japanese government provided hospital equipment to three hospitals in Mandalay during 2013, similarly to the New Yangon Specialist

Hospital and Yangon General Hospital.

Toward the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030 in Myanmar as MoHS' strategy, the cooperation between MoHS and JICA have been implemented under the 3 pillars: health system strengthening, human resource development and infectious disease control. In the recent cooperation, JICA have been supporting for the renovation of the general hospitals in Loikaw, Lashio, Magway and Dawei, rural health centers, the introduction of hospital management approach in Loikaw General Hospital, providing PhD course for 12 Medical Doctors

and short term training for 55 Medical Doctors in Japan, strengthening the capacity of 18 medical engineers, training 559 Medical Record Technicians, the development of malaria elimination model, and supporting laboratory services for HIV/AIDS and TB.

This new specialist hospital is one of the symbolic milestones of cooperation between the new governments of Myanmar and Japan toward achieving UHC.

Translated by Htut Htut
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Yangon United celebrates victory over Southern Myanmar

YANGON United FC celebrated a sweet victory by defeating Southern Myanmar FC 3-0 with the goals of Kyi Lin, Mg Mg Lwin, and Emmanuel yesterday at Thuwunna stadium.

Yesterday's match was an important one for Yangon as the team is aiming to grab this year's MNL trophy with four points lesser than the first place team Hantharwady.

Head coach U Min Tun Lin's Yangon United lined up with key players including Captain Kyi Lin, Ernest Aboubacar Congo, Mg Mg Win, Mg Mg Lwin and Emmanuel.

Meanwhile, head coach U Kyaw Min of Southern Myanmar used his favourite players Captain and keeper Pyae Phyto Aung, Aung Kyaw Htwe, Aung Khine Tun and Sai Zin Win.

Yangon forced to play from the kickoff, and the team faced some difficulties to score as Southern Myanmar played with a tough defence.

Nonetheless, Yangon achieved a penalty kick at 18



Yangon United's captain Kyi Lin (Green) and Southern Myanmar keeper Pyae Phyto Aung vie for the ball during their MNL Week-15 match at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 12 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNL**

minutes as Southern Myanmar's defenders played roughly in the opponents' penalty area.

The penalty was successfully shot to the right corner of

the post by Yangon United captain Kyi Lin to grab the team's first goal.

After the first goal, Yangon United got nearly goal chances but Southern Myanmar keeper

and defenders blocked and intercepted every attempt of the Yangon strikers.

But Yangon got another leading goal at 44 minutes, and it was scored by free-kick star

Mg Mg Lwin, and he made a superb free-kick to the right post of the Southern Myanmar goalie.

The first half was led by Yangon with 2-0 ahead of Southern Myanmar.

Southern Myanmar tried to get their consolation goals in the second half with an opening attack.

But Yangon United shifted their massive play plus counterattack to secure their winning result.

With a surprise pass, a third leading goal was found by Emmanuel at 60 minutes mark when Kaung Htet Soe delivered the ball towards him.

At the final whistle, Yangon managed to seal the 3-1 victory over Southern Myanmar.

With the win, Yangon United earned 29 points after 13 plays, 9 wins, 2 draws, and 2 losses and the team is currently standing in third place while Southern Myanmar standing in the bottom with no win.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Dominic Thiem, Alexander Zverev into US Open final



Dominic Thiem of Austria returns the ball during his semi-final against Daniil Medvedev of Russia at the 2020 US Open. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEW YORK — Dominic Thiem of Austria will play Germany's Alexander Zverev in the US Open final for their first Grand Slam titles after they won their last-four matches in contrasting styles Friday.

Second seed Thiem ousted third-seeded Russian and last year's runner-up Daniil Medvedev in a closely fought three-setter that was packed with powerful baseline rallies and impressive serving.

The 27-year-old Thiem won 6-2, 7-6 (9/7) 7-6 (7/5) in 2hr 56 min inside Arthur Ashe Stadium

to reach his fourth Grand Slam final.

Earlier, Zverev came from two sets down to complete a remarkable comeback against 20th-seeded Spaniard Pablo Carreno Busta and reach his first tennis major final.

The 23-year-old German won an error-strewn, scrappy encounter 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 in 3hr 23min, also on the famous Ashe court.

It marked the first time in Zverev's career that he came from two sets behind to win.

"I actually looked at the scoreboard when I was down two

sets to love," Zverev said.

"I was like, 'I can't believe it. I'm playing in a semi-final, I'm supposed to be the favourite and I have no chance, I'm playing that bad.'"

Zverev made 36 unforced errors in the first two sets compared to just 12 for Carreno Busta as the nerves of the occasion seemed to get the better of him.

But Zverev began to cut down on his mistakes in the third set, upping his service game and taking control of rallies with more powerful, accurate groundstrokes.—AFP ■

Klopp reveals Ferguson apology

LONDON — Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp revealed he apologized to Alex Ferguson after waking the former Manchester United boss in the early hours of the morning.

Ferguson sent a congratulatory message to Klopp when Liverpool ended their 30-year wait to be crowned Premier League champions following Manchester City's defeat at

Chelsea in June.

When Klopp's celebrations with his players at a Liverpool hotel had finally petered out, it was approaching 3:30 am but the German was still keen to reply to Ferguson's message.

He did not anticipate the 78-year-old Scot would still have his phone on by his bedside when he sent his response, with Ferguson later revealing Klopp

had accidentally woken him up.

"The problem was that I came back late in my room that night and I couldn't sleep immediately so I went through the messages I got and one of them was from Alex Ferguson," Klopp told reporters ahead of Liverpool's opening game of the new English top-flight season against Leeds on Saturday.—AFP ■



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp. **PHOTO: OWEN HUMPHREYS POOL/AFP**

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Comparisons we draw



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NOWADAYS, people have their own psychological worries concerning comparisons. At times, they draw a comparison between themselves and others but some are being compared by others.

In the first place, I would like to present my views on comparing ourselves with others. By making a comparison again and again, we can get mental hurts and illness from it. Sometimes, we can't stop comparing ourselves with others who are better than us. Mostly, we compare others' strengths and our weaknesses. After comparing, we lose our own confidence and even lose our faith from time to time. According to a French philosopher, Marquis de Condorcet, we should enjoy our own life without comparing it with that of another. From my point of view, we shouldn't compare ourselves with others because some can have better conditions than ours even though others can have worse. Whatever defects we might have, we should be content with what we possess. I consider that realizing our own strengths and values is a type of ability, the key to success and inner peace. From now on, we should get ourselves out of comparing ourselves with others and count our blessings peacefully. We can change our imperfections into our perfections.

Secondly, we are sometimes compared by someone else and we usually consider these comparisons are criticisms. Although comparisons between people are the starting point and the main source of unhappiness, people still draw comparisons about others. Many people get more mental hurts when they are criticized and drawn comparisons by their loved ones, especially by their parents, siblings and friends. Through comparisons, we want more and more things and at last, we become greedy. Finally, jealousy is eating away at us since we can't be satisfied with things we have and we even try to imitate and change our styles, adopting others' styles as ours. The more you want to change, the more difficult you will encounter. And it becomes a never-ending cycle for us and we can't never be contented.

On the other hand, we can change these comparisons into our strength again. We can accept this as a feedback and also a support to make us stronger and stronger. According to the advice of a French publisher, Bernard Grasset, "To love is to stop comparing", we will be happy when we stop comparing.

So, stop comparing from now on and let's be grateful for possessing what we have since being us is the greatest perfection ever.



THE rain had not come for three days; the horrific scorch seemed to be unusually torturing everything under the sun. The afternoon sun was shining so glaringly that even a fleeting glimpse of the sunlight coming through the profuse leaves and branches made my eyes feel sore. It showed no mercy to anyone but burnt the pedestrians commuting to and fro. From afar, I could see the Shwedagon Pagoda glittering like a golden dome in the boundless and vast daylight, which definitely bears a resemblance to a masterpiece. This breathtaking view was capable of making the dreadful heat imperceptible for a moment. Suddenly, I felt I sighted the wavy strands of hot fumes rising vertically from the earth surface, and they engendered the things looking as if they were moving and fluttering with the hot wind.

Sitting alone in the corridor under the shelter, I was so lost in some idle thoughts. Then, suddenly, a faint distant sound came into my ears, and I instantly recognized what it was and where it drifted in from. I craned my neck to see who originated the noises.

A group of children were seen playing enthusiastically in an empty space under the porch a few yards from the place where I was sitting. It was within the distance enough for me to hear the faint noise coming from them. As the entire attention was given to them, the applause, ejaculations of complaints, shouts of joy and arguments then sounded much keener as if I were sitting very close to them. They were little novices of around six, the earliest age at which the children are meant to be sent to school. Their sinless innocence appeared to add

to the intrinsic cuteness.

Every novice (locally called *koyin*) was topless and wearing only the sarong-like yellow robe which wrapped up his lower part. Hanging at the front was an eight-layered fold and the top of the robe was to be rolled upwards to make it firm around the waist until the lower two-thirds of his ankles were exposed. One of them was subconsciously feeling the prickly heat on his back; he looked absurdly awkward scratching himself but his hand could not reach

the itchy blisters, all of course portraying in a way the harshness of a scorching day.

The game they were so absorbed in is called *gawli yite*, *gawli htu*, or *gawli pyit*. A *gawli* is a small pebble ball, and the *yite* means striking, the *htu* hitting and the *pyit* throwing. The player would aim carefully and throw his own *gawli* at a line of pebble balls laying a couple of yards before him. Then, he would own the *gawli* or *gawlis* it could strike. The little novices took turns trying

their best to strike the initial one. If the initial *gawli* is hit, then it means that the player gets all the *gawlis* in the line at one go without the need to try again. Everyone's attempt was accompanied by some arguments from the individuals standing aside. It was very upsetting when they missed and ended up saying, "That was a close shave!" While one of them was taking aim so seriously, the onlookers made some loud noises so that he would be distracted and miss his reward.

Among them, Pon-nya was the most skillful. Now that he had got an outstanding number of *gawlis*, stored into a plastic bottle, he frequently looked at it and smiled like a victor. Confidently he went on to play and, aimed at the target calmly by closing one of the eyes, threw his *gawli* and, yes, won another game. It went without saying that his friends were blown away! To his delight and pride, he shook the bottle and listened to the rattling noises and smiled slyly again, demonstrating that his confidence had grown into arrogance. Afterwards, a quick look at his friends even sent him to opening his chest and lifting his head higher than usual. He might think that this bout had seen him beat other novices into submission. It too occurred to him that there was a tinge of envy for him in the friends' eyes by the virtue of the fact that they even looked hesitant to continue playing with him. "I know why they are looking at me like this. They must have been overwhelmed by my shots all along," he reflected. He then felt so mighty again with a winner's smile. Sadly, it was not what it looked like. Long before he felt enough of the self-esteem, he realized that in fact the novices' eyes were not being fixed at him. If not, there must have been someone else standing behind him. He turned around and his eyes widened at the sight! Contrary to his idea, it was the abbot of the monastery!

All the novices froze like a nest of poor little mice trapped in the corner. They might wish they would melt and sink into the ground. The abbot asked them, "Why don't you go to the shrine room? It's high time you were in

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Little Lotuses



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Once upon a time, the King had an idea to test his people in his kingdom whether they are helpful and kind-hearted. He ordered his men to place a huge rock on a roadway where the people mostly came and went. He was there, personally watching if anyone would move the rock out of the way. Surprisingly, he found out that some complained about who had carelessly made the rock drop while others blamed why no one would ever come and lift it away. Some passersby tried to lift it but in vain. They were not given a helping hand but were watched by bossy bystanders. Some people simply walked around it and some changed the route. Many blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

Time passed by, yet that rocky obstacle remained undisturbed. One day a peasant came along that way carrying his bundle. On approaching the rock, the peasant laid down his bundle and tried several ways by pushing, levering it, his body all over in sweat, to remove the rock out of

the road. After making strenuous efforts he finally succeeded. As soon as the huge rock was cleared, he noticed a bag lying there. When he opened the bag, he saw many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was just the reward for the person who removed the rock from the roadway.

This is the story we had been taught and prescribed in our primary level in our childhood. However, the story is still giving true morality in life. Well, what I want to let you know is that the story points out the golden old saying: Action speaks louder than words. While the lazy complains, the kind-hearted are offering help and enjoying the opportunities through their kind hearts by exerting the action with the willingness to get things done. The smallest of actions is so much better and smarter than the biggest of intentions. "Action does great things done," proved the story.

In our daily life to our destination, action is a huge requirement when committing to goals. Many people make great claims and blames when failure



comes. Words are a bunch of false promises if no action takes place ultimately. Although an action is strongly associated with what one wants and believes, actions certainly speak the truth. In our society people often make groundless promises, talking too much. If those talks can manage to be changed into action, success is with their reach. Furthermore, when an individual uses words, it is much easier to lie to oneself or to the listeners. It is all too easy to speak out whatever feeling. Out of a wrong assumption, a man of words talks with overconfidence, and continues talking. The endless talker might make up funny incidents by entertaining experiences for hours as he or she

is not fined tax for his or her talk or gossip.

He or she might take it wrong that talking makes a sociable person in a society. That would not present the exact picture of what he or she really is. Talking would minimize the chances for the action time.

In a conversation, most people may try their rhetoric as if engaged in a competition because they think that the more they say, the cleverer points they make and the more they persuade other's opinion. So often do they speak the longest and loudest as if they were the winner. To my little knowledge, I think, we all fall into this trap, which is a lesson given by our human nature. In a glimpse, stop talking and think

it over. This approach towards influencing other's attention and winning a casual conversation is the opposite of the one we should take.

Most noteworthy, action is more crucial than words. We should show our results and efforts more clearly than what we say. This does not mean we should remain silent all the time. Obviously, silence itself does not mean unsociable. That means going into actions in life is much more important than just speaking about it. So, if we want to be masterful in accomplishing our tasks, focus on getting the work done, creating self-value, and paying attention to what is the most important. Let's talk less and go into action more.

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there reciting the Buddha's doctrine. Till now, you aren't where you're meant to be." No response from them. The abbot raised his hand and let it fall gently. "Take it! Take it!" Each received a slight blow on his head as a punishment, rubbed it with his hand, and started to rush towards the shrine hall, his heels almost touching the back. None of them dared turn round and look at the abbot, who remained there to be standing until he was sure of their presence in the shrine.

The great abbot of the monastery was left standing, smiling and staring at the little novices who were running at top speed since they either took fright at him or just felt ashamed of their own mischief. To my surprise, I then saw a peaceful smile enrich his face as he turned round to leave for his place. I thought he got into a pensive mood

walking along the covered passage at slow gaits as he began to contemplate:

"... The novices were still too young to live an ascetic life. It was not yet possible for them to keep themselves from being playful. And they were not supposed to be so, either. But, raising them in the cradle of the Buddha, in the shade of His and in line with His teachings is way far better than allowing them to grow up in a vicious family. Under him, they would learn and practice the wholesome teachings of His, as well as being provided with the contemporary education. Someday, they would grow into the ordained Sangha at about the age of 20 or so, and finally into the great venerable monks. They were expected to bring blessings to the world. Even if they could not, he did not want them to be involved in setting the world on fire. Hence, he was responsible for them to grow up in a

decent society and lastly become the noble individuals."

The Buddhist Order is often symbolized by lotus, and lotuses are always offered to the Buddha images and monks for merits and for the purposes of decorating the religious occasions. So it can be taken as a token of wholesomeness too. Suddenly, he looked struck by the similarities between little novices and little lotuses. Delicate as they are, they have to be strong enough to break the hard way out of the soil and grow high above the water until they bloom in full swing. After all, he opined honestly that they still had a long way to go in order to grow into sacred lotuses that deserved being worshipped by lay people. Then, he stepped into his place and went out of my sight!

Sea gypsies of Myeik Archipelago

■ By Maung Thin Pyant

SALONS, also known as Sea gypsies or Moken stay in group roaming the seas in their traditional wooden boats called "Kaban" for fishing and diving for pearls in the sea of Myeik Archipelago.

They kept their utensils, food, water, dogs, cats and chickens on their boats.

During the summer and winter, they fish, sell aquatic products and during raining season and when weather is bad, they lived on bamboo stilt houses on nearby islands or in caves. They do not mix with other and had their own traditional belief of spirits. There are about 3,000 Salons in Ten groups with nine living in Myanmar and one in Thailand.

They prefer themselves to be called as Moken rather than Salon and Salon are the distinct identity of Myeik archipelago. Their culture and lives are distinct from other ethnic nationals and races. They do not settle and live in a place but travel and live on the sea instead. They are skilled at swimming and diving and are known to be able to dive for considerable time without any breathing apparatus.

According to our list over 2000 Salon people still live in the region. For various reasons, their population is decreasing gradually. The population decrease is partly caused by drugs abuse and natural disasters, and they lack health knowledge.

There are two important things. One is health. Most Salons suffer from malaria and malnutrition. The Salons rely on a nat-mentor for all issues. If a person falls ill, they are believed to have been possessed by nats. They consult

with nat-mentors and usually worship the nats. But now some Salons visit a clinic for medical treatment. Some keep worshipping nats after consulting with nat-mentors. Most Salons suffer from malaria and malnutrition.

Measures for safety of their life, conservation of traditions

The regional government set up an annual fund of K100 million for improving their health, education and living conditions to the best of its ability. Rice and fishing facilities were provided to them first.

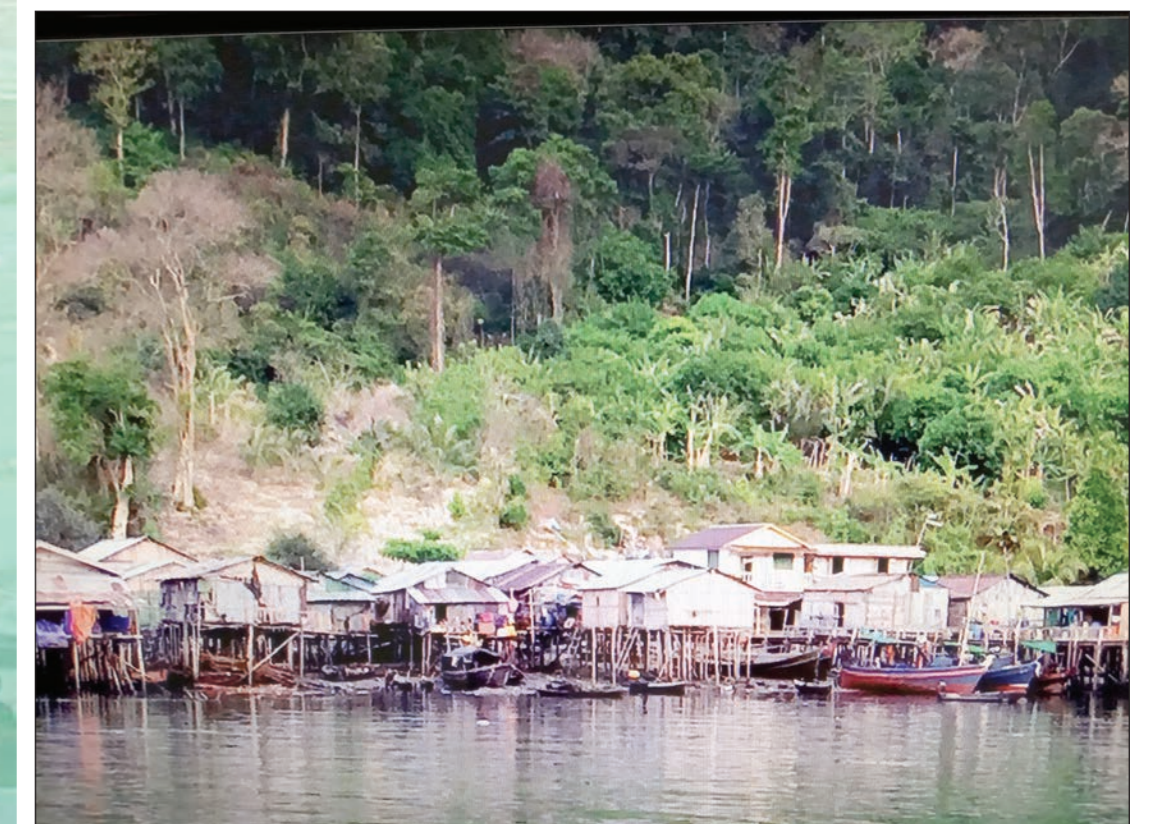
At the beginning of this year, courses on health knowledge and midwifery courses were conducted for the local youths. Still, we need to create opportunities for the ethnic Salon people to conserve their traditional culture. All ethnic people are to value their cultures and every culture had valuables. However it needs to develop in accordance to the time.

The seafaring Salon ethnic people are also becoming popular on tourist itineraries.

Those who wish to invest in the tourism sector in the islands are required to follow the dos and don'ts set by the authorities.

The government, on its part, should preserve the traditional culture of the local communities and allow investment which guarantees sustainable development without damaging the natural environment.

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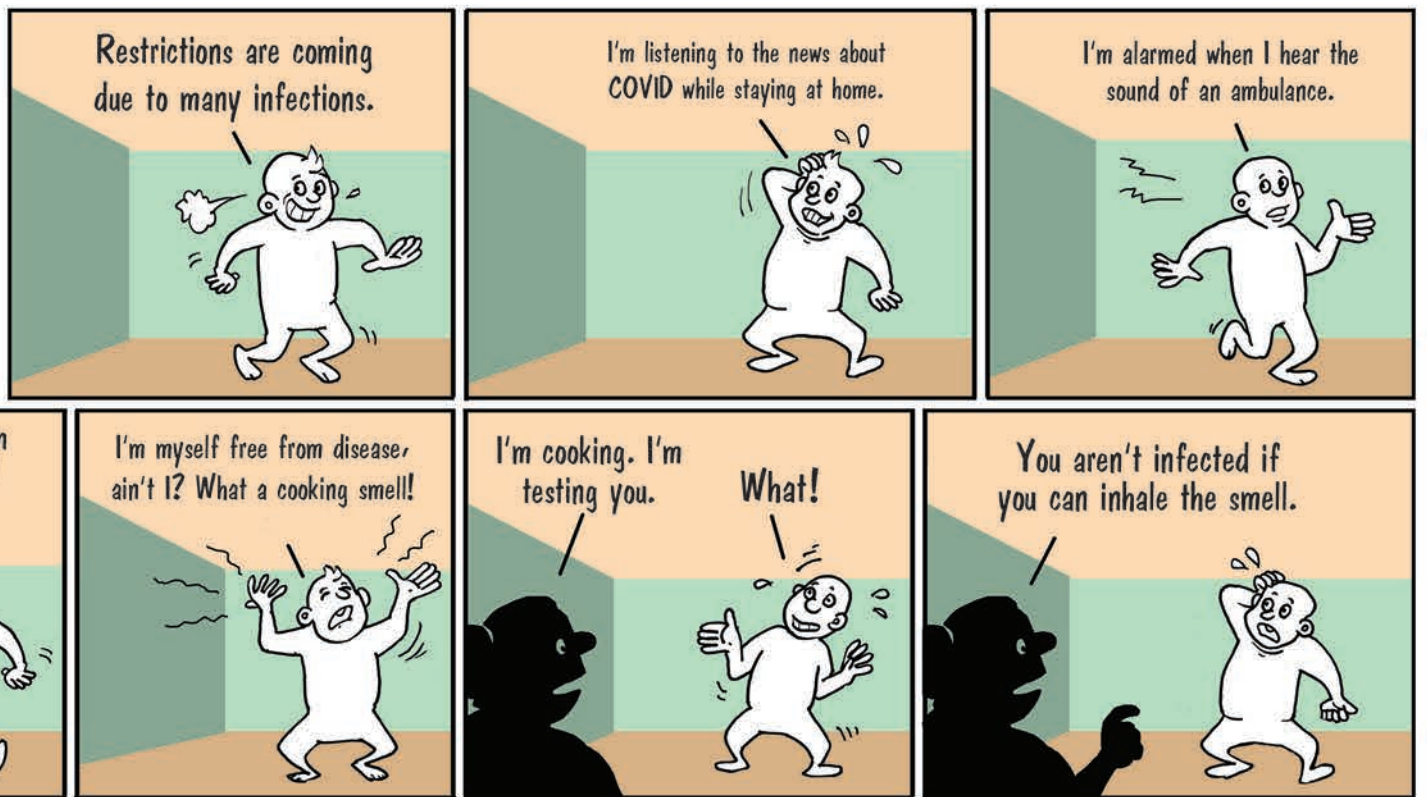


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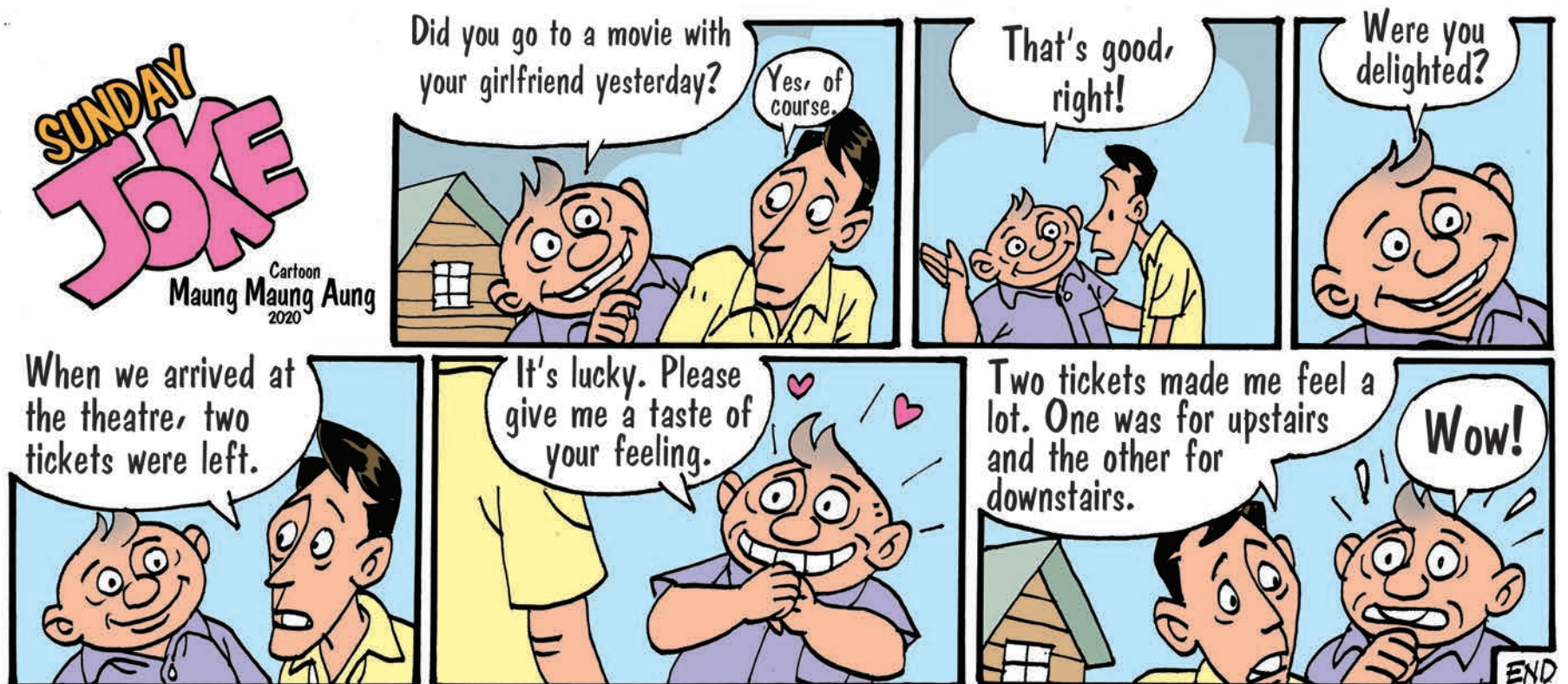
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I've got a naughty little Wizard inside me. Naughty! He often wakes me up in the middle of my dreams at night. Then he nags me, and drags me to the swivel chair before the computer. Because I can't help obeying his commands from within, I have to bear with him.

One balmy evening I found myself in a dim-lit room. It was not quite spacious. I was then visiting Saymagyi Daw Khin Myo Chit's. She was a thin, old lady. She was then suffering from a gout. Despite her indisposition, the kind, loving host prepared a cup of coffee for me. Out of the kitchen she walked unsteadily, holding a tray with a cup of coffee and a saucer with some biscuits on it. We had a very interesting conversation. She shared her views on "Writers and writing problems" with this twenty three-year-old young man who had aspirations to be a writer.

Of the Little Wizard and Me

By Maung Nyein Lu

"A strong urge for writing," she said, "is like some demon inside you. It's that demon that drive you to weave words in fantastic patterns". And the little Wizard inside me, with popping eyes, chuckled to himself, much pleased. I had to press him down inside my green jacket.

"It is a harrowing experience, you see," Saymagyi continued, "you go through this drudgery of writing and writing while all the others come and go, have a good time, living a normal, decent, respectable life."

I sipped coffee. I thought to myself, "What a harrowing experience Hemingway must have had! He assigned himself the task of writing everyday until he has poured on paper 500 to 1000 words a day while his counterpart Stephen King has claimed to write 2000 words a day!"

My mind flew back to the days of my childhood, and I found myself blocked in all sides by over a hundred inscriptions. It was the House of Inscriptions of the Ven. Ledi Sayadaw, located to the north of Monywa. Unaccountably, the solemn atmosphere inside the House and the inscriptions in the gloomy air, standing like the terra cotta warriors, filled me with an unnamed awe, even fear, to the core of my heart.

I shared with Saymagyi what I had read an account of how the Ven. Ledi Sayadaw put efforts on writing his treatises.

"His lay attendant, Dayaka," I said, "had to make ready for him with twenty or so pencils sharpened already. A tin, formerly used as an oil tin, was filled with kerosene, and a thick cotton wick, inserted at the hole of the tin, was lit. By the light of this lamp, (probably the largest kerosene lamp ever invented in this

world!), the revered Sayadaw seriously took the painstaking task of writing over a hundred treatises in plain prose, thus bringing the Light of Dhamma through the darkness to all over the world."

The room remained silent, impressed with the laudable efforts of the revered Sayadaw.

"There's another monk writer like the Ven. Ledi Sayadaw," said a voice from the dark corner of the room. I screwed up my eyes to see the person, but it was too dark. "It's Ashin Janakābivamsa of Amarapura," said the stranger. "You know Amarapura, which is locally called Taung Myo, being a town located to the south of Mandalay."

"One sunny morning," the voice continued, "when I came to his small monastery to do my daily chores, found him standing at his writing podium, his

yellow robes dripping water wet on the wooden floor, quite absorbed in scribbling something. 'Why writing in your wet robes, Your Reverend?' I said. 'Ideas,' replied the revered Sayadaw, 'could take wings at any moment. Must seize it while it's buzzing around!'

"Accept the challenges of the trials of writing," interrupted the little Wizard but don't expect any tribulations from it." I sipped coffee.

"Yes," an English voice tinged a little bit with the Japanese accent. "Writing makes an exacting demand on an aspiring writer." I recognized his voice. It was Kazuo Ishiguro, the Nobel prize winning British novelist. "I'd suggest

something. Remember my story when you feel in low spirits. It took me ten years to write *The Buried Giant*, in 345 pages."

Then I heard a Japanese voice from another corner in the room. "May I share my experience? I'm Murakami," said the Japanese voice, "I always get up at four a.m. and work for five to six hours."

Wow! The little Wizard inside me popped up his eyes.

"In the afternoon," he continued, "I run for ten kilometers or swim for fifteen hundred meters (or do both), then I read a bit and listen to some music. I go to bed at nine p.m. I keep to this routine every day ... In that sense, writing a long novel is like survival training."

"Ha ... Ha... That's why you're famous for being a running novelist. You run miles and miles and you write novels after novels!" said Ishiguro. The room was filled with our loud laughter.

"How should young budding writers," my little inquisitive Wizard said to the Japanese writer, "prepare themselves for the future profession of writing?"

Murakami's advice might sound commonplace, but as true as gold:

"The first task for the aspiring novelist," Murakami said, "is to read tons of novels. Sorry to start with such a commonplace observation, but no training is more crucial. ... It is especially important to plow through as many novels as you can while you are still young. Everything you can get your hands on—great novels, not-so-great novels, crappy novels, it doesn't matter (at all!) as long as you keep reading. Absorb as many stories as you physically can. Introduce yourself to lots of great writing. To lots of mediocre writing too. This is your most important task."

I sipped some coffee, and took a bite of a biscuit. I said, "Some writers are talented, you know. Words flow naturally

like a spring. But I think even a talented writer must have had untalented years of practice that has continued unseen, unknown."

"Well," Murakami replied, "I do not belong to the category of talented writer. I must pound away at a rock with a chisel and dig out a deep hole to locate water veins."

"I don't agree with you," a drunken voice said from the dark. It was Bukowski, a German-American writer. He had a bottle of wine in his hand. He took a gulp, and said, "You don't try." He gave an example of a bug climbing on the wall: a writer or an artist has to wait until it comes close enough. "When it gets close enough," he said, in a drunken voice, "you reach out, slap out and kill it. Or, if you like its looks, you make a pet out of it."

"Well, may I give advice to the young writers?" said a lady with curly, silver hair. She was sitting next to Saymagyi Daw Khin Myo Chit. She was Margaret Atwood, a Canadian poet and novelist.

"You can get the idea for a novel in quite a short period of time," she said, in a soft voice, "but then you have sit down and work at it. So what they say is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration. So the rest of it is working it out and while working it out, you often get more and different and new ideas... so your biggest friend as a novelist is your waste paper basket..."

"Ha ... Ha ... My biggest friend as a novelist is my waste paper basket?" the little Wizard inside me chuckled, once again, "I like that!"

Madam Atwood, then, said her final words, which shocked the small audience in the room.

"If there are no young writers," she said, "there will be no future readers. Mind that."

We remained silent, lost in thoughts. The evening lay there "like a patient etherized upon a table."



Combatting Asia Pacific's digital skills deficit in the post-Covid era

Jay Chen, Vice President of Huawei Asia Pacific, shares how the company is closing the tech skills gap with technology and regional partnerships.

We are not just entering an intelligent world, we are now living within one. Our world has been converted into digital signals, and humans are now connected to machines. Big data and artificial intelligence have made our lives easier, more responsive, and autonomous.

This has been possible because of technologies such as 5G, IoT, and artificial intelligence. But it will also leave us with an estimated shortage of millions of 47 million tech talents by 2030, a study by Korn Ferry found. According to PwC's 20th CEO Survey, more than 50 per cent of APAC CEOs say it's difficult to hire digital talent with the right skills.

To combat this talent shortage and address current learning challenges from Covid-19, Huawei has launched multiple initiatives throughout the region to facilitate remote learning and enhance technical skills.

Learning through cloud

Huawei is helping to provide connectivity and e-learning to students and professionals alike. We have partnered with Bijoy Digital and UNESCO in Bangladesh to provide digital solutions and facilitate distance learning. Huawei Cloud and ULearning have also partnered in Indonesia to provide an online learning management system.

Education, along with AI healthcare and enterprise on cloud, is one of the three foundation services launched by Huawei Cloud as part of our global action plan to help customers fight Covid-19. We're actively working with partners to provide online teaching services to schools during this pandemic so that teaching and learning activities can continue uninterrupted.

The cloud platform will support distance learning where teachers and students can interact through audio, video and chat



rooms. Online tools will enhance the efficiency of curriculum development and allow teachers to work together remotely and share teaching materials. Apart from empowering students to learn on their own using low-latency HD VOD, the platform will also distribute teaching content faster, enable online exams, and monitor learning progress in real time.

Regional partnerships

At the inaugural online Huawei Ecosystem Summit 2020 in Singapore, Huawei called for closer collaboration with its local partners to boost joint solution innovation as Singapore moves into Covid-19 economic recovery. We also announced our Virtual AI Academy with more than 140 free online courses. This will accelerate the training and up-skilling of Singapore ICT professionals and SME digitalisation as Singapore doubles down on its push towards a digital future.

Similar programmes have been established in other Asia Pacific countries including Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines, providing thousands of ICT courses and hundreds of skilled trainers to nurture a national digital talent ecosystem. The Huawei programme includes a top level design with well-defined ICT talent certifica-

tion standards and a Huawei ICT Academy cooperation project for global universities. More importantly, we hold ICT competitions and job fairs for students to develop their skills, get recognized for it, and immediately secure employment opportunities in fields of their choosing.

The University of Malaya (UM) is the oldest and highest-ranking university in Malaysia. It has used Huawei's knowledge to enrich teaching content, strengthen students' knowledge, and improve their skills. In the 4th Huawei ICT Competition Global



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Final, the UM team competed with 65 universities from 30 countries and won first prize in the network competition.

"The Huawei ASEAN Academy in Malaysia plays an important role in ICT development towards digital economic

growth. It is needed more than ever, to nurture and develop local talent to ensure that they are well equipped with the proper ICT knowledge to adapt to this ever-changing globalization landscape." said YB Dato Saifuddin Abdullah, Minister of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia.

Skills development

This year, Huawei officially released the Huawei ICT Academy Programme 2.0, which aims to develop two million ICT professionals and popularise digital

skills over the next five years by collaborating with universities. Huawei will set up the Huawei ICT Academy Development Incentive Fund (ADIF), with a total investment of at least US\$50 million over the next five years.

In July, Huawei Indonesia

signed a MoU with the Ministry of Education and Culture to collaborate with universities on e-Learning platforms, ICT training, competitions, student internships, and joint research.

"The digital economy is one of the factors affecting economic growth in the country. This cooperation is very important, because it relates to the need for competent human resources in the ICT field," said Professor Ir. Nizam, Acting Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Culture of Indonesia. "Huawei's technology and expertise support will greatly assist the digital transformation progress in universities, as well as improve the global competitiveness of higher education in Indonesia."

At scale, Huawei supports cooperative education and has authorized training partners that can deliver Huawei certification training globally. With Academies and training partners established, we can promote the value of certification and cultivate the much needed talent for the ICT industry.

First, we leverage on our knowledge of the industry and provide Huawei certification through development solutions that allow students to learn and acquire new skills. We then use our Huawei ICT competitions and Job Fairs to allow students to get recognized and secure valuable employment at either one of our customers or partners, or even at Huawei directly.

The world ahead will be one dominated by devices; connecting, sensing and reacting to everything around us. We hope our education programs not only reaffirm our commitment to social responsibility, but also prepare the next generation of experts that will design and navigate this digital landscape. Our future depends on it.

Jay Chen is the Vice President for Huawei Asia Pacific.

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