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MSWRR signs agreement with MILK for vocation training cooperation



Director-General of Department of Disaster Management Dr Ko Ko Naing and Director of MILK Mr Tan Pohleng Stanley sign the agreement between Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Mainly I Love Kids (MILK)-Myanmar in the presence of Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement signed an agreement with the Mainly I Love Kids (MILK)-Myanmar at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning for cooperation in vocational training programmes as an initial part of Dreams University project in Rakhine State.

The agreement is aimed to help young people to interact with social communities and to train them for valuing diverse

cultures, social harmony, leadership skills and coordination capacities through education programmes.

At the ceremony, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye said that the government is working for internal peace and national reconciliation, and that mutual respects and equality among different communities are crucial for lasting peace.

He continued saying that the government's Union Enter-

prise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) is being operated with the financial and technical assistance of local and foreign individual donors and organizations, the United Nations and the neighbouring countries. The MILK is one of these organizations.

The Union Minister also called for participation of local people, local government, the State Hluttaw, NGOs and civil

societies for the all-inclusive development of region, and the education programme is very instrumental in bringing about a better future for respective communities, including Rakhine State.

The agreement was signed between Director-General of Department of Disaster Management Dr Ko Ko Naing and Director of MILK Mr Tan Pohleng Stanley.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Fire-hit Yadanapon Market to reopen soon: MCDC

TWO days after the Yadanapon Market was damaged in a fire, officials announced yesterday that the market would be reopened soon.

A team led by Mandalay's Deputy Mayor yesterday inspected the market's first floor, which was engulfed by a fire on the night of 17 January. About half of the 150 shops on the first floor were damaged in the fire.

"We have inspected the durability of the building. Now, arrangements are being made by the Mandalay City Development Committee to reopen the market soon," said U Ye Mon, Deputy Mayor of Mandalay.

"Now, engineers are inspecting the market. It could take about four days to complete the checks. When their report comes out, we will arrange the reopening," he added. Shop owners were allowed to enter their shops yesterday so they could check their property.

Smoke from soundproof rooms that caught fire on the first floor had slowed firefighters as they tried to put out the blaze.

Diamond Plaza, which is located next to the Yadanapon Market, has also been closed for an electrical inspection, and it will reopen after the inspection is completed, according to the MCDC.

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