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President U Win Myint attends 2019 monsoon tree planting event

PRESIDENT U Win Myint planted a mahogany tree during a monsoon tree planting event held under the 2019 natural environment restoration and rehabilitation activity at Pho Zaung Taung Forest Reserve block 22 beside Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon Road 1 in Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri Township yesterday morning.

At the event President U Win Myint planted a mahogany plant at a designated place. In the same way Vice President U Myint Swe, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than planted gangaw, thinwin, padauk and tamalan trees at designated places.

Next, Union Ministers, Union Attorney General, Union Auditor General, Union Civil Service Board Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, Central Bank of Myanmar Governor, responsible officials and public service personnel planted various tree saplings at designated places.

Afterwards the President inspected and encouraged the event attendees planting trees. In the day's event a total of 434 tree saplings consisting of teak, pyinkado, padauk, tamalan, ingyin, mahogany etc. were planted.

During the monsoon tree planting event under the 2018 natural environment restoration and rehabilitation activity a total of 333 tree saplings were planted in Pho Zaung Taung Forest Reserve block 17.

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President U Win Myint planting a mahogany (meliaceae) tree at a monsoon planting event for 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UEC, CSOs discuss successful holding of 2020 General Elections

ELECTION stakeholders participated in the Seminar on Vision 2020 held at the Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Civil society organizations (CSOs) involved in the elections also attended the discussions concerning the five key points that were essential for proper elections in Myanmar.

Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein first addressed the seminar. He said the UEC and CSOs must work closely together to ensure that the 2020 General Elections became an important milestone of Myanmar's democratic transition. He said the UEC was working for the upcoming elections to be free, fair and transparent while being in line with the 5 norms in order for the results to be in line with the people's expectations.

U Hla Thein said the UEC's Strategic Plan (2019-2022) encompassed equal and inclusive participation for women, ethnic people, people living with disabilities and other minority groups. He said all the sub-commissions were working with the utmost vigilance to ensure that the advance voting process was transparent and complied with existing laws. He said Hluttaw candidates also needed to adhere to the law when submitting election expenses.

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Myanmar Parliamentary Union discusses regional Hluttaw affairs

THE Myanmar Parliamentary Union (MPU) held meeting no. (1/2019) at Zabuthiri meeting hall in the Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday. MPU Chairman and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat delivered a speech at the beginning of the meeting. He first highlighted that this meeting intended to coordinate the processes and administration of the Union, regional and state level Hluttaws.

The Union Government Office has sent The State/Region Budget Bill to the relevant ministry for further actions, said the MPU Chairman. He said this bill would greatly aid the legislative processes for the State/Region Hluttaw Budget Bill when ratified. He said they would link the amendment of The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Bylaw with the amending process of The State/Region Hluttaw Bylaw.

U T Khun Myat said par-

liaments were the paradigms of democratic countries and thus, it was necessary to hold such meetings to strengthen the Hluttaws. He urged attendees to openly discuss the actual situations the Region and State Hluttaws were experiencing.

Next, MPU Vice Chairman and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than expressed his hope for attendees to strengthen trust between each other during the meeting.

Next, MPU Secretary and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung (alias) U Tun Tun Hein explained the implementation process of MPU's meeting no. (6/2018) and other Hluttaw affairs. Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung also suggested for Region and State Hluttaws to conduct themselves carefully in comparison to the experiences of Union-level Hluttaw processes.



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat delivers the speech at the Myanmar Parliamentary Union (MPU) meeting (1/2019) at the Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Similarly, MPU Office Head and Director-General of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office, U Kyaw Soe, explained the organizational structure of the Region and State Hluttaws offices and the

civil servant policies adopted by the Union Government.

Afterwards, the Speakers and Deputy Speakers of the State/Regional Hluttaws reported on their respective experienc-

es and affairs. Officials discussed the reports, after which the MPU Chairman concluded the meeting with a closing speech.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

MoI, JICA hold workshop on development of broadcasting sector in Nay Pyi Taw



Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun delivers the speech at the workshop on the development of broadcaster MRTV in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Information and the Japan International Cooperation Agency conducted a workshop on the development of broadcaster MRTV yesterday at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

In his opening remarks at the workshop, Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun urged participants to openly discuss matters related to promoting the state-owned broadcast, stressing the important role of cooperation between Myanmar and Japan in the media sector for promoting bilateral relations, mutual understanding, and cooperation.

With the help of Japan, Myanmar had launched the colour TV in 1980, and that has been a

milestone in relations between the two countries, he said.

Afterwards, Mr Masayuki Karasawa, the Chief Representative of JICA (Myanmar), explained the purpose of the workshop.

MRTV and JICA are carrying out a four-year project for building the capacity of MRTV staff and broadcasting public interest programs, and the 2019-2020 fiscal year is the final year of project. At the workshop, officials from JICA and MRTV discussed the achievement so far of the project, the current technical cooperation, cooperation in developing MRTV, the Draft Code of Ethics for MRTV, the reporters' handbook, drafts

of broadcasting guidelines, and suggestions for expanding human interest programmes. They also discussed efforts for improving the broadcasting sector with JICA's support, producing public interest programmes, and plans for the fourth year of the project.

The first ever colour TV broadcaster came to Myanmar in 1980, with the help of the Japanese Sasakawa Foundation and ODA loans from JICA. With the help of the Japan cultural fund in 2013, 383 programmes from NHK were broadcast by the MRTV. The fourth upgrade of machinery and studios with the use of JICA's ODA grant will be completed this year. — MNA ■

Translated by KZL

Re-opening of the Call for Nominations for the ASEAN Prize 2019

AS none of the candidates merits the ASEAN Prize to 2019 to be awarded at the 34th Summit, the ASEAN Secretariat has re-opened call for nominations for ASEAN Prize 2019 to recognise inspiring achievements and exemplary contributions of an individual or organization, inter alia, to the building of a rules-based, people-oriented, people-centered ASEAN Community, and intra-ASEAN collaborative efforts.

Nominees should have exceptional merit in contributing to the following designated focus areas:

- Outstanding collaboration between ASEAN Member States (AMS);
- Outstanding collaboration between ASEAN and the world;
- Outstanding people-to-people engagement among AMS;
- Outstanding economic integration and promotion of standards between or among AMS; or
- Other outstanding contributions to ASEAN Community Building

The Judging Committee, consisting of eminent high-level members, including incumbent and former ASEAN Secretaries-General, will select a recipient who will be awarded the ASEAN Prize Trophy and a cash prize of US\$ 20,000. This year's prize will be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the 35th ASEAN Summit in November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The nomination form for ASEAN Prize 2019 can be downloaded at the ASEAN Secretariat Website <http://www.asean.org/asean-prize>. Nominee must submit the duly fill-in form to the ASEAN Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9, Nay Pyi Taw or dgasean@gmail.com and psaseanmmr@gmail.com no later than 6 September 2019.

Nominee must be an ASEAN citizen or an ASEAN-based organization. In the nomination form, the nominee need to elaborate within three or five pages highlighting the achievement the nominee has contributed to the building of a rule-based, people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN Community and intra-ASEAN collaborative efforts since the launch of the ASEAN Community on 31 December 2015. The nominee should also share future plans in continuing the work after winning the prize. For further information, please visit the ASEAN Secretariat Website.

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Pho Zaung Taung Forest Reserve covers an area of 8,517.09 acres and has 51 blocks where 20 types of tree species are found to be growing.

The following dignitaries attend the above event:

Vice President U Myint Swe, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Union Ministers, Union Attorney General, Union Auditor General, Union Civil Service Board Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, Central Bank of Myanmar Governor, responsible officials and personnel.— MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Vice President U Myint Swe plants a gangaw (Calophyllaceae) tree at the monsoon planting event for 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



Vice President U Henry Van Thio plants a thinwin (Fabaceae) tree at the monsoon planting event for 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat plants a Padauk (fabaceae) tree at the monsoon planting event for 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than plants a tamalan (fabaceae) tree at the monsoon planting event for 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Polio vaccination drive to be conducted in Kayin, Mon states, Bago Region

THE Ministry of Health and Sports has announced it will conduct a polio vaccination program in Kayin State and five townships of Mon State and Bago Region. The announcement was made during a regional meeting, held in Hpa-an, Kayin State on 4 July.

Children in five townships — Thaton, Bilin, and Kyaukto town-

ships of Mon State and Kyaukgyi and Shwegyin townships of Bago Region — will be administered oral polio vaccines as part of the program. In Myanmar, the wild poliovirus was reported in 2007, and the vaccine-derived Polio Virus Type 1-VPDP1 was reported in 2015. After a child was found to have contracted VPDP1 in Sin

Swel Village, Papun Township, a polio vaccination program was conducted on 23 June this year.

During the regional meeting, Dr Kyaw Swar Myint, the head of the Kayin State Public Health Department, said the polio virus can be easily transmitted through contaminated water or food (fecal or oral). Therefore,

the vaccination program needs to cover each child, he said.

With the help of MoHS, the Kayin Health and Welfare Department, ethnic groups, and NGOs are planning a polio vaccination drive for over 300,000 children in rural areas. Other regions will also carry out the vaccination program in addition

to increasing healthcare services and staff numbers.

The inoculation program for children under the age of 5 will take place from 7-9 July, 21-23 July, and 4-6 August in Papun Township of Kayin State. — Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD) ■

(Translated by La Wonn)

Transport & Communications Minister updates ADB rep on YGN-Pyay railway project

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung received a delegation led by Mr Ramesh Subramaniam, Director-General of Asian Development Bank's Southeast

Asia branch, at his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged discussions on the latest developments of the Yangoon-Pyay railway upgradation

project; a collaboration between ADB and Myanma Railways, and future cooperation in the transport sector. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung meets with Director-General of Asian Development Bank's Southeast Asia branch Mr Ramesh Subramaniam in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Public notification on legal operation of telecommunications equipment

1. Persons, departments and organizations from domestic and abroad who desire to keep in possession or use any telecommunications equipment are legally required to acquire the Telecommunications Equipment License, as outlined on Chapter 4 of The Telecommunications Law and Section 33 of The License Issuance Bylaw, concerning the following equipment:

- a. Satellite communication equipment (e.g. satellite phones)
- b. Radar communication equipment and related machinery
- c. Radio communication equipment (e.g. equipment that use MF, HF, VHF, UHF radio frequencies)

2. The mobile signal repeaters installed in residential buildings are considered illegal radio telecommunications equipment that tap into licensed mobile operator frequencies.

The Directorate of Communications has not given permission for these repeaters to be installed, as they seriously disrupt the normal frequencies of licensed operators and the public mobile network.

3. The Department has prohibited installing, possessing or using the equipment mentioned in the first paragraph and the illegal repeaters without permission or the required license.

Should the Department discover any violations of the aforementioned facts it will take legal action in line with Section 67 of The Telecommunications Law and other related existing laws and bylaws.

Directorate of Communications

Union Ministries discuss work procedure for conflict-related violence committee

THE National Committee on Prevention and Response to Conflict- Related Sexual Violence held their second coordination meeting (2/2019) at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Committee Chairman and Union Minister, Dr Win Myat Aye, said our country simultaneously handles conflict-related sexual violence and promotes better opportunities for women. He said Myanmar submits reports on human rights together with other countries of the world. He said the work procedure drafted from the first meeting on 3 April was sent to numerous departments. The

suggestions sent back were collected and was discussed at the meeting yesterday.

The ministry has formed the work committee comprised of directors from relevant departments and led by the Director-General of the Social Welfare Department. He called for the attendees to review the draft work procedure and subtract or add in anything necessary to it.

The Union Minister said the UN Special Representative Office in Nay Pyi Taw and the UN Country Team will support designing the Joint Communiqué. In addition, UNFPA will act as a focal point, he said.

He urged the attendees to openly voice their opinions and



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye delivers the speech at the second coordination meeting of National Committee on Prevention and Response to Conflict- Related Sexual Violence in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

suggestions.

Next, committee members and other officials discussed

draft work procedure and provided suggestions as to what to add, take out or amend to

it. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun holds talks with Bloom Sky Co Ltd's CEO U Myo Aung and Thai Business Association of Myanmar's Special Advisor Mr Chuchart Mektrakarn yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Deputy Information Minister receives Bloom Sky, Thai Business Association delegates

U AUNG HLA TUN, Deputy Minister for Information, received Bloom Sky Co Ltd's CEO U Myo Aung and Thai Business Association of Myanmar's Special Advisor Mr Chuchart Mektrakarn at the Ministry of Information's guest hall yesterday.

During the meeting, they

openly discussed the ongoing tasks of Bloom Sky and possible media collaborations with the Ministry of Information.

Officials of the ministry were also present at the meeting.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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He added that domestic and international observation groups would be permitted to monitor the 2020 General Elections.

U Hla Thein said that this was a time when the cooperation of the Union Government, the citizens and political parties of

Myanmar was needed for establishing a Federal Democratic Republic together. He urged everyone to be model citizens and to shoulder whatever duties that might be entrusted on them to ensure the success of the 2020 General Elections. — MNA
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein delivers the speech at the Seminar on Vision 2020 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Myanmar Press Council holds monthly press conference for July



Myanmar Press Council members hold their monthly press conference at their office. PHOTO: PE ZAW

MYANMAR Press Council held their monthly regular press conference at their office in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, yesterday.

MPC Chairman Hanthawaddy U Ohn Kyaing first gave a few remarks. He said MPC successfully organized the seminar of the Yangon Region government and the four pillars of democracy which resulted in the region's departments holding weekly press conferences or when an occasion for one arises.

He said the Yangon City Development Committee has arranged to hold press conferences on their work and the Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region has appointed judges in township courses as

spokesperson to allow journalists to gather news directly with the judicial pillar, adding that the judges' phone numbers have been provided for contact.

The regional Hluttaw office has also made arrangements for journalists to gather news freely, said the MPC Chairman. He said they are collaborating with the Union Election Commission to make news gathering easier in the upcoming 2020 General Elections. He said they will provide additional verification stamps on journalists' identity cards in the Yangon Region.

Next, MPC Secretary U Kyaw Swar Min explained the reason for holding the press conference, arrangements for safety and protection of journal-

ists, and the reports submitted to MPC.

Following this, Media Ethics and Development Committee Chairperson Daw Thin Thin Thar spoke of how her committee will issue a notification concerning fake news, urge news application developers to subscribe the news from media outlets for redistribution, uncover those who breach media ethics, open a basic course in journalism, and compile a list of journalists starting from this month. Afterwards, the MPC members responded to journalists present during the Q&A session. MPC will regularly hold their monthly press conference during the first week of the month. —Zaw Gyi ■
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Myanmar, Bangladesh conduct coordinated naval patrol

MYANMAR and Bangladesh conducted a coordinated naval patrol along the Naf River on 4 July, according to the information released by Myanmar Police Force.

The Myanmar patrol was led by Police Inspector Myat Zaw Oo from No.1 Border Police sub-division (Kyeekyun), Area 3, Maungtau Township, while the Bangladeshi side was led by Subedar Md, Mb-dur Rajjik from Whykong BOP Outpost of No.2 Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB).

The Myanmar troops in the two water crafts met with the Bangladeshi troops on their two water crafts at the middle of the Naf River near the opening to Pyu Ma Creek, and patrolled together from nautical mile 15 to 18 near the opening of Tae Chaung Creek.

After the patrol, the two forces held a discussion on watercraft No. 004. —Police Information Department

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



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MoEE holds 2019 monsoon tree planting event

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe observes staff planting mango trees during the 2019 monsoon tree planting event at Central Electric Station 2 in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Electricity and Energy held a monsoon tree planting event for 2019 at

central electric station 2 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Firstly, Union Minister for

State Counsellor Office U Kyaw Tint Swe, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr Tun

Naing and other officials planted mesua ferrea trees at their designated places.

The ministers then went around encouraging the other staff who were planting diamond solitaire mango trees.

The Ministry of Electricity and Energy planted 17,000 saplings for 2019's monsoon tree planting event, including teak, mahogany, diamond solitaire mango, padauk, tamarind and other species.

The saplings were planted simultaneously at station 2, Office No. 6, Office No. 44, No. 1 Construction (Paunglaung) and Paunglaung Electric Station under the jurisdiction of Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw Central Electric Station 1, Pyinmana Central Electric Station, Shwe Myo Central Electric Station, and Wunna Theikdi Sports Ground electric station. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Inland Water Transport earning K1.5 mln a day from Yangon-Dala ferry service

THE Inland Water Transport (IWT) (Delta Division), under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, is earning over K1.5 million per day from the Yangon-Dala ferries.

"The IWT is mainly focusing on providing safe transportation in the rainy season. Yangon-Dala ferries usually run 14 rounds per day, and two vessels have been arranged for car transportation. The IWT is earning over K1.5 million per day from them," said U Thein Myint, the General Manager of the Inland Water Transport (Delta Division).

The Royo 2 and 3 vessels run 14 rounds a day from 6 am to 7 pm for vehicles under six tons. The fees range between K2,500 and K6,000 per vehicle, K100 for local passengers, and K20,000 for foreigners. The ferries can carry 20 to 30 vehicles, including bicycles, motorbikes, trishaws, and cars.

With the number of passengers increasing in the high season (from October to March), the department

is earning well through the Yangon-Dala ferry service, which is the main source of income for the department. Currently, one vessel is undergoing maintenance, and two are providing Yangon-Dala ferry services.

Normally, ferry services are suspended during the construction of river-crossing bridges, and the services were shut down completely for the construction of Thanlyin, Pyay-Nawaday, and Nyaungdon-Setkort bridges.

If allowed, the IWT said it would continue to run the Yangon-Dala ferry for the public during bridge construction. — Than Htike ■

(Translated by La Wonn)



Driving the cars onto a ferry boat running by the Inland Water Transport for Yangon-Dala trip.

PHOTO: THAN SOE

Press conference held in Presidential Palace

MINISTRY of State Counsellor's Office Director General U Zaw Htay held a press conference in Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon and briefed on the Child's Rights Bill and action taken on a case that occurred at Wisdom Hill Preschool.

Director-General U Zaw Htay said the day's event was a regular Press Briefing and special guests Myanmar Police Force Deputy Police Chief Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu and Social Welfare Department Deputy Director-General Daw Rupa Mya were invited.

First point to be briefed is the matter of Wisdom Hill Preschool. Everyone now knew about the incident and the President and the State Counsellor were not ignoring the matter. Instructions were given to Ministry of Home Affairs and Myanmar Police Force to expose the truth. Some matters were also explained in Facebook too.

Second point is the matter of the Child's Rights Bill. There's been some recent demonstration against this bill. The bill was sent to the President by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 7 June for the President to sign and enact it into a law. The President reviewed the bill and obtained the legal advice of Union Attorney General. On 18 June it was returned to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with three comments. The first comment was on including or omitting the word ministry in the definition of temporary care center. The second comment was whether to change or not the words physical and mental to physical abuse and mental abuse. The third comment was whether to change or not the writing style in clause 76 of the bill. There had been many criticism on the bill and some of those will be answered in detail during the question and answer session.

On the matter of peace process there are plans to discuss with groups that had signed the NCA. RCSS and NRPC will meet in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 July. On 12 July RCSS and Tatmadaw will meet. Another matter is KNPP that hadn't signed the KNPP. KNPP and NRPC will meet in Nay Pyi Taw on 17 July. On 18 July KNPP and Tatmadaw will meet. During the coming few weeks there'll be an unofficial meeting with KNU in Yangon.

The other matter is the four groups from the northern alli-



Director-General of Ministry of State Counsellor Office, U Zaw Htay responds to journalists during a press conference at the Presidential Palace. PHOTO: MNA

ance. Government representatives led by Peace Commission Vice Chairman U Thein Zaw and secretary Lt-Gen (retired) U Khin Zaw Oo met with the

the Child's Rights Bill, Director General U Zaw Htay said the statement was made by a member of US House of Representatives and was not a state-

the certificate is just an evidence of birth only. Clause 22 of the Child's Rights Bill stated that child registered at birth will have the right to citizenship as enacted in the laws. Whether the child registered at birth was adopted or is elsewhere, the child's citizenship will be determined by 1982 Citizenship Law. Adopting a child doesn't make that child a citizen automatically. Whether the child was adopted by a citizen, associate citizen or naturalized citizen, a non-citizen child will not become a citizen. A registration of a birth would not make the registered child a citizen.

Clause 32 (b) of the Child's Rights Bill stated that adopted child will have equal rights as a biological child including inheritance right and other rights.

The government's official stand is not accepting any act that affects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country. The government's stand will always remain the same.

four groups in Mongla. After the meeting the government side had sent a draft Bilateral Cease-fire Agreement which the four groups were reviewing. They'll reply at the earliest on 14 and 15 July or at the latest on end July and discussion were ongoing to designate the date and place for the next meeting.

Next, Myanmar Police Force Deputy Police Chief Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu and Social Welfare Department Deputy Director-General Daw Rupa Mya explained about status of actions taken on the case that occurs at Wisdom Hill Preschool.

Director-General U Zaw Htay, Deputy Police Chief Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu and Deputy Director-General Daw Rupa Mya responded and explained to the questions raised.

Replying to questions of Myanmar government responding to a statement by a member of United States House of Representatives on Rakhine State affair and the matter of birth, birth registration, citizenship in

ment of the US government. At a policy discussion on south and central Asia held at US States Department, US Acting Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs had explained that the US stand was to support the territorial sovereignty of a country. The view of US government was made at that discussion.

The statement of the member of the US House of Representative was believed to be based on an exaggerated news and information. The government's official stand is not accepting any act that affects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country. The government's stand will always remain the same.

The demonstrators staged protests against the bill without understanding the clauses in the bill.

On the birth certificate, it was written in red letter that this is not a certificate of citizenship. The meaning is that

citizenship rights according to the enacted laws. On adopted child, Section 73 of 1982 Citizenship Law states that an adopted foreign child of a citizen or associate citizen or naturalized citizen is not a citizen or association citizen or naturalized citizen. Parents being a citizen or associate citizen or naturalized citizen didn't automatically make a child a citizen or associate citizen or naturalized citizen.

Whether an adopted child is a citizen or not is decided by 1982 Citizenship Law. There had been demonstration and complaints mixing up birth registration, adoption and citizenship. The demonstrators staged protests against the bill without understanding the clauses in the bill. The main point is the statement "according to enacted law" and the enacted law is the 1982 the Citizenship Law said the Director General.

Violence against child at Wisdom Hill Preschool

On the questions regarding Wisdom Hill Preschool matter Director General U Zaw Htay said the President and the State Counsellor were aware of it and had given instructions to officials while closely monitoring it.

Afterwards Myanmar Police Force Deputy Police Chief Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu and Social Welfare Department Deputy Director General Daw Rupa Mya explained about the case in Wisdom Hill Preschool, rumors circulating in social networks about it, findings from investigating witnesses and status of actions taken.

Internet shut down in Rakhine State is temporary. But there was not limitation set on how many days it'll be. This was being reviewed and could not be answered in detail. However, it is a temporary measure.

Adoption is a family matter and birth certificate is the matter of a child's right. Citizenship is the matter of the State. However the parents in the birth certificate of the child adopted the child, the child will not become a citizen. Citizenship is according to 1982 Citizenship Law.

Section 22 of the 1982 the Citizenship Law states that a child registered at birth will have

Director General U Zaw Htay then said Wisdom Hill Preschool was temporarily closed by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. As this incident has occurred permission will not be granted to Wisdom Hill Preschool. In addition to Wisdom Hill there are also some preschool, primary, middle and high schools.

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Ray of hope for peace shines on Myanmar

AFTER the Second World War, nations across the world faced internal conflict, with the result that most countries did not escape from the trap of poverty for decades, and some are still struggling to establish peace within their boundaries.

Myanmar also succumbed to the fires of internal conflict soon after the signing of the 20th Century Panglong Agreement and winning independence. Our country has seen armed conflicts for over seven decades, and the resultant poverty and low levels of economic development, healthcare, and security.

Over successive generations, our people have seen their socio-economic situation and morale undermined, while our country's future has gradually been corroded.

We have still not escaped the trap of poverty and armed conflicts.

The only way out is building peace by resolving political problems, which are at the root of armed conflicts, through dialogue.

The first step for building peace is a ceasefire agreement.

A ceasefire would bring peace and development to the people.

The Tatmadaw announced on 30 June that it is extending its unilateral ceasefire till 31 August to aid the peace process.

Prior to that, the Tatmadaw had ceased all military operations in the Northern Command, North-Eastern Command, Eastern Command, Eastern Central Command, and Triangle Region Command till 30 April, and then extended the ceasefire till 30 June, to help implement the peace process.

Another recent breakthrough has been the talks in Mongla between a delegation from the National Reconciliation and Peace

Centre and four ethnic armed organizations which are yet to sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement. A proposal from the Union Government has also been handed over to the four EAOs.

If the sources of armed conflicts are discussed and resolved at the political roundtable, it will not be difficult to curb and eradicate armed conflicts. Meetings create familiarity, understanding, and trust, and strengthen common causes and expectations.

The stakeholders in the peace process must leave the past behind after taking lessons from it. They must try to carry out effective peace-building works during the two-month ceasefire period, in keeping with the expectations of the local ethnic people for peace.

Please strive towards the goal of eternal peace with courage and determination. Please share your worries.

We will work and think together to remove and resolve those worries.

Sustainable rural development is vital for Myanmar

By Lokethar

RURAL development is the process of improving the quality of life and well being of people living in rural areas. The objectives of rural development include alleviation of poverty and unemployment through creating basic social and economic infrastructure, to provide training to rural unemployed youth and to provide employment to marginal farmers/labourers to discourage seasonal and permanent migration to urban areas.

About two thirds of Myanmar's population live in the rural areas. According to surveys the average rural income is about half of the urban income and regarding those below the poverty line, the majority are from therefore rural areas. Sustainable rural development in Myanmar is vital to the all-inclusive economic and social development of the country.

Strategically rural development encompasses higher productivity, wider and easier access to markets and better marketing mechanisms leading to higher incomes for improved quality of life of the rural population.

Higher productivity relates to better use of land and water resources, better and quicker methods of preparing land, better strains of seed and improved methods of sowing and reaping/harvesting as well as access to



A cabbage plantation in Shan State. PHOTO: CHAN THAR (MEIKTILA)

safe and secure storage facilities prior to marketing of the produce.

Wider and better access to markets relates to better village roads and produce transport facilities, as well as marketing mechanisms including Co-operatives and Private dealers, better pricing mechanisms and payment methods to ensure the producers enjoy the benefits of their toil.

There is in Myanmar the Department of Rural Development and some NGO's involved in

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"Rural Development Programs". These are funded by Government as well as donor entities and the rural development activities are

enough funding (due to budget constraints) to expand the activities or even to carry on with the sustainability of current activities, unless, of course, the project concerned is high on the priority list of the Government.

With regard to Rural Development Projects, once they are finished, there will not be the same enthusiasm by the project implementers if they have to operate on a shoe string budget. Therefore, for the projects to be continued full scale by the government (and Rural Development Projects do need to be increasingly implemented) there must be solid and tangible outcomes to convince the peoples' representatives in Parliament as well as the Government to continue with them in full force.

Hence, my suggestion is that the Rural Development Projects should achieve more tangible outcomes on the economic front, like for instance proven higher crop outputs of those given loans/grants, improved village roads for produce transport, communal or cooperative storage and/or marketing arrangements etc.; and on the social front, provision of safe drinking water, electricity where feasible, provision of at least primary school facilities and health care facilities, and so on.

mostly being carried out in selected priority Regions or States, largely in the form of projects. The tangible outcomes of the projects, as per the Reports seen on the internet, includes grants to rural people for crop production, feeder roads, rural water supply, village electrification, schools, primary health centres, etc.

Having been in Government service for some 35 years, I am well acquainted with project type of "Aid". Upon completion of the project period, there is usually not

Misinformation and growing distrust on vaccines, 'dangerous as a disease': UNICEF chief

UN News

"MISINFORMATION about vaccines is as dangerous as a disease", said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore. "It spreads fast and poses an imminent threat to public health".

Over the last three decades, the world has seen significant improvements in the health and well-being of children, with vaccinations having contributed to a dramatic decrease in under-five deaths, according to UNICEF.

And now, on the brink of eradicating deadly diseases that affect millions of children, serious challenges are emerging.

Despite clear evidence of the power of vaccines to save lives and control disease, millions of young children around the world are still missing out, putting them and their communities at risk of deadly outbreaks.

Access to quality primary health care, including immunization, is greatly undermined by weak health systems, poverty and conflict, the UN agency explained.

Moreover, emerging challenges combine complacency and scepticism on the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, which is fueled by deliberate misinformation proliferating online further threatening gains made so far.

UNICEF says that "anti-vaccine groups have effectively exploited social media, creating confusion and stoking fears

among parents, potentially undermining progress in reaching all children with vaccines".

At the first event of its kind at UN Headquarters in New York, experts analyzed how to improve stagnating or declining

Vaccines save millions of lives, and yet misinformation, limited availability and inadequate access to services have left large numbers of children in jeopardy, prompting the United Nations Children's Fund to convene a high-level UN event on Friday to "tackle the issue".

vaccination rates, and champion children's right to immunization.

"Vaccinations save up to three million lives every year – that's more than five lives saved every minute", said the UNICEF chief. However, she noted that more needs to be done because "20 million children are still missing out".

Moving forward

Despite considerable progress in increasing global vaccine coverage, some countries struggle to provide quality immunization services and affordable inoculations.

UNICEF stresses that countries' investment in domestic resources and political commitment to immunization is "an entry point to strengthen primary health care", which is also central to ensuring universal health coverage.

The UN agency also advocates for a dialogue platform on ways to reverse declining vaccination rates, build broad-based public trust and demand for immunization – reiterating the target of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.8 for greater access to "safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all".

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Announcement on road closure on Martyrs' Day

Some Yangon roads will be closed on 19 July, 2019, during the 72nd Martyrs' Day ceremony at the Martyrs' Mausoleum in Bahan Township, from 4 am to a completion of the ceremony.

While roads are closed, bypass routes will be used passing through West Shwegondine Road to the Link Junction, Dhammazedi Road and Inya Road junction, Dhammazedi Road and U Wisara Junction, West Shwegondaing Road and U Wisara Junction.

Arzarni Road, the eastern archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda, the western archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda, the southern archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda, Arzarni Street, the northern archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda (Thwaysaykan Road) will be closed on that day.

The Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee

Announcement on closure of Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road on Martyrs' Day

For the convenience of visitors to the Bogyoke Aung San Museum on the Martyrs' Day which falls on 19 July, the Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road will be closed on that day starting at 5 am until the closing time. Road users are advised to use other routes while the road temporarily closed.

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Press conference held in Presidential Palace

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The President had instructed Ministry of Education to review and evaluate all and to take action for any inconsistency with rules and regulations. Effective action will be taken. Children were enrolled in such schools and some similar cases were found to have occurred. Cases were filed at courts and courts will handle it. Wisdom Hill was opened without official permission. Action will be taken for this. Action will also be taken against officials who turned a blind eye on such unauthorized schools being opened, said the Director General.

On the questions of armed conflicts in Rakhine State, plan to cease fighting, plan to reconnect the cut internet lines in Rakhine State, plan for Tatmadaw and AA to hold discussion and negotiation, Director General U Zaw Htay said there was a need to come to the discussion table for fighting to cease. NRPC and Peace Commission is arranging to sign a Bilateral Ceasefire with four members of the northern alliance. For fighting to cease in Rakhine State, it is important to come to the negotiation table. Fighting will continue for long on the ground if they didn't come to the negotiation table.

Internet shut down in Rakhine State is temporary. But there was not limitation set on how many days it'll be. This was being reviewed and could not be answered in detail. However, it is a temporary measure.

As announced by Tatmadaw a ceasefire was announced in five military commands. Tatmadaw has stated that Rakhine State was not included so it is not necessary to say about this here. There also is no plan for a tripartite meeting between the government, Tatmadaw and AA said the Director General.

On the question of civilian casualties in the Rakhine State conflict Director General U Zaw Htay said the armed engagements in Rakhine State were conducted according to the law and casualties are the outcomes of armed engagements. There had been similar incidences in other states and regions too. The main points are: one to be in accordance with the law, two to have no human rights violation and three of the possibility of criticisms. Care had been taken and was mentioned earlier that there can be accusations toward both sides. The stand will be for the armed engagements to be according to law.

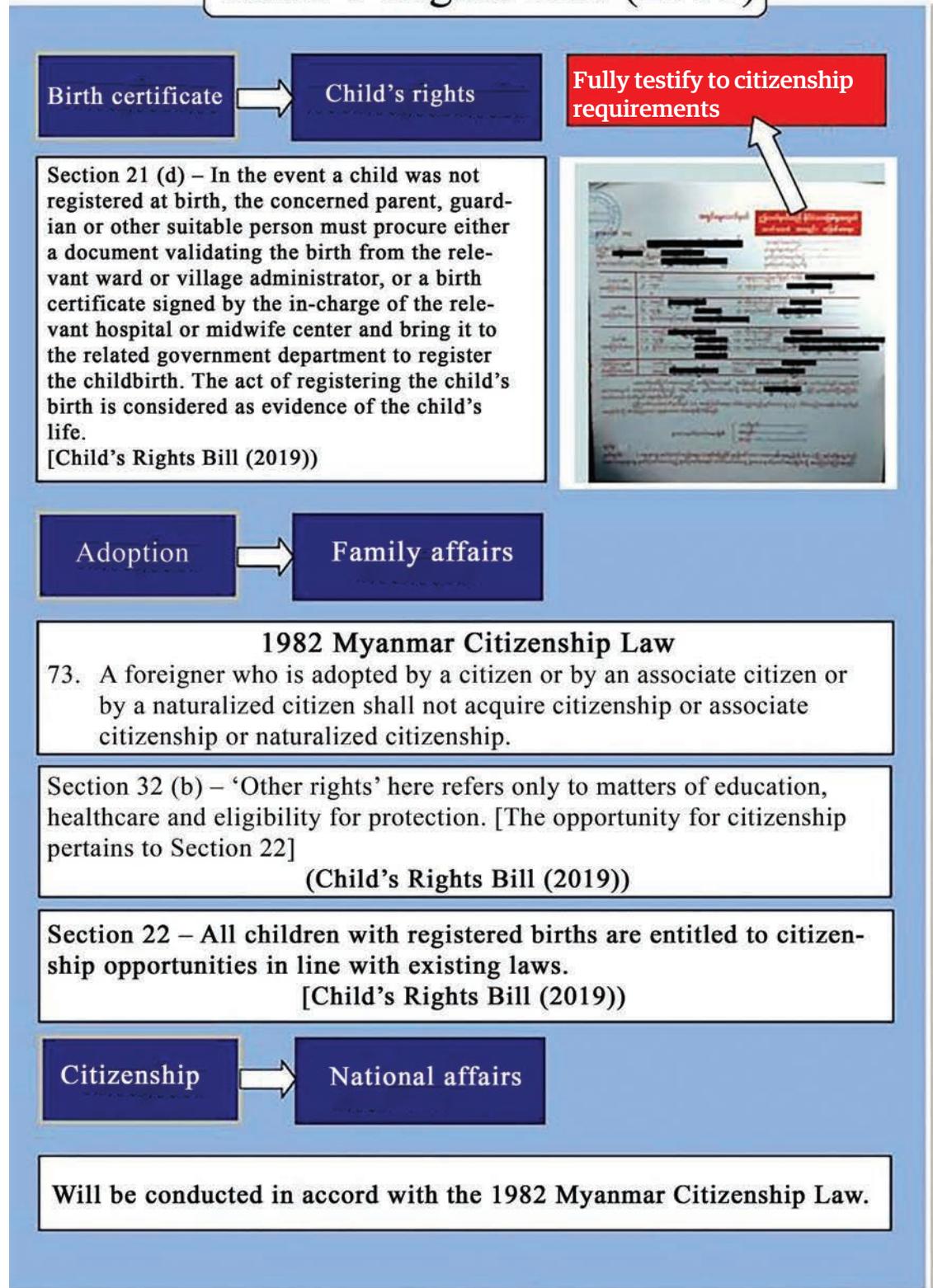
On the question of whether there are Union Ministers accused of corruption, Director General U Zaw Htay said this had to be answered by Anti-Corruption Commission. Some matters were being handled by the government. There'll be detailed explanation later but for now there'll be no comment on this he said.

On the question of plan to open more preschools, U Zaw Htay replied that this will depend on budget for Department of Social Welfare.

Commenting further on the preschool case in Nay Pyi Taw, U Zaw Htay said guideline and instruction of the President and the State Counsellor was explained in detail. The main issue when a case occurs is to expose the truth. The exposures were now at the court and the court will make a decision. Suspects are suspects until a court made a decision or judgment and that was why the word suspect was used. Any matters concerning child should be handled with care and restraint in social media or else it will adversely affect the future of the child said U Zaw Htay.

Director General U Zaw Htay then said there had been

Child's Rights Bill (2019)



over 20 demonstrations against Child's Rights Bill. Some groups had even issued statements. What they are stating and the statements in the bill are different. Earlier a request to the public for legal suggestions and advice was made in the newspaper. The matters for which the public's suggestions and advices were requested were no longer

the same when it becomes a bill. People were concerned that citizenship was not covered in the enacted laws. But enacted laws already covered citizenship. Especially people were worried about adoption. It is not true that adopting a child automatically make the children a citizen.

Organizations and entities are requested to understand

clearly adoption and citizenship. The people are also requested to not to worry about adoption and citizenship. The government had reviewed this thoroughly. Just as the people are worried, the leaders are also concerned especially about citizenship and we are taking great care in conducting this matter said the Director General. — MNA



Trainees from a government traditional weaving course observe weaving during a demonstration. PHOTO: THEIN MYAT KYAW (MEIKTILA)

Free weaving course offered in Meiktila to help preserve traditional folk art

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation's Small-Scale Industries Department for Meiktila Township and the Weaving and Vocational Training School is conducting a free six-month traditional weaving course for young women from villages in the township with the

aim of preserving the Myanmar craft.

"The course is aimed to preserve and boost the traditional Myanmar folk art by recreating patterns and innovating on them. The six-month traditional weaving course has been offered to help reduce

poverty, as those who complete the course can earn a decent living on a manageable scale. Ten trainees are attending the course at the Meiktila Weaving and Vocational Training School. The course includes dyeing, and textile weaving.—Thein Myint Kyaw (Meiktila) ■

Australian business representatives welcome “economy boosting” tax reforms

SYDNEY — The Business Council of Australia has welcomed tax reforms introduced by Prime Minister Scott Morrison’s government on Thursday, which they say will put more money into workers’ pockets and give the economy a much needed boost.

In a statement released on Friday, Business Council chief executive Jennifer Westacott congratulated the Morrison government on creating a “simpler and fairer” tax package.

“Tackling bracket creep means Australians will have more choices on how they spend or invest



Prime Minister Scott Morrison. PHOTO: AFP

more of their own hard-earned money,” she said.

“This is also a critical first step to ensure the Australian economy can grow faster — we have to keep the focus on growing the economy.”

The 158 billion Aus-

tralian dollars (111 billion US dollars) income tax cut package is the second measure introduced in Australia this week aimed at starting the country’s wavering economy.

On Tuesday the Reserve Bank of Australia

cut the official interest rate for a second consecutive month which now stands at a record low of 1 per cent.

“Our economy is slowing and productivity, which is the key driver of wages growth, is going backwards,” Westacott said.

“We need to pull out all stops to grow the economy that provides more opportunities for all Australians.”

Westacott said that the successful introduction of the reforms was a “call to action” for the government to continue working to deliver a faster growing economy and long-term growth agenda.—Xinhua ■

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Over one million tourists visit Sri Lanka in half year

COLOMBO — Over one million tourists have visited Sri Lanka so far this year, official statistics from the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB) showed here Thursday.

According to SLTPB, till June, 1,008,449 tourists visited Sri Lanka, out of which over 97,000 tourists

were from China.

The other top markets for Sri Lanka Tourism were India, Australia, Britain and the Maldives.

Tourist arrivals in June fell by 57 per cent, compared to the same period last year due to the terror explosions in April. However, the government remains optimistic that

tourist arrivals will rise from July following several countries lowering their travel advisories and assurances from the security forces that Sri Lanka was safe to travel once again.

The SLTPB said earlier this week that it was trying to woo more Chinese tourists to visit Sri Lanka as the recovery of

the Chinese travelers’ confidence towards Sri Lanka will help to create a significant change on the island’s tourism industry.

Last month, an official delegation headed by Tourism Development Minister John Amaratunga visited China to intensify its promotional activities.—AFP ■

CERN to establish business incubation center in Lithuania

VILNIUS — The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) has signed an agreement with the Lithuanian government to establish a business incubation center in the country, authorities said Thursday.

The center, consisting of two business incubators in Vilnius and Kaunas, Lith-

uania’s two largest cities, would be the only business incubation center in Central and Eastern Europe, said Lithuania’s Ministry of the Economy and Innovation.

“A unique opportunity has opened up for us to make use of the latest CERN innovations, database and knowledge in

developing products from technical concept to market,” Lithuanian Economy Minister Virginijus Sinkevicius was quoted as saying in a statement from the ministry.

He added that he hoped the first start-ups at the incubators will start their activities in the year.

The center supports the development of technical innovations associated with CERN’s activities, mainly research in particle physics.

Lithuania became the 10th country in the world to have CERN’s business incubation center.

Lithuania, a Baltic State with a population of around 3 million, became an associate member state of CERN in 2018.—AFP ■



A worker rides on his bicycle in the CERN’s Large Hadron Collider (LHC) tunnel during maintenance works in Meyrin, near Geneva on 19 July, 2013. PHOTO: AFP

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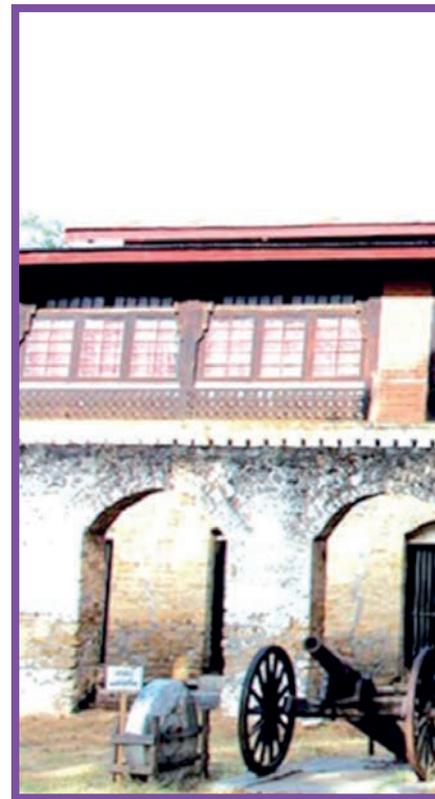
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Shan Saophas' rare traditional costumes displayed at the exhibition. PHOTO:MYANMAR DIGITAL NEWS



Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum and Shan Saophas' costumes

Maung Tha
(Archaeology Research)

As per the saying “Nine Saophas and nine reigns of Shan” the ethnic Shan nationals in Myanmar established nine Mao Kingdoms. They were Mogaung, Mohnyin, Thaungthut, Mongmit, Mongnai, Hsenwi, Mongpe, Nyaungshwe and Hsipaw.

According to “History of the Shan State – From its origins to 1962” by Sai Aung Tun the years from 1287 to 1531 are recognized as the period of Shan kings in Upper Myanmar. This period witnessed the successful establishment of the three historically famous cities of Pinya, Sagaing and Inwa (Ava) by the Shan kings. As the successive Shan kings ruled in these cities, they let their sons and brothers rule their regions of origin in Shan as Saophas which was eventually called Sawbwas in Myanmar language. Shan Saophas uses royal objects like white umbrellas, headdresses and foot wears used by the Myanmar kings.

Shan Saophas lived in Haw (palace) and after they faded from history, their Haw and royal objects remains as cultural heritages. Nyaungshwe museum is one of the many museums in Shan State that had maintained and displayed these cultural heritages.

Nyaungshwe and Saopha Haw

Nyaungshwe in Shan State, Taunggyi District is 602 km. from Yangon and 30 km. from Taunggyi and was a town visited by visitors who came to Inle Lake. On the east of the town are Taunggyi and Hsihseng while to the west lies Kalaw and Pinlaung. It is connected to Pekhonn Township to the north and to Taunggyi Township to the south.

Nyaungshwe with an area of 561 square miles is at an elevation of 2,950 ft. Nyaungshwe Township was formed with 8 wards and 35 village tracts with 445 villages. According to 2017 Census the township had a total population of 171,459 of which 69 per cent were Intha while Pa-O made up 13.5 per cent.

Nyaungshwe was established by Saopha Si Sai Pha in 1359. In Shan language it was called Yawngshwe meaning a plateau between two mountains.

Nyaungshwe had Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, Alodawpauk Pagoda and Shwe Intane Pagoda in Inle Lake and Yadana Mann Aung Pagoda in Nyaungshwe town as well as 1,013 pagodas and stupas. A cultural museum (Nyaung Shwe Haw) situated in Nandawun is also a historical building in Nyaungshwe.

The present Nyaungshwe Haw was built by a Shan Saopha Sir Saw Maung in 1913. The construction took 10 years and cost some 300,000 Kyats (a couple of billion Kyats in today's money). Maukmai Saopha Sao Kham Hlaing drew the design of the Haw combining



Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin and officials observe the rare attires of Shan chieftains at National Museum in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

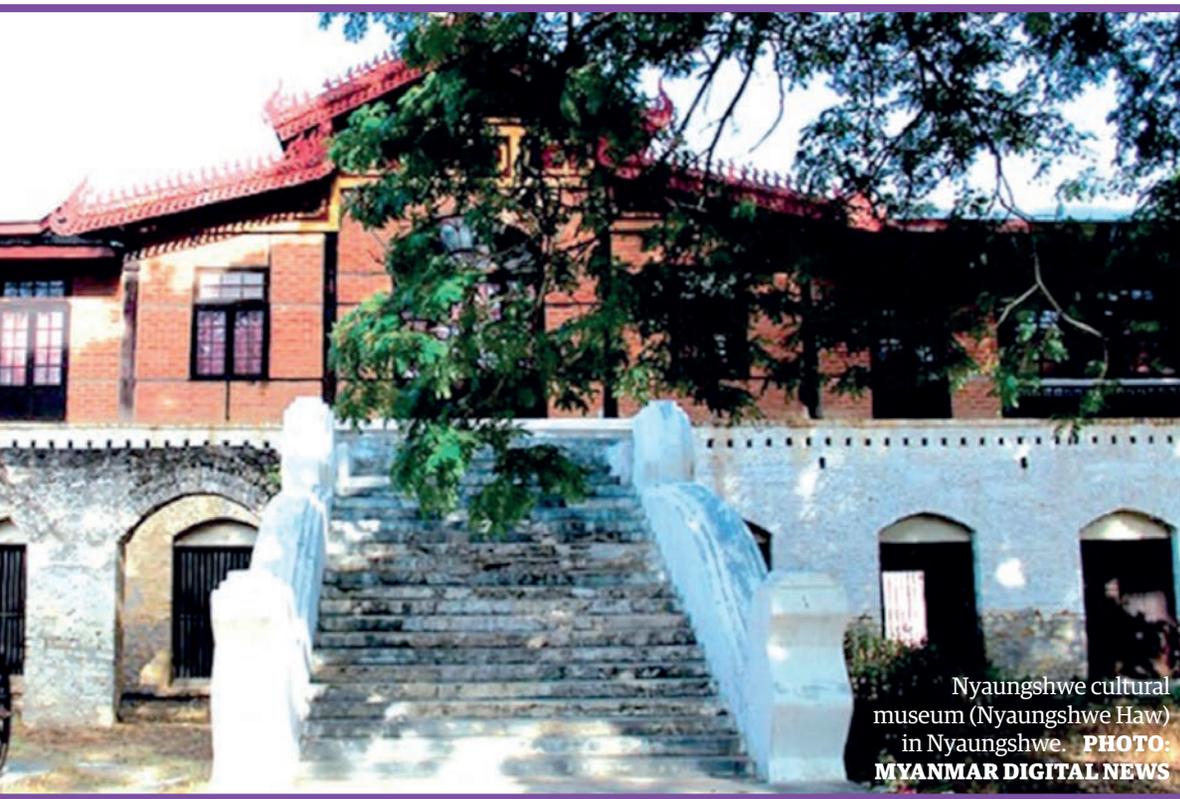
the Mandalay Palace design and traditional Haw of Shan Saophas. The construction was led by carpenter U Ngo @ U Htun Aung and Shan artisans.

After the first Nyaungshwe Haw was destroyed in Nyaungshwe town fire of 1908 the present Haw was built with 206 pillars. It was a rectangular structure measuring 200 ft. from east to

west and 194 ft. from north to south and faces toward the east. The two-story Haw with seven tier roof contains three main halls. The hall to pay homage to the Saophas was where the Saophas received his subjects paying homage to him twice a year and it had a throne. When the Buddha images from Inle Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda were

in town, the images were placed on this throne where the people came to worship it.

The outer hall is where the Saopha and his ministers discussed matters relating to the people. The inner hall is where the Saopha, his family, trusted ministers and aides discussed family, royal and religious matters. Saophas of Shan State con-



Nyaungshwe cultural museum (Nyaungshwe Haw) in Nyaungshwe. PHOTO: MYANMAR DIGITAL NEWS



Shan Saophas' rare traditional costumes displayed at the exhibition. PHOTO: MYANMAR DIGITAL NEWS

tangular room with iron bars in the middle of the ground floor of the Haw that was considered as a safe room. It was used as Japanese military police Kempeitai office room during the Japanese occupation in Second World War.

National Museum and Saopha costumes

There were more than 55,000 museums all over the world and National Museums are where a country's cultural and historical heritages were displayed. Myanmar had two national level museums in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw.

These national museums occasionally conducted paper reading sessions and special exhibitions that raise interest as well as drawing visitors. An exhibition at Yangon National Museum from 9 to 18 June this year of Shan Saophas' rare costumes was one such exhibition. 30 out of 138 Shan Saophas' costumes stored in Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum were put on display at that exhibition.

Saopha costumes from Nyaungshwe Haw

On August 2016 Shan State

government under the guidance of the Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism proposed to Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture to send 138 costumes of Shan Saophas stored in Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum to France for maintenance and restoration so that it can be displayed properly and for long.

After inspection by Yangon National Museum a decision was made to conduct the majority of the maintenance and restoration works in Myanmar.

A preliminary visit to Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum was conducted in September 2016. On 18 January 2018 Yangon National Museum Director Daw Nang Laung Ngin and party obtained the guidelines and instructions of the local Sayadaws about the maintenance and restoration work. Afterwards they also met and explained to the Haw maintenance group and locals about the maintenance and restoration work processes. Some costumes were then sent to Yangon National Museum laboratory on 2 March 2018 for maintenance and restoration works.

After the maintenance and

restoration works were completed the costumes were sent back to Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum. The remaining costumes were then sent to Yangon National Museum as second batch and maintenance and restoration works were conducted.

Of the costumes sent back to Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum, all could not be put on display due to limitation of display space. Textile Stores were constructed to systematically store the costumes that were not displayed and arrangements were made to put the costumes on display alternatively.

After the second batch of costumes were maintained and restored some were sent back to Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum. From this second batch, 30 costumes were exhibited to the pub-

licity will attract more tourists."

Also speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Phyo Min Thein said, "The exhibition enhances the image of the Myanmar races." He suggested the conservation and display of the cultures and traditions of other ethnic races too. As all the national races are living in amity in the Union, they all should join hands for its perpetuation, he said, and added that all the citizens of the country have the duty to preserve and protect the ethnic cultures and traditions. "At this exhibition, Shan traditions costumes preserved for over 100 years are put on display, and it is a noble tasks," he said.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min said, "The attires were sent to France for keeping them under advanced preservation techniques for today's people to study them. The Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library has been checking and preserving the attires of Shan chieftains displayed at the Nyaungshwe Culture Museum since Shan State Government requested help from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture in 2016. So the ministry and the state government allotted the budget for the work."

Director-General of DANML U Kyaw Oo Lwin explained the purpose of the exhibition and Director Daw Nang Laung Ngin the preservation work.

The exhibition reportedly drew thousands of visitors both locals and foreigners and was said to be the best-attended the National Museum has put on.

Maintenance of the costumes

Maintaining of cultural relics consists of many ways including maintaining it as it was produced, providing remedial services to restore it and prevention from damages. Due to the historical, artistic, cultural, social, religious and personal values the costumes from Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum were being maintained and preserved. In late 19th century preservation techniques of clothes develop. Restorers, artefact collectors and dealers started maintaining and restoring clothes to original splendours. These techniques were being used to maintain and restore the invaluable costumes from Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum.

These costumes are now put on display in Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum.

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ducted preliminary discussion for Panglong Agreement matters on 8 February 1947 in this inner hall.

In addition to these three halls, Nyaungshwe Haw had a building (South Dawei Building) on the south for Saopha's mother and mahadevi (Saopha's wife), a building (North Dawei Building) for the Saopha and sons.

There's a 10 ft. square rec-

World MMA Awards: Aung La N Sang wins International Fighter of the Year

MYANMAR sports icon and ONE Championship star Aung La N Sang won the World MMA International Fighter of the Year award on Wednesday night in Las Vegas, United States. The awards are presented by Fighters Only Magazine.

Aung La surpassed several international mixed martial fighters to get the title, including UFC champions Khabib Nurmagomedov, Kamaru Usman, and Israel Adesanya, as well as former Bellator middleweight champion Gegard Mousasi.

Aung La expressed his delight over the award on his official social media page.

“I’m blessed to be



Aung La N Sang celebrates his victory over Ken Hasegawa in Tokyo, Japan, after successfully defending his ONE Middleweight title on 31 March.

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Fighters Only International Fighter of the Year. I

want to thank my wife and my family for their love

and support,” he stated.

“I want to thank my

trainers, Henri, Greg, Kami, and Dr. Peacock, and my team at Hard-Knock 365 for pushing me and inspiring me. You guys are what made this possible. I want to thank ONE Championship for providing me the platform to do what I love,” he added.

He also expressed gratitude to his fans from Myanmar.

“And last, but not least, I want to thank the fans and the 60 million Burmese fans who voted for me and made this a reality,” he stated.

“I am from a small village in Myanmar and came to the US for college and started fighting MMA in 2005, and after 14 years of many heartbreaks, me

standing in front of you tonight is a testament that dreams do come true. Thank you!” he stated.

Aung La N Sang was the two-division world champion of ONE Championship in 2018.

Aung La recently defended his middleweight title at ONE’s blockbuster ‘A New Era’ event in Tokyo, Japan, by beating Japan’s Ken Hasegawa with a technical knockout (TKO) in the second round.

On 13 October this year, Aung La N Sang will defend his light heavyweight title against heavyweight champion Brandon Vera at the Ryogoku Sumo Hall in Tokyo.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Will do my best in match against Yadanarbon: Yangon’s Than Paing

YANGON United striker Than Paing said he will do his best in the team’s match against Yadanarbon F.C., scheduled to be held today at the Yangon United Sports Complex.

Than Paing showed his brilliant skills along with Yangon United in the previous national league matches and scored winning goals for the team.

“I am really pleased with my performance in the team. And I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my coach and players, who have been warm and

friendly,” said Than Paing.

“I will continue to maintain my performance level and keep my focus in each of the upcoming matches. The goals I scored for the team against Rakhine United and Hantharwady United helped boost my confidence,” he said.

Currently, Yangon United is leading the scoring table of the national league.

“We need to work hard and ensure good communication between coaches and players to maintain

the team result,” said Than Paing.

He also asked fans to come and support the team in the match against Yadanarbon.

“We will do our best in the match. Please come and join us as we play against Yadanarbon,” he said.

Yangon United is in the lead with 27 points from 8 wins, 3 draws, and 3 losses of 14 matches played, while Yadanarbon F.C. is sixth with 21 points from 6 wins, 3 draws, and 5 losses.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Week-15 MNL matches to be broadcast live on free-to-air channels

THE Week-15 Myanmar National League matches will be broadcast live on free-to-air channels, according to a statement issued by the Myanmar National League.

Week-15 will feature many thrilling matches, with one much-anticipated derby match: Yangon United vs Yadanarbon F.C.

The match between Yangon United and Yadanarbon will take place at 3.30 p.m. today at the Yangon United Sports Complex, and it will be broadcast live on MRTV

and MRTV-4.

Meanwhile, Shan United will take on Dagon F.C. at 3.30 p.m. today at the Taunggyi Stadium. The match will be broadcast live on Fortune TV.

Another match scheduled for 4 p.m. today will pit Magwe F.C. vs Hantharwady F.C. The match will be played at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon and will be broadcast live on Mizzima TV.

There are several matches lined up for Sunday. Southern Myanmar

will play Sagaing United at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday at the Mawlamyine Stadium, and the match will be shown live on Mizzima TV.

The same day, Ayeyawady United will face Chin Land F.C. at the Patheingyi Stadium, and the match will be broadcast live on MRTV and MRTV-4.

Zwekapin United will also take on Rakhine United on Sunday, and the match will be streamed live on MySports’ Facebook page.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



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