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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Pays Respects to Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery and Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Nagarhnakaung Monastery and Ask for their Health



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, accompanied by officials paid respects to Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery, who is receiving medical treatment at the General Hospital in Mandalay, and Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Nagarhnakaung Monastery who is receiving medical treatments in Tachilek Public hospital on 29 April.

- Paying respects to Sayadaw of Bhamo Monastery, the Senior General asked after his health. He then asked the medical superintendent and officials about the treatment and meal services for the Sa-

yadaw, and looked into the requirements.

- Paying respects to the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Nagarhnakaung Monastery, the Senior General gave instructions on closely monitoring the health conditions of the Sayadaw constantly, attending to the needs and measures to be taken for strengthening of the immune system of the Sayadaw, personal hygiene and other needs.

Then, the Senior General and wife offered alms, medical supplies, nutritional supplements and cash donations to the Sayadaws and listened to their sermons.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (30-4-2023)

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister Min Aung Hlaing and wife asking about health conditions of Presiding Patron of Naga Hnakaung Monastery



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Min Aung Hlaing and wife offering medicines, nutritious foods and cash for nine prerequisites to Bhamo Sayadaw



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Min Aung Hlaing and wife offering medicines, nutritious foods and cash for nine prerequisites to Presiding Patron of Naga Hnakaung Monastery

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Receives Delegation led by Senior Vice-President of Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr. Anatoly Bulochnikov, Senior Vice-President of Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation, at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 April.

At the meeting, they frankly held discussions on the following matters;

- Further improvement in bilateral relations, cooperation and sector-wise cooperation between Myanmar and Russia.
- Plans to cooperate in the project of generating hydropower.
- Plans to cooperate in the development of agriculture tasks.
- Further undertakings for the development of tourism services between the two countries.

- Exchange of culture between the two countries and construction of Myanmar consulates in Russia in order to enhance bilateral relations.
- Further enhancement of relations between the two countries and plans to promote bilateral trade and improvement of cooperation in the education sector.

Together with the SAC Chairman Prime Minister, the meeting was attended by SAC joint secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union ministers and officials while Senior Vice-President of Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation was accompanied by delegates.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (29-4-2023)



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and Vice-President of Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation exchanging commemorative gifts



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and a delegation led by Vice-President of Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation taking a commemorative photo

- **At the meeting between the SAC Chairman Prime Minister received Senior Vice-President of Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation, they frankly discussed matters pertaining to improvement in sector-wise cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, and further cooperation.**

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Delivers a Speech to Outstanding Students for the 2022-2023 Academic Year



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech to the outstanding students for the 2022-2023 Academic Year at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 April.

During the event, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister delivered a speech as follows:

- The youths are the ones having active, energetic, alert, explorable, adventurous, brave, and creative abilities.
- Nurturing the educational outstanding students to become human resources endowed with high talent and knowledge with health and fitness, industrious efforts, good morale, high morality, politeness and patriotic spirit can be defined as laying the sound foundations for the future State.
- This academic year, a total of 160 outstanding students were turned out in the eighth standard, 160 more students in the tenth standard and 158 in the 11th standard, totalling 478, and they will be sent to outstanding student camps in Bagan, Taunggyi and Ngwesaung respectively.
- The government is encouraging outstanding student projects as well as youth programmes to nurture students to become good leaders for the State, relate to the people, serve the public interests and become new generation youths with physical and mental morality.
- The government emphasizes the sending of outstanding students to foreign countries for further studies after they have been qualified. Hence, students need to strive for having high qualifications in their relevant subjects by upholding the interest of the State.



- During their summer holidays, they have to improve their capacity, efficiently apply the Internet to seek knowledge, read a lot, and take care of their health conditions.
- For the success and long-term existence of a country, national economic growth as well as the good morality and character of its citizens is very important.
- It need to build a perpetual State with high intelligence and initiatives of the citizens with national spirit and high morality. Moreover, the spirit of cherishing the State and people, valuing their character, working hard, making innovations and using their initiative is especially necessary.
- In accord with the saying “**Discipline is a Human Value**”, they also need to follow the motto “**Discipline Starts with School**” in their life journey to come so that they can become good citizens. In school life, students must try to become good pupils. Likewise, they need to try to become good citizens in order that they are able to lead the country.
- The “Outstanding Project” has been developed for decades and it is an education project with a good history and has produced good citizens for the nation.
- In order to meet one of the social objectives of the State: “**To promote multiple education systems in order to produce the necessary human resources for building a modern developed democratic nation**”, it is to keep making efforts to constantly develop new generations for the future.

Afterwards, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party had documentary photos taken together with outstanding students. Then, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister cordially greeted outstanding students.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (27-4-2023)



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greeting the outstanding students

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**Message of Greetings Sent by Chairman of State Administration Council
Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri
Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing to Ceremony to Mark International Workers’
Day**



The excerpts from the message sent by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister of Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing to ceremony to mark International Workers’ Day that falls on 1 May 2023 are as follows:

- In order for the government to especially protect the interests of workers, Section 24 of the Constitution (2008) stipulates **“The Union shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of workers”** whereas Section 31 mentions **“The Union shall, to the extent possible, assist to reduce unemployment among the people.”**
- The National Skills Standards Authority-NSSA has been formed to produce skilled workers in line with the advancement of new technologies aimed at emerging a massive worker with competitive capability in the international arena so as to develop the qualification and skills of workers who are a primary drive in the manufacturing sector. In so doing, the government is implementing the work procedures on assessment for skills and recognition.
- Labour attachés have been assigned in Thailand, Malaysia and the Republic of Korea where the majority of Myanmar workers work providing entitlement to those Myanmar migrant workers abroad in line with the laws of relevant countries. Moreover, Myanmar embassies in relevant countries protect those Myanmar workers.
- Aimed at contributing to the economic development of the State with increasing productivity for enabling workers who are the primary productive force of the State to enjoy social life security and healthcare services, three workers’ hospitals, 96 social security clinics, 58 departmental dispensaries, one traditional medicine clinic, 36 private hospitals and

clinics and two mobile medical units are providing medical treatment to the insured workers and issuing monetary compensation.

As the massive workers which is a primary force make concerted efforts for the enhancement of fraternity and unity with

the Union spirit so as to contribute to the peace and stability as well as the rule of law for the whole Union for ensuring socioeconomic life security of the people, I would like to send this message of greetings by recognizing the endeavours of the workers.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (1-5-2023)

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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Tachilek Airport Runway Upgradation

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, together with officials inspected runway upgrading of Tachilek Airport on 29 April and at the briefing hall, an official reported on upgrading tasks.

Hearing the reports, the Senior General stressed the following points –

- Continued upgrade of the runway and necessary preparations so that large aircraft can land at Tachilek Airport.
- Systematic keeping of records of outside travellers coming to Tachilek by road and by air.
- Supervisory measures to ban farmland and straw burning in eastern Shan State because Tachilek Airport was closed for

20 days in March and April due to the smoking caused by such burning.

- Measures to eradicate shifting cultivation and adopt highland farming, and systematic supervision by the region government officials.

Then, the Senior General and party inspected the upgrading of the runway, viewed round the airport building and left necessary instructions after hearing reports by officials.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (30-4-2023)

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**Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister
Vice-Senior General Soe Win Receives Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar
H.E. Mr. Chen Hai**



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win received the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar H.E. Mr. Chen Hai at the Credentials Hall of the SAC Chairman Office on 28 April. At the meeting, they openly discussed measures on Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone, exchange of information on border affairs to ensure peace and stability in border regions, acceleration in eradicating narcotic drugs, gambling, online gaming and human trafficking, and enhancement of cooperation in all sectors between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Commerce U Aung Naing Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Myo Htut and officials. The Chinese Ambassador was accompanied by Economic Counsellor Mr. Tab Shufu and officials. After the meeting, the Vice-Senior General and the Chinese Ambassador exchanged commemorative gifts and had documentary photos taken together with the attendees.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (29-4-2023)

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Position of Myanmar towards Global Security Initiative - GSI Proposed by Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China

Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a statement describing that Myanmar welcomes the GSI proposed by Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China

and expresses its willingness to work with China and other countries to implement the GSI.

Position of Myanmar

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has well taken note of the recent release of the Global Security Initiative (GSI) Concept Paper by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China following the Global Security Initiative (GSI) proposed by Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, in 2022. Myanmar commends China for the achievements gained with regard to global security in the implementation of the GSI over the past year.

It has been observed that the GSI is underpinned by "six commitments", namely, staying committed to the vision of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security; staying committed to respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries; staying committed to abiding by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter; staying committed to taking seriously the legitimate security concerns of all countries; staying committed to peacefully resolving differences and disputes between countries through dialogue and consultation; and staying committed to maintaining security in both traditional and non-traditional domains.

Myanmar welcomes the GSI for being a visionary initiative, and its commitments conform to the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, including respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference that Myanmar consistently adheres to in conducting its foreign policy.

As the world today is facing profound changes, the world countries need to strive together for a just and equitable international order. Myanmar expresses its willingness to work with China and other countries to implement the GSI with a view to building a more peaceful, secure and prosperous world and a community with a shared future for mankind

as well as consolidating traditional bonds of friendship between Myanmar and China, expanding mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation and promoting the socioeconomic development of both peoples.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nay Pyi Taw

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (28-4-2023)

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Union Ministers Receive Delegation Led by Mr. Anatoly Bulochnikov Senior Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation

Union Minister for International Cooperation U Ko Ko Hlaing and Union Minister for Electric Power U Thaug Han received the delegation headed by Mr Anatoly Bulochnikov, Senior Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation at their respective Union Ministers' Offices in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 April. Likewise, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi also received the delegation on 27 April.

- **At the meeting between the Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing and the delegation,** they exchanged their views on the further extension of activities in the

sectors such as trade, social, culture, transport, tourism, education, legal and finance as well as the benefits of participating in the various fora held in Russia.

- **At the meeting between the Union Minister U Thaug Han and the delegation,** they widely exchanged views on the matters pertaining to Russia's technical assistance and cooperation for the development of Myanmar's electricity sector in the past, enhancement of cooperation in hydropower projects in Myanmar and the opportunities for cooperation with local companies from Myanmar.



Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing receiving a delegation headed by Senior Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation



Union Minister U Thaung Han receiving a delegation headed by Senior Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation

- **At the meeting between the Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi and the delegation**, both sides cordially discussed and exchanged views on matters related to mineral development between Myanmar and Russia and technical co-operation.

Also present at the meetings were senior officials from the Ministry of International Cooperation, departmental officials from the Ministry of Electric Power and representatives from the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (28-4-2023)

- **Union Ministers received the delegation led by Mr. Anatoly Bulochnikov Senior Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation and widely discussed on further cooperation between Myanmar and Russia.**



Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi receiving a delegation headed by Senior Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation

Union Ministers Receive Mr. Alexander James Matheou, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Regional Director for Asia Pacific



Union Minister U Than Swe receiving International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Regional Director for Asia Pacific

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, U Than Swe, and Union Minister for International Cooperation, U Ko Ko Hlaing, received Mr. Alexander James Matheou, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Regional Director for Asia Pacific at their respective ministries in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 April.

- **During the meeting with Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, the IFRC regional director for Asia Pacific** briefed the Union Minister on the nature of the work of IFRC and the role of IFRC in supporting and strengthening the activities of the Myanmar Red Cross Society. Then, the Union Minister discussed the



Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing receiving International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Regional Director for Asia Pacific

matters related to providing technical assistance in the sectors of health, sanitation and awareness raising.

- **During the meeting with Union Minister for International Cooperation, the IFRC regional director for Asia Pacific** updated on the nature of the work of IFRC and the collaboration between IFRC and the Myanmar Red Cross Soci-

ety. Afterwards, the Union Minister discussed the facilitation of the provision of humanitarian assistance in Myanmar.

Also present at the meetings together with the Union Ministers were Deputy Ministers, relevant departmental officials, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (27-4-2023)

- **During the meetings between the Union Ministers and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Regional Director for Asia Pacific, they discussed the matters related to the nature of the work of IFRC, the collaboration between IFRC and the Myanmar Red Cross Society and providing technical assistance in the sectors of health, sanitation and awareness raising.**

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Attends the General Assembly of the Alliance for Cultural Heritage in Asia

Union Minister U Ko Ko of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture returned from the People's Republic of China by air on 26 April after attending the General Assembly of the Alliance for Cultural

Heritage in Asia held in Xi'an of Shaanxi province on 24 and 25 April.

Myanmar became a member of the alliance by agreement of the original member countries, along with Sri Lanka and Azerbaijan. In addition to the original mem-



ber states approved the draft principles of the Alliance for Cultural Heritage in Asia, discussed 2023-2024 agendas, selected the Secretary General of the Alliance and approved the Xi'an declaration.

During his visit, the Union Minister met the Minister and deputy minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China and they discussed cultural and archaeological cooperation between the two countries.

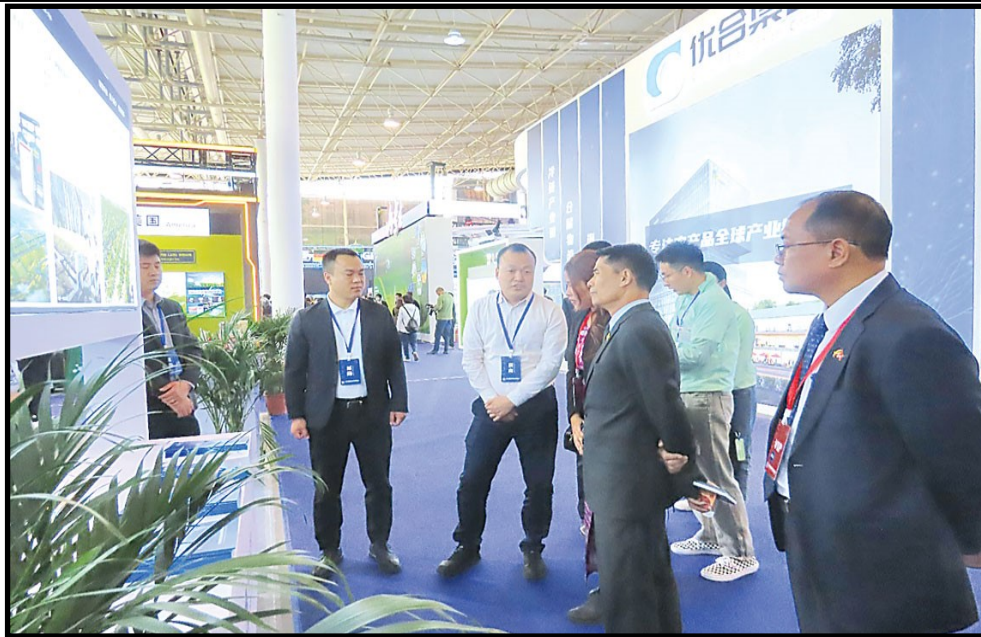
As a member of the Alliance for Cultural Heritage in Asia, Myanmar will gain the opportunities of cooperation with international countries in the projects, such as conservation of the area of heritage and re-

habilitation, exchange programmes between museums and making a bid to list heritage sites as World Heritage Site, conservation and management, illegal import and export of cultural heritages and reclamation of lost cultural heritage in the region, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (27-4-2023)

- **In the General Assembly of the Alliance for Cultural Heritage in Asia attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture, Myanmar became a member of the Alliance as per the approval of the original countries of the Alliance. Union Minister U Ko Ko discussed the Minister and deputy minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China.**

Myanmar Delegation led by Union Minister U Min Naung Attends ASEAN-China Forum on Digital Agriculture and World Digital Agriculture Fair



A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung and Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe attended the ASEAN-China Forum on Digital Agriculture held at the Fuwah International Exhibition Centre in Weifang of Shandong Province in China on 26 April.

Before the forum, the Myanmar delegation observed the world digital agriculture fair together with the representatives of ASEAN countries. At the ASEAN-China Forum on Digital Agriculture, the ASEAN representatives including Myanmar discussed the implementation of digital agriculture technology. Afterwards, Myanmar delegation discussed the digital agricultural policies of the country, experiences and

proper ways regarding agriculture.

The Myanmar delegation also joined the 24th China International Vegetable Sci-Tech Fair in Shouguang of Shandong Province on 27 April. During the tour, the Union minister and party observed over 7,000 varieties of vegetables exhibited at the fair, online sales of quality vegetables and Yanjiabu Folk Cultural Village in Shandong Province. The officials of the relevant state administration explained the facts what the party wanted to know.

The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung arrived back to Yangon International Airport on 28 April.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (29-4-2023)

- **At the ASEAN-China Forum on Digital Agriculture, the ASEAN representatives discussed the implementation of digital agriculture technology.**
- **The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister U Min Naung arrived back to Yangon International Airport on 28 April.**

Union Minister Dr. Thet Thet Khine Receives a Delegation led by Regional Representative to Myanmar from United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Thet Thet Khine met the delegation led by Mr. Marco Luigi Corsi, regional representative to Myanmar from United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) at the May Khalar Hall of the Ministry, Nay Pyi Taw on 28 April.

At the meeting, both sides frankly and cordially discussed and exchanged

views on current work processes, entry visas for foreign employees of non-governmental international organizations and United Nations agencies, the extension of residence permits and catering for domestic travel, the issue of humanitarian work and promotion of cooperation between the ministry and UNICEF, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (29-4-2023)

- **During the meeting between Union Minister Dr. Thet Thet Khine and the delegation led by regional representative to Myanmar from United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), they discussed the matters related to entry visas for foreign employees of non-governmental international organizations and United Nations agencies, the extension of residence permits and catering for domestic travel.**

Russia-Myanmar Cooperation Strategies Conference and Myanmar-Saint Petersburg Tourism Forum Held

The Russia-Myanmar Strategies for Cooperation Conference dedicated to the 75th Anniversary of Russia and Myanmar Diplomatic Relations was held at the Mos-

cow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MGIMO) on 24 April.



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aung Thaw, Ambassador and staff of the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation, Myanmar Defence Attaché (Army, Navy, Air Force) to the Russian Federation and staff from the Attaché's office. Officials and responsible persons from Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association joined the conference online. In his opening remark, the Union Minister highlighted the following points:

- Despite the geographical distance, the people can overcome the challenges through people-to-people exchanges.
- Afterwards, there will be opportunities to cooperate bilaterally by investing in the possible areas such as trade, economy, tourism and industry.
- The Union Minister also stressed the importance of discussing and formulating effective strategies for the implementation of cooperation between the two countries through this conference. Then, Myanmar and Russian delegates dis-

cussed bilateral relations, diplomacy, education, IT and business.

On 25 April, the Union Minister attended Myanmar-Saint Petersburg Tourism Forum via video conferencing and he highlighted the points as follow:

- Efforts are being made for attracting more tourists from Russia to Myanmar by forming the Leading Committee and Work Committee which comprise the Government and private sector under the "Welcome Russia" programme.
- The Ministry and Russia-Myanmar Friendship Association jointly arranged a tour for Russian singers, video producers and bloggers to Myanmar from 11 to 19 April.
- Regarding the efforts to promote the tourism industry, the Ministry is willing to invite people who are interested in tourism business, some media agencies, celebrities and famous persons from Russia to Myanmar.
- The Union Minister said he believed that the friendship between the two countries

as well as the cooperation between the government and the private sector would improve through the forum.

St. Petersburg Tourism Development Committee Deputy Head Ms. Nana M Gvichia and Vice-Chair of the Committee on External Relations of St. Petersburg,

Russian tourism companies, officials from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Chairman of Myanmar Travel Association and the officials from relevant associations joined the forum online.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (27-4-2023)

- Myanmar and Russian delegates discussed bilateral relations, diplomacy, education, IT and business.
- Efforts are being made for attracting more tourists from Russia to Myanmar by forming the Leading Committee and Work Committee which comprise the Government and private sector under the “Welcome Russia” programme.
- Forum would improve the friendship between the two countries and also create better cooperation of the government and private sector in tourism industry through the forum.

Coordination Meeting on Entry and Departure of Tourists through Border Gates



The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism organized a coordination meeting on the entry and departure of tourists through border gates at Nilar hall of the Ministry on 27

April. At the meeting Union Minister U Aung Thaw discussed as follows-

- During the 14th Meeting of the Myanmar -Laos Border Authorities at the Central

Level, Laos proposed the entry visit of Lao nationals and other tourists from third countries via Myanmar-Laos border gates. Regarding the matter, public interests must be emphasized.

- The Ministry has been implementing the transnational tourism, and this proposal could help support the development of tourism sector. Therefore, relevant state/region governments are required to select and present the possible tourist destinations for the coming tourists.
- Union Minister also urged relevant state

government and ministries as well as all concerned persons to cooperate in getting ready for the tourists once the implementation commenced.

The meeting was also attended by Director Generals, Deputy Director Generals and responsible persons from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Ministry of Immigration and Population while U Khun Thein Maung, minister of economy from the Shan state government via videoconferencing.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (28-4-2023)

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Xiamen Airlines Resumes Xiamen-Yangon Service



Xiamen Airlines resumed its direct flights between Xiamen and Yangon on 26 April and the Yangon International Airport warmly welcomed the arrival of Xiamen Airlines Flight No MF8669/70 from Xiamen with 152 passengers at 5:30 PM. There

will be three flights every week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) of between Yangon and Xiamen. Travelers are advised to check with <https://www.xiamenair.com/en-ww/> for updates on schedules.



The Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited-YACL for Yangon International flight services operates inter-national flight services in cooperation with partner organizations. It also watches and reminds travel-

lers about travel restrictions on the arrival, departure and visa, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (28-4-2023)

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56 Cargo Ships to Dock at Yangon Port in May

56 cargo ships will arrive at the Yangon port in May. 52 cargo ships docked at the Yangon port in January, 51 cargo ships in February, 55 cargo ships in March and 50 cargo ships in April, according to Myanmar Port Authority.

Year by year, the Myanmar Port Authority have managed to increase maritime

trade that is crucial to meet the needs of export and import sector of the country, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (1-5-2023)

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