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## Pilgrims across the Country Throng Maravijaya Buddha Image



As the Maravijaya Buddha Image, the world's highest sitting marble Buddha Image, is open to the public since 8 August, pilgrims including monks and nuns across the country throng the Image daily in addition to public holidays.

- The pilgrims paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha image, practiced abstract meditation and chanted religious verses together by religious groups.
- They also paid homage to 720 small pagodas on the stone plaque chambers Mucalinda lake and Nagayon pagoda.
- The scenes of taking group photos with

happiness by pilgrims were seen at the water fountain square and small as well as large water fountains systematically built in the Buddha Park and precinct of the Buddha Image.

- Pilgrims peacefully take a rest at the Thudhama rest houses that are constructed with teak logs and decorated ancient Myanmar traditional handcrafts.
- Pilgrims make cash donation with generosity for Maravijaya Buddha Image and other generous donors gave vegetarian fruit Biryani for all comers.
- Concerned authorities made necessary



checks on pilgrims for security purpose to ensure safety. Then, they make the arrangement for transport with small vehicle for monks, persons with disabilities and aged-persons.

The Maravijaya Buddha Image is open to the public free of charge from 8 and 16 August between 6 am and 8 pm. The date for the public free of charge will be extended for three days from 17 to 19 August as many pilgrims visit to pay homage to the Maravijaya Image, it is reported.

Following 20 August and later, the entry

fee to the Buddha Image for adult Myanmar citizen will be collected at the rate of 1,000 kyats and for foreign at the rate of 10 USD in order to do necessary maintenance works for Maravijaya Buddha Image and Buddha Park. The details can be accessed on the websites of Maravijaya Buddha Image, <https://mbiw.myannet.com>, [www. twitter.com/Maravijaya](http://www.twitter.com/Maravijaya) and [t.me/Maravijaya](https://t.me/Maravijaya).

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## Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Attends Opening Ceremony of BPI Pharmaceutical Museum



The BPI Pharmaceutical Museum and the Freeze-Dryer Machine for anti-snake venom of the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Enterprise of the Ministry of Industry were launched in Insein Township on 14 August, and it was attended by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Also present were the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister along with SAC Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, union ministers, Yangon Region Chief Minister, chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Yangon Command Commander and officials, staff of the Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein) of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Enterprise under Ministry of Industry and in-service and retired pharmacologists.

First, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister pressed the button to unveil a monument for Myanmar Pharmaceutical Muse-

um, and sprinkled scented water on it. The Senior General and party then looked around Feature Wall, Museum Directory Map, documentary photos and paintings.

On arrival at the briefing hall of the museum, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party heard reports on progress in implementing the guidance given by the Senior General during the inspection tour of the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein), the plan to promote production of anti-snake venoms, use of quality raw materials for drug production, increased production of medicines to reduce import volume, arrangements for selling medicines at reduced prices to people, production of COVID-19 vaccines, and objectives and benefits of BPI Pharmaceutical Museum presented by Union Minister Dr. Charlie Than of the Ministry of Industry.

After hearing the reports, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister delivered remarks as follows:





- Keeping a record is important for whatever is done. Keeping records will contribute much towards one's own business as well as the State. Through records, the history can be revealed and it will also contribute to a correct decision for the future.
- More pharmaceutical research should be carried out in order to produce good quality medicines.
- Due to the domestic insufficiency at home, medicines have to be imported yearly. Common medicines should be enough for the country.
- The State-owned industries are running for the public welfare.
- They need to make sure that the people buy their products at fair or cheap prices, contributing much towards human society.
- In order to have better quality products, good packaging is also necessary. If two different commodities are the same in quality, one should be more affordable. If they have the same price, one should

be in better quality.

- As the Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein) of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Enterprise produces medicines which is necessary for the public, it benefits the State a lot.

Afterward, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party interestingly viewed round the BPI Pharmaceutical Museum. Then, the Senior General made a discussion regarding the reports presented by the officials.

On arrival at the anti-snake production department, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party heard reports on the production process of anti-snake venom, the capacity of the Freeze Dryer Machine and its functions, production processes and use of it presented by the head of department and officials. After hearing the reports, the Senior General discussed the production process with the officials. Afterwards, the Senior General formally opened the New Freeze Dryer Machine.

Later, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister met the staff of the Pharmaceutical Factory



(Insein) and in-service and retired pharmacologists, and said as follows:

- Using various medicines including anti-snake venoms produced by BPI remarkably helps prevent dangerous diseases harming the life of humans and improves treatment capacity. It means a good, decent business for the people.
- The Senior General recognized BPI for maintaining the high quality of its drugs thanks to the sharing experiences of previous pharmacologists and the relentless efforts of new-generation service personnel.

Later, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party cordially greeted the staff of the Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein) and in-service and retired pharmacologists.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (15-8-2023)

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## SAC Chairman Prime Minister and Party interestingly Observing BPI Pharmaceutical Museum





**SAC Chairman Prime Minister and Party Hearing Reports on Production Process of Anti-Snake Venom Presented by Officials at Snake Production Department**





**SAC Chairman Prime Minister Delivering an Address at the Meeting with Staff of the Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein) and In-Service and Retired Pharmacologists**





**Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Receives a Delegation led by Mr. Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for UN Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator and Chief of UNOCHA**



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr. Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for UN Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator and Chief of United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) at the Credential Hall of the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 August.

During the call, they cordially exchanged views on the following matters:

- Political transitions in Myanmar, State responsibilities being taken by the Tatmadaw under the Constitution (2008)
- for occurrences of voting fraud in the 2020 multiparty democratic general elections;
- Endeavours of the State Administration Council to move forward firmly on the path of multi-party democracy aspired by the people;
- Restoration of internal peace and requirements for undertaking the development of ethnic areas;
- Spreading misinformation on various situations of Myanmar in the international community, the need for the international community to know actual conditions in Myanmar; and
- Lesser aid of international organizations



including the United Nations for Myanmar in the period when the Covid-19 broke out and storm Mocha hit, and further cooperation in humanitarian aid.

Under-Secretary-General was accompanied by members of the delegation.

Also present at the call together with the SAC Chairman Prime Minister were Joint-Secretary of the SAC Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Ministers U Than Swe, U Ko Ko Hlaing, Dr. Soe Win and officials while the

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**Union Ministers Receive the Delegation led by Mr. Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)**



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae receiving Mr. Martin Griffiths, Chief of UNOCHA

Member of the State Administration Council Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, U Than Swe, Union Minister for Union Government Office 2, U Ko Ko Hlaing, and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Soe Win received a delegation led by the third level high ranking official of UN and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator-the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) Mr. Martin Griffiths at the relevant ministries in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 August.

- **During the meeting with Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemak-**

**ing Negotiation Committee Union Minister**, they discussed matters on humanitarian affairs, Myanmar's peace processes and emergency relief works.

- **During the meeting with Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs**, they exchanged views on the current cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations and facilitation for the provision of humanitarian assistance to the needy population.
- **During the meeting with Union Minister for Union Government Office 2**, they discussed the ways to enhance coordination with the United Nations in post-Mocha rehabilitation work.
- **During the meeting with Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Re-**





Union Minister U Than Swe of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs receiving Mr. Martin Griffiths, Chief of UNOCHA

**settlement**, they discussed the current status of relief provision for those affected by the Mocha storm, the humanitarian support extended by friendly nations, the ongoing collaboration between the Ministry and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), and the forthcoming renewal of the Letter of Agreement (LoA) between the Ministry and UNOCHA, the visa issues of the employees of UNOCHA and the challenges facing in conducting humanitarian works.

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Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing receiving Mr. Martin Griffiths, Chief of UNOCHA



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A Myanmar delegation led by Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Maung Maung Ohn, Union Minister for Information, U Aung Naing Oo, Union Minister for Commerce, and Union Minister for Commerce U Aung Naing Oo departed

from Yangon for the People's Republic of China to attend the opening ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> China-South Asia Expo and the 27<sup>th</sup> China (Kunming) Import and Export Fair, 2023 GMS Economic Corridor Governors Forum and related events on 14 August. The events are co-organized by the Ministry of Com-





merce of PRC and Yunnan Province People's Government and will be held in Kunming from 16 to 20 August.

On 14 August, Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo, toured the Yunnan Pan Test Technology Company, located within the Yunnan Industrial Development Zone. Engaging in a warm discussion with the company's representatives, the Union Minister deliberated on plans to establish inter-

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Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo making a study tour to Yunnan Pan Test Technology Company

## UEC Demonstrates Myanmar's Electronic Voting Machine and Trial Voting to Ministries



The demonstrations of the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine and Trial Voting were held at the Ministry of the Union Government Office and the Ministry of Industry on 14 August, and at the Union Civil Service Board and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 August.

During the events, the officials of UEC explained the construction of the Myanmar

electronic voting machine-MEVM, the control unit, the ballot unit, the verification unit, ballot boxes and batteries. He dwelt on installed machines and their purposes, counting the results from the voting machine, packing, storing and security of the voting machine, and most secure systems because of lacking internet, wifi and Bluetooth systems and window operating system being used in computers at the said voting





machine.

Using the voting machine will be able to prevent the voting frauds that had been occurred in printing ballot papers, preventing invalid votes. As such, there will be many benefits because of no more invalid votes balloted by the voters in the elections

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The events were attended by the UEC members, officials concerned and officers and staff of relevant departments, and the trial voting were demonstrated also.

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## Efforts made to Increase Export Volume in the Fiscal Year of 2023-2024



During the tenure of the State Administration Council Government, efforts are being made to increase export volume via border trade posts and regular trade routes. As a result:

- Over four-month period, from 1 April to 28 July in the fiscal year of 2023-2024, Myanmar exported a total of 551,802.965 tonnes of pulses: 462,894 tonnes of varieties of pulses via maritime trade route and 88,907 tonnes of pulses via border trade posts, earning a total of USD 439. 469 million.
- During four-month period, from 1 April to 31 July, Myanmar exported 23,198.555 tonnes of aquatic products to Thailand via Kawthaung border trade post, earning USD 26.52 million.

During seven-month period, from January to July, over 370 cargo ships docked at the Yangon International Port, it is reported.

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## Rehabilitation Activities Underway at Cyclone-Mocha-Affected Areas



Relief and rescue task forces are actively carrying out the rescue and rehabilitation activities in the areas where losses and damages occurred in the aftermath of cyclonic storm (MOCHA). In this regards;

- On 12 and 14 August, the Western Command Commander inspected the repairs of the religious edifices of the monasteries and buildings of the Homes for the Aged which were affected by cyclone Mocha in Sittwe of Rakhine State.
- On 15 August, MV Charity vessel transported 2,708.01 tonnes of relief supplies provided by Ministry of Defence, Minis-

try of Energy, Ministry of Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement, and Myanmar Licensed Contractor Public Company to Sittwe.

Military personnel from local units under the Western Command and officials are selling basic foodstuff at cheaper prices so as to ease the living hardship of storm victims and departmental officials. From 10 to 15 August, rice, cooking oil, salt, eggs, vegetables, foodstuffs and basic commodities are being sold at cheaper prices than the current prices in U Ottama Park in Sittwe township.

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## Rehabilitation Activities Underway at Cyclone-Mocha-Affected Areas





## **Actions Continue against Unscrupulous Persons who Follow and Make Incitements and Propaganda of CRPH and NUG Terrorist Groups, their Subordinates and Colluded Groups**

The entire population has already been informed not to follow the incitements and propaganda made by CRPH and NUG declared as terrorist groups, their subordinates and colluded groups. In spite of that, some unscrupulous persons are making incitements and propaganda to disrupt the State peace and stability via social media. Therefore, necessary actions have been taken against them in line with law. In this regard:

- From 9 to 15 August 2023, one person from Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory, two people from Yangon region, five people from Mandalay region, two from Magway region and one from Bago region,

totaling 11 people were arrested.

- From 27 January 2022 to 15 August 2023, legal actions were taken against a total of 1,662 people under the law.

It is reported that necessary actions will be continued against such instigators and unscrupulous persons making propaganda and instigations.

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