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Economic Committee Meeting 8/2023 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Held



The Economic Committee of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held the meeting (8/2023) at the meeting hall of the Office of the State Administration Council on October 18, 2023, with an address delivered by the State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

- In the previous term of the government, some businesses implemented by ministries were halted, causing a burden for the State.
- Likewise, halted businesses and factories of some ministries have taken land plots for various reasons but they cannot manage operations.
- These businesses must be handed over to those who are capable of successfully implementing the production.
- The tasks being undertaken by the gov-

ernment contribute to the development of the State and people, so it is necessary to strive to achieve success in doing businesses.

- Projects in regions and states must be successfully implemented in the set period with the efficient spending of the State budget. Projects in regions and states must be successfully implemented in the set period with the efficient spending of the State budget.
- Only when agricultural sector meets high yield, will country have domestic food security and export the surplus products abroad. Hence, all ministries and region and state governments need to strive for achieving success in agricultural tasks.

Secretary of the Economic Committee Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, region and state chief ministers and Union ministers gave clarifications in their respective sectors.

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a concluding remark as follows:

- Ministries and regions and states are to efficiently spend the allocated budgets on relevant projects.
- They have to actually implement the projects to have accomplishment, and if they create chance for implementation of plans, the GDP of the State will have a great change.

The meeting was also attended by SAC members Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Lt-Gen Nyo Saw and U Shwe Kyein, Union ministers and deputy ministers together with region and state chief ministers through videoconferencing.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (19-10-2023)

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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Receives a Delegation led by Chairman of External Relations Committee, Member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation



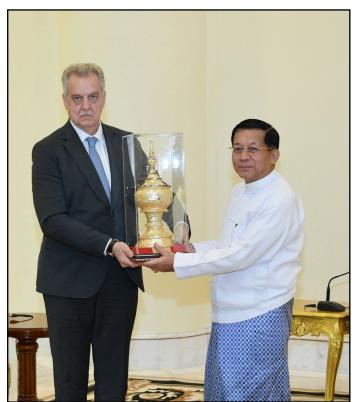
The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation, at the parlour of the SAC Chairman's Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 October.

Also present together with the SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing were SAC Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe and Deputy Minister U Lwin Oo. External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation was accompanied by

delegation members and officials of the Russian Embassy to Myanmar.

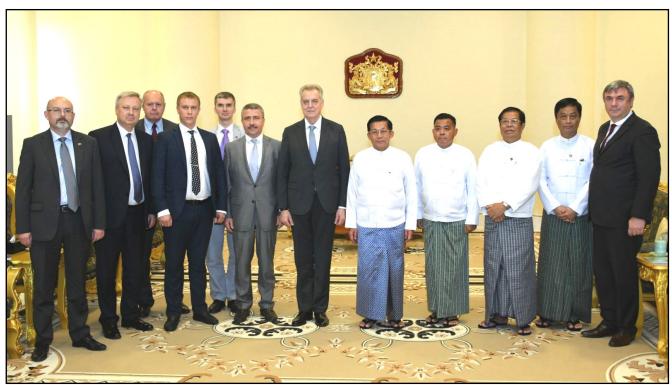
During the call, both sides cordially exchanged views on the matters pertaining to the promotion of cooperation in bilateral friendly relations between Myanmar and Russia, the exchange of students to pursue higher education, the preparations for the establishment of consulates in the Russian Federation to enhance diplomatic relations between two countries, the establishment of sister cities from a city in St Petersburg and a city of Myanmar, the exchange programs for cultural and religious affairs, and trade and tourism promotion.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (20-10-2023)





SAC Chairman Prime Minister and External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation exchanging commemorative gifts



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation taking a commemorative photo together with attendees

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Attends Opening Ceremony of Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the opening ceremony of the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023 at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 October.

The Senior General and the attendees carried out the activities as follows:

- They watched a video clip on sales of jade and gams at the gems emporiums, production of pearl and sales, production of jeweler items, and preparations to hold the emporium.
- In Maniyadana Jade Hall, the Senior General and party viewed displays of jade, gems and pearl lots to be sold at the mid-year emporium and the Senior General gave necessary guidance to officials.
- The Senior General and party also viewed round private jeweler show-rooms and displays of uncut jade lots displayed outside the hall.

The Myanmar Gems Emporiums have been held since 1964 for selling gems and jade to earn foreign exchange for the State and ensure economic development of citizens. The current emporium will sell the following items:

- 4,025 lots of pearl, 160 lots of gems and 4,025 lots of jade to local and foreign gems merchants through an open tender system under the prescribed rules and regulations. In selling pearl and gems lots, the floor prices were set in US dollar, and foreign merchants can buy pearl and gems lots in US dollar, euro, yuan and baht but local merchants can purchase them in Myanmar kyat.
- Jade lots were classified in three groups.
 Jade lots of A and B classes were sold in foreign currency and C class was set for encouraging MSME businesspersons.
- A total of 500 lots of jade in Class A were set floor price in US dollar, and not





only foreign gem merchants but local merchants can buy these jade lots in US dollar, euro, yuan and baht.

- A total of 1,733 lots of jade in Class B were set at floor price in US dollar. Foreign merchants have to buy them in foreign currencies and local merchants in Kyat or foreign currencies.
- A total of 1,792 lots of jade in Class C were set at floor price in Kyat for encouraging MSME businesspersons, and local gems merchants can buy them in Kyat. The current Mid-Year Myanmar Gems emporium lasts from 20 to 28 Oc-

tober.

Also present at the ceremony were Council Joint Secretary and council members, Union Ministers and Union-level officials, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, high-ranking senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, departmental officials, those from Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association, guests and local and foreign gems merchants, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (21-10-2023)

- Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the opening ceremony of the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023.
- 300 lots of pearl, 160 lots of gems and 4,025 lots of jade to local and foreign gems merchants through an open tender system under the prescribed rules and regulations. In selling pearl and gems lots, the floor prices were set in US dollar, and foreign merchants can buy pearl and gems lots in US dollar, euro, yuan and baht but local merchants can purchase them in Myanmar kyat.
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SAC Chairman Prime Minister interestingly observing the jeweler items to be sold in the emporium

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- The current Mid-Year Myanmar Gems emporium lasts nine days starting from 20 to 28 October.

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Attends Ceremony to Convey Inle Phaung Daw U Buddha Images to Athadisa Dhamma Vihara Monastery in Nyaungshwe and Inntha Traditional Boat Race



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony to convey Inle Phaung Daw U Buddha Images to Atthadisa Dhamma Vihara Monastery in Nyaungshwe on 21 October, and led the conveyance of the Buddha images.

Present together with the SAC Chairman Prime Minister were wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the SAC Joint-Secretary and wife, SAC members and wives, union ministers and wives, the Shan State chief minister, senior military officers, invited guests, and a large number of local national races and local and foreign visitors.

On arrival at the Phaungdawpyan guesthouse, the Senior General and wife and party were warmly welcomed by officials and local national races. Then, the

Senior General watched cultural dances of ethnic traditional dance troupes. The party led by the SAC Chairman and wife left the guesthouse for Phaungdawseik rest house by motorboat. They paid homage to Inle Phaung Daw U Buddha Images which arrived there by decorated Karaweik barge, conveyed these Buddha images onto the decorated "Baw" floats leading to Atthadisa Dhamma Vihara Monastery after carrying out the conveyance in Nyaungshwe for public obeisance.

The SAC Chairman and wife, and State dignitaries in addition to local national races and travellers enjoyed the Inntha traditional boat race. Then, the officials presented honorary awards and cash awards to the winners and winning teams of the boat race.

Afterward, the SAC Chairman Prime



Minister and wife:

- They presented honorary awards and cash awards to the first and second prize winning teams, and cordially greeted the attendees.
- They offered gold foils to Inle Phaung Daw U Buddha Images and donated offerings to the Sayadaws.
- They then donated cash to the fund for all-round renovation of the Atthadisa Dhamma Vihara Monastery.

Later, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife, and party proceeded to Shwephonepwint and Culamuni Lawkachantha Pagodas, which are the prides of Taunggyi City, on 20 October. They then paid homages to the pagodas and donated cash to the fund for all-round renovation of the pagodas. From the viewpoint on the platform of Shwephonepwint Pagoda, the Senior General enjoyed the panoramic view of Taunggyi and instructed officials to shape Taunggyi into a disciplined and clean city in a colloborative manner as it is a prominent city in Myanmar.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (22-10-2023)

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U Buddha Images to Atthadisa Dhamma Vihara Monastery in Nyaungshwe, led
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SAC Chairman Prime Minister and Wife Leading the Conveyance of the Phaung Daw U Buddha Images to Athadisa Dhamma Vihara Monastery in Nyaungshwe



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and Wife Attending Inntha Traditional Boat Race







SAC Chairman Prime Minister and Wife Paying Homages to Shwephonepwint and Culamuni Lawkachantha Pagodas, the Prides of Taunggyi City







SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Functions of Shan Yoma Livestock Breeding Zone in Ayethaya Industrial Zone



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his entourage inspected the functions of Shan Yoma Livestock Breeding Zone in Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi on 21 October.

At the briefing hall of the livestock breeding zone, Dr Win Zin Maung, head of the State Livestock and Veterinary Department, reported on data about that zone and livestock operations in the zone and the operation of high-tech layer farms.

After hearing the report, the Senior General gave guidance to officials as follows:

 The distribution of chicken eggs from Shan Yoma Livestock Breeding Zone on a nationwide scale when the COVID-19 outbreak and political changes caused difficulties has contributed to a certain extent.

- Necessary assistance will be provided for the extension of farming.
- Nationwide, egg demand is on a daily basis and if it is possible to meet market demand, it will also reduce the price of eggs.
- Measures must be taken to establish more livestock breeding zones by systematically calculating daily needs of meat, fish and eggs based on the country's population.

Then, the Senior General and party inspected high-tech chicken breeding with the Evaporated Cooling System at Dr Sai Lon's farm in Shan Yoma Livestock Breeding Zone, and discussed needs for the development of the country's livestock sector, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (22-10-2023)



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Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Nanthida Multi-purpose Agriculture, Livestock Breeding Farm of Eastern Command

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by officials inspected Nanthida Multi-purpose Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Farm of the Eastern Command on 21 October.

First, the Commander of Western Command and officers reported to the Senior General on the cultivation of monsoon paddy, breeding of layers, broilers, dairy cows,

layer ducks, DYL pigs and fish at the farm, trial production of fermented grass at the briefing hall of the command.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General stressed the following points –

- The cultivation of monsoon paddy must be carried out following requirements for seeds, land, water and methods to meet the targeted yields.
- Efforts must be made to boost the production of agriculture and livestock







breeding farms to provide sufficient food for families of battalions and units.

 If production costs can be reduced as much as possible and products can be distributed at cheaper prices, the efforts will contribute a lot to the welfare of the public.

Then, the Senior General and party inspected agriculture and livestock breeding tasks of the Nanthida Multi-purpose Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Farm-1 and -2 including the breeding of pigs, ducks, cows and layers and responsible officers reported to the Senior General on tasks being carried out.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (22-10-2023)

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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Pays Homage to World Missionary Oxford Sayadaw



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, accompanied by officials, went to Shan State Buddhist University in Taunggyi of Shan State (South) on 22 October, and paid homage to the world missionary Oxford Sayadaw. They then donated offertories, Tri Pitakat treatises in Pali and Romanized languages, and the Maravijaya Buddha replica images to the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife planted a mahogany as a commemorative tree in the university compound, while the monks recited religious verses to dispense metta.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (23-10-2023)

 The SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife went to Shan State Buddhist University, paid homage to the world missionary Oxford Sayadaw, and offered alms to the Sayadaw.

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Attends Ceremony of Commissioning Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Naungkar Junction-Pangpet Railway into Service



The ceremony of commissioning the Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Naungkar junction-Pangpet railway into service was held at the railway station in Taunggyi on 22 October, and it was attended by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who delivered a speech.

Also present at the ceremony together with the SAC Chairman Prime Minister were his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the SAC Joint-Secretary and wife, council members and wives, union ministers and wives, the Shan State Chief Minister, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-

in-Chief, the Commander of Eastern Command, state-level departmental officials, invited guests, local ethnic national races and people.

On the occasion of commissioning the railway into service, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister delivered a speech as follows:

 Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Transport and Communications inaugurated the 21.72 miles long upgraded Shwenyaung-Taunggyi railway and the 10.78 miles long new Naungkar junction -Pangpet railway in Shan State. It is a significant day not only for the local





people in Shan State but for the entire people of Myanmar.

- Myanma Railways plays a key role in the Myanmar's history. Concerning the public transport, it was the most long fasting transport mode.
- Today, rail transport turns more than 146
 years, and Myanmar possesses the most
 long-lasting rail transport in the Southeast Asia.
- Road communications and transport sector is of great importance in striving for shaping a modern and developed country.
- The Myanma Railways, the experienced service, transports a large number of passengers at lesser fare to the destinations as well as a large volume of commodities to relevant regions in railway networks in a short time with least charges, showing a strong point of Myanma Railways.
- In comparison between vehicle and rail transport services, the rail transport can

cut from the one-fourth to the one-sixth fuel consumption for same weight of commodities, reducing air pollution and environmental impacts. Moreover, the rail transportation can transport a large number of passengers and commodities, reliable for major cities where traffic congestion happens. As such, all governments from relevant countries are encouraging rail transportation services in various ways and means.

- Instructions have been made to officials to follow prescribed standards and norms for improvement of rail tracts for the long run, rely on local engineers and to develop technologies, prepare running of electric trains in the future, reduce import of materials to be used in assembling locomotives and carriages and strive for manufacturing them at home through research and technologies.
- After the upgrading of the road and the construction of a new road, there will be such benefits as transporting raw materials easily from the Pangpet Steel Plant,



creating local job opportunities, transporting goods from the region at a cheap cost by train, contributing to industrial development using rail transport with least environmental impact, conserving the environment of the hilly region, and contributing to the regional socioeconomy.

 All the staff of the Myanma Railways are praiseworthy for having their efforts to complete the upgrading and rebuilding of the railways now for the development of Shan State.

Afterward, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister accepted a commemorative gift to mark the opening of Shwenyaung-Taunggyi -Naungkar junction-Pangpet railway section presented by the SAC member Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications.

Then, the officials formally cut the rib-

bon to open the new railway section. At that time, local ethnic people performed Shan traditional dances with the beats of the Shan traditional drum while the students played wind and percussion with a pom-pom dance.

After that, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party sprinkled scented water on the locomotive that will depart for Pang pet Station from Taunggyi Station, and the locomotive that will go from Taunggyi Station to Pawmu Station. They then cordially greeted the traditional dance troupes of local residents and students and presented honorary cash to them.

The SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife, and party together with local ethnic people rode the train from Taunggyi to Pawmu stations together and cordially waved to people along the route.

During the trip, the Senior General and



party cordially greeted departmental personnel at the state level and local national races who were on the train. The local ethnic people paid respect to the Senior General and party by beating the Shan drums. The personnel of Myanma Railways also presented souvenirs to the state-level departmental personnel and locals, and served them with meals.

On arrival at Pawmu Station, the Senior General and party cordially greeted the personnel of Myanma Railways and gave instructions on the conditions of operating train schedules on the railroad section.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (23-10-2023)

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister and Wife Riding the Train and Cordially Greeting Local Ethnic People along the Route





• Using rail transport with least environmental impact can contribute to the conserving the environment of the hilly region, and the regional socio-economy.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife cordially greeting the locals who were on the train



Railway circular near Htithein railway station seen



Railway circular near Htithein station which is a similar shape to the eminent Bawa Thanthaya railway

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects construction of Shan State Ethnic Affairs and Vocational Training Centre





Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by members of his entourage, inspected the construction of the Shan State Ethnic Affairs and Vocational Training Centre in Aye Tharyar in Taunggyi in Shan State on 22 October. Deputy Minister U Zaw Aye Maung of the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs reported to the Senior General on objectives of the construction of the centre, location and area of the project, tasks being carried out under the Lancang-Mekong special fund and the government budget and progress of construction tasks.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General gave instructions on systematic construction of entrance and exit roads to and from the centre, cleanliness and pleasantness of its environs, the needs to make preparations for catering and accommodation of trainees when courses are conducted and other requirements.

The Shan State Ethnic Affairs and Vocational Training Centre has been under construction since 2022 with the aims of conducting vocational training courses to enhance the socioeconomic lives of residents in Shan State, enabling ethnic groups to exchange their traditions and cultures, contributing to stabilities, the rule of law and development in ethnic areas and bridging development gaps among countries in Mekong region, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (23-10-2023)

 Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister, accompanied by members of his entourage, inspected the construction of the Shan State Ethnic Affairs and gave necessary instructions.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister inspecting the construction of the Shan State Ethnic Affairs and Vocational Training Centre

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Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win Addresses Ceremony to Mark International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction



International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction-2023 (IDDRR) was observed at MICC-II on 18 October. The Chairman of National Disaster Management Committee

Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addressed the following points at the ceremony:



- The UNDRR conducted a mid-term review of the progress in country-wise implementation of the seven targets and 38 indicators of Sendai Framework and issued a policy summary in May 2023 to promote disaster endurance.
- This year's theme "Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future" was adopted to set up a disaster resilient human community in the future, and identify the basic factors -- the widening rich-and-poor gap, requirements for gender equality, vocational activities where sustainable development is absent and are subject to oppression and discrimination, failure to provide disaster reduction programs in multiple sectors, and lack of resources.
- In responding and carrying out relief tasks, the policy of leaving no one without assistance was adopted and the situation returned to normal quickly thanks to cooperation of donors at home and abroad under the guidance of the chairman of the State Administration Council, leadership of the National Natural Disas-

- ter Management Committee and supervision of the relevant governments.
- Natural disasters tend to more negatively affect underdeveloped, poorer or disaster prone countries and vulnerable pregnant women, children, the elderly and the disabled.
- It is necessary to break the vicious cycle of natural disasters pushing people to poverty that doubles the impacts of natural disasters.
- It is important to exert concerted efforts to reduce discrimination as much as possible because of gaps in education, technologies, living standards and between the rich and the poor.
- In implementing disaster reduction programs, responsible officials are urged to take gender equality and the needs of vulnerable people into consideration and to exert efforts to sustain livelihoods. I
- Natural disaster resilience is to be built for long-term. In constructing infrastructure or doing business, it is necessary to

take natural disaster perspectives for the durability of them.

Afterward, Vice Chairman (2) of the National Disaster Management Committee Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win reported on disaster management issues. Then, staff of the Department of Disaster Management of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement staged the theatrical performance titled "From Inequality to Equality". Next, the Vice-Senior General presented medals, certificates of honor and cash rewards to students who won prizes in the high school level essay competition marking the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Present together with the Vice-Senior General were union ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers, heads of department and officials, officials from UN and NGOs and INGOs, prize-winner students and invited guests, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (19-10-2023)

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SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Attending Ceremony to Mark International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction







Myanmar Delegation led by State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo Attends the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation



Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo accompanied by Union Minister at the Union Government Office 2 U Ko Ko Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Industry U Yin Maung Nyunt, high-ranking officials from the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and the Ministry of Industry attended the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation held in Beijing of the People's Republic of China on 17 and 18 October. They arrived back in Myanmar on 19 October.

With the theme "High-quality Belt and Road Cooperation: Together for Common Development and Prosperity," this year's forum included three High-Level Forums on Digital Economy, Green Devel-

opment, and Connectivity, along with six discussions on these subjects. The Myanmar delegation led by the Union Minister attended the High-Level Forum on Digital Economy.

- On 17 October, the Deputy Minister for Industry met officials of the China Association of Science and Technology and discussed potential cooperation in electronic vehicle maintenance training at vocational schools of the ministry, mineralogy and industrial technology.
- On 18 October, Deputy Prime Minister
 Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo participated in the Panel Session on "The
 Opportunities of Digital Economy for
 shared benefits and mutual learning" as a
 Speaker, along with the Digital Economic Ministers from 15 other BRI countries.

- Deputy Prime Minister General Mya
 Tun Oo attended the High-level Forum
 on Digital Economy, where Heads of
 States from Chile, Argentina, Congo,
 Kenya, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Nigeria,
 and Greece presented the Leaders' Statements on the digital economy and the
 digital transformation process in their
 respective countries.
- Delegation members, Union Minister at the Union Government Office (2) and Deputy Minister for Industry, also participated in the Thematic Session on Peoto-people Bonds, while the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation took part in the High-Level Forum on Green Development.
- Joint declarations on the "Beijing Initiative on Belt and Road International Digi-

tal Economy Cooperation" and the "Initiative on International Trade and Economic Cooperation Framework for Digital Economy and Green Development" were released during the forum.

The forum was attended by state leaders of 25 countries, the UN Secretary-General and ministerial officials and representatives of over 150 countries and representatives and experts of over 30 international organizations, totalling some 4,000 delegates, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (22-10-2023)

- Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member Deputy
 Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General
 Mya Tun Oo attended the Third Belt and Road Forum for International
 Cooperation.
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Meeting to Hold 2023 Myanmar-China Twin City Media Forum Held



The meeting to successfully hold the 2023 Myanmar-China Twin City Media Forum took place on 19 October and it was attended by the officials from Ministry of Information and Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the officials from Mandalay Region Government, the officials from China Consulate, the officials from China Myanmar Friendship Association and Chinese religious organizations. The officials from Yunnan Province in China participated in the meeting through videoconferencing.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said as follows:

As Kunming and Mandalay are twin cities as well as sister cities, Mandalay was chosen to host the opening ceremony of

the forum, adding the Myanmar-China Twin City Media Forum has been held in Kunming and Mangshi of the People's Republic of China three times, and the forthcoming forum will take place in Myanmar for the first time.

• Twin City Media Forum is of importance for friendly relations between Myanmar and China, combating fake news and misinformation as well as for enhancement of tourism industry.

The opening of the forum will take place at Yadanabon Hall in Mandalay in the fourth week of November and the forum discussion also in Nay Pyi Taw, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (20-10-2023)

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A Ceremony to Present Appointment Orders to Newly Appointed Nurses Held



The Ministry of Health organized a ceremony in a hybrid format to present appointment orders to newly appointed nurses at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 October. The event was attended by newly-appointed nurses in respective regions and states including Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory and relevant officials.

The Ministry of Health promoted the matron nurses to chief matron nurses and 135 senior nurses to senior nurses in charge. At the ceremony, appointment orders were presented to the 1745 nurses who had earned midwife-nurse diplomas and 37 others who had earned Bachelor of Nursing Science as fresher nurses. Moreover, 35 nurses who had earned Bachelor of Medical Technology (Imaging) were appointed as medical professional (2) (X-Ray), 37 others

who had graduated with the Bachelors of Medical Technology (Physiotherapy) as medical professional (2) (physiotherapist), two others who graduated with the Bachelors of Information Technology as the second-accountants (Medical Record), 30 others who had earned the Bachelors of Medical Laboratory Technology as medical professional (2) (Lab) respectively.

At the event, the Union Minister for Health Dr. Thet Khaing Win reportedly presented the appointment orders to a representative nurse who accepted them on behalf of the newly appointed nurses.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (20-10-2023)

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Union Ministers and Officials Receive Chairman of External Relations Committee, Member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation and a Team led by the Russian Orthodox Christian Bishop for Southeast Asia



Union Minister Dr. Thet Khaing Win receiving a delegation led by External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government

Union Ministers, Chairman of Union Civil Service Board (UCSB), Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair and Vice-Chair separately received a delegation led by External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation, at the respective places on 19 and 20 October.

During the meeting with Union Minister for Health Dr. Thet Khaing Win,
 both sides frankly discussed about bilat-

eral cooperation and exchange of experiences between medical professionals from the cancer treatment centres of Myanmar and St Petersburg, and measures being taken to provide medical treatment to cancer patients in Myanmar using cancer treatment drugs from Russia.

During the meeting with Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr. Thet
 Thet Khine, both parties cordially discussed matters on promoting tourism cooperation and cooperation on human re



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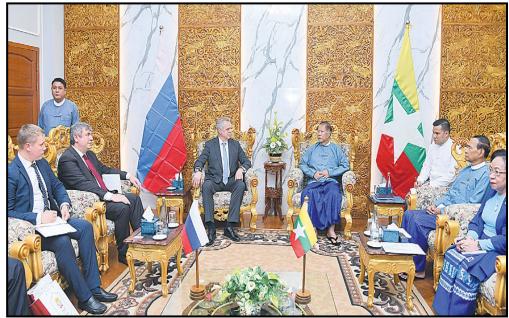
source development.

- During the call with UCSB Chair U Aung Thaw, both sides cordially exchanged views on cooperation in the development of human resources of State employees in both countries, sharing experiences between technical experts and professionals of the two countries, and signing of an agreement by the Civil Service Academies and National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) of Russia.
- At the meeting with Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair Mayor U Than Tun Oo, they candidly discussed on the promotion of the multi-sectoral cooperation regarding the friendship between Myanmar and Russia, and mutual understanding and friendship between two countries.
- During the meeting with Nay Pyi Taw Council Vice-Chair Vice-Mayor U Maung Maung, they frankly exchanged views on the cooperation to promote

friendship between the governments as well as people of the two countries and cooperation between the two cities, namely, Nay Pyi Taw and St Petersburg in the development efforts.

Moreover, the separate meetings between Deputy Ministers and a team led by the Russian Orthodox Christian Bishop for Southeast Asia His Eminence Metropolitan were held as follows:

- During the meeting with Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Aye Tun, they cordially discussed on the matters relating to the Russian Orthodox Christian Church to be built in Myanmar, arrangements for permitting land to build Myanmar cultural centre in St. Petersburg and cooperation in culture and religion between Myanmar and Russia.
- During the meeting with the Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay, both sides frankly discussed on the mat-



UCSB Chair U Aung Thaw receiving a delegation led by External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government

ters pertaining to a Russian Orthodox Christian Church to be built in Myanmar marking the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Russia and Myanmar.

A delegation led by External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation visited the world's tallest sitting marble Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw in the morning of 20 October and then, proceeded to Maniyadana Jade Hall to observe the sale of pearl lots, jade, jewellery and raw jade at the 2023-Mid Myanmar Gems Emporium.

In the evening of the same day, Mr. Dmitry Krutoy, Chief Special Officer of the

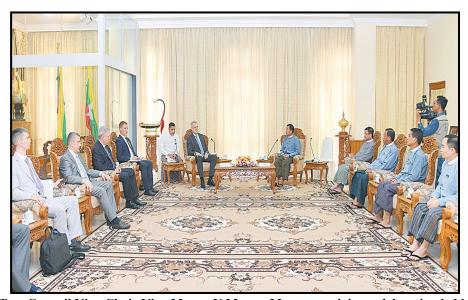
Department of International Relations of External Relations Committee and Director Vladimir M Moiseyenko of NP Napalkov Centre for Oncology of St Petersburg, who accompanied went to Yangon General Hospital. On arrival at there, Professor and Head of the Department of Medical Oncology Dr. Myo Myint Maw and Professor and Head of the Department of Radiation Oncology Dr. Moe Hlaing explained the processes of their departments. Additionally, Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich-led delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (21-10-2023)

• Union Ministers and officials concerned received a delegation led by the Chairman of External Relations Committee, Member of the St Petersburg Government of the Russian Federation and a team led by the Russian Orthodox Christian Bishop for Southeast Asia His Eminence Metropolitan, and cordially discussed on mutual cooperation between Myanmar and Russia.



Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair Mayor U Than Tun Oo receiving a delegation led by External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government



Nay Pyi Taw Council Vice-Chair Vice-Mayor U Maung Maung receiving a delegation led by External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government



Deputy Minister U Aye Tun receiving a team led by the Russian Orthodox Christian Bishop for Southeast Asia



A delegation led by External Relations Committee Chairman Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, member of the St Petersburg Government, paying homage to Maravijaya Buddha Image



Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay receiving a team led by the Russian Orthodox Christian Bishop for Southeast Asia

A Delegation Led by the Chairman of the External Relations Committee of the Government of St. Petersburg in the Russian Federation Visits the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar) and the Defence Services Academy

A delegation led by Mr. Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, the Chairman of the External Relations Committee of the Government of St. Petersburg in the Russian Federation visited the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar) and the Defence Services Academy on 18 October.

The Chairman of the External Rela-

tions Committee and the party conducted the following activities –

Upon arrival at the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar), they met faculty members led by CSA Rector U Kyaw Soe to engage in discussions about potential collaboration. Key topics of conversation included the development of



new courses for civil service organization chief training, senior-level officials training, capacity-building programmes for lecturers and tutors, as well as the teaching of the Russian language.

• Following their meetings, Chairman Grigoriev and his delegation toured the academy to observe classes, basic military parades, small arms exercises, and shooting practice at the academy's range. They also visited the civil service organisation chief training course No. 14, and the senior level officials training course

No. 16, and inspected the dormitories.

Afterwards, the delegation continued their visit to the Defence Services Academy in Pyin Oo Lwin. There, the commandant and rector of the academy provided comprehensive insights into the academy's operations and shared valuable data about its programmes. They then made a tour of the academy's museum and a visit to the cadet officers' battalions.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (19-10-2023)

- A delegation led by the Chairman of the External Relations Committee of the Government of St. Petersburg in the Russian Federation visited the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar) and the Defence Services Academy on 18 October.
- At the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar), they discussed the matters about the development of new courses for civil service organization chief training, senior-level officials training, capacity-building programmes for lecturers and tutors, as well as the teaching of the Russian language.



A Delegation led by the Chairman of the External Relations Committee of the Government of St. Petersburg in the Russian Federation making excursion trip to the Defence Services Academy

Russian Delegation Meets Myanmar Businesspersons at UMFCCI



A delegation led by the Chairman of the External Relations Committee member of the Government of St Petersburg in the Russian Federation, met businesspersons from Myanmar to promote Russian-Myanmar business cooperation and increase the trade sector at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry-UMFCCI Office in Yangon on October 22.

At the Meeting, Mr Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich discussed cooperation in marine product industry, agricultural produce, and other export sectors between Russia and Myanmar, as well as the sectors to increase business activities. He invited Myanmar products to be displayed at the exhibition and market fair, which will be held in St Petersburg in the winter, where products from 30 countries will be displayed. He also talked about small hydropower sector and Russian tea production using solar technology as environmental protection. After that, the businessmen who attended the event discussed the economic aspects that will benefit the two countries.

Also present at the meeting, Mr Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, Chairman of the External Relations Committee member of the Government of St Petersburg in the Russian Federation, Dmitry KRUTOY, special chief officer for international relations and Myanmar businessperson.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (23-10-2023)

• A delegation led by the Chairman of the External Relations Committee member of the Government of St Petersburg in the Russian Federation, met businesspersons from Myanmar and frankly discussed Russian-Myanmar business cooperation.

Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant Attends 3rd World Construction Championship in Russia



Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant together with Ministers from International and ASEAN countries attended the opening ceremony of the Third World Construction Championship held at Expo forum Exhibition and Convention Centre in the Russian Federation on 17 October. They observed the displayed booths and the competition venues.

In the morning of 18 October, the Union Minister and party attended the Smart

City Conference, Russia-ASEAN Digital Space. The conference discussed technology, information, related to Smart City and the current situation and experiences.

The Union Minister and party also attended the New Times Technology; Construction Site of the Future Conference on the same day and observed the booths displayed at the Expo Forum of the Third World Construction Championship and competitions, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (20-10-2023)

- Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Construction attended 3rd World Construction Championship and observed the displayed booths and the competition venues.
- The conference discussed technology, information, related to Smart City and the current situation and experiences.

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Receives a Delegation led by Chairman of the Thai Business Association of Myanmar (TBAM)



Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar received Mr. Nuttaphong Visitkitchakarn, Chairman of the Thai Business Association of Myanmar (TBAM), at the meeting hall of the Yangon branch of the Central Bank of Myanmar on 19 October.

They discussed the situation in the financial sector including the bilateral trade using currencies of the two countries, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (20-10-2023)

• Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar receives a delegation led by Chairman of the Thai Business Association of Myanmar (TBAM) and they discussed the situation in the financial sector including the bilateral trade using currencies of the two countries.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Attends the 41st ASEANAPOL Conference



A Myanmar delegation including senior police officers led by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Lt-Gen Ni Lin Aung participated in the 41st ASEANAPOL Conference held in Vientiane, Laos from 17 to 19 October.

The conference held the meeting of the 12th Executive Committee on 16 October. On 17 October, the opening ceremony of the 41st ASEAN Police Conference, First Plenary Meeting, Forum of Leaders of Delegation of ASEAN Police Member States, Meeting of Leaders of Delegations from ASEAN Police Member States and Dialogue Parties, Commission A, B, C meet-

ings were held. On 18 October, the second day of commission meetings were held. On 19 October, the Second Plenary Session and the Closing Ceremony of the 41st ASEAN Police Conference were held.

The Commission meetings, held on 17 October, discussed mutual assistance in criminal matters such as drug trafficking, terrorism, arms smuggling, human trafficking, wildlife crimes, maritime fraud, business fraud, bank fraud, cybercrime, forgery of travel documents, transnational fraud, electronic database system of ASEAN police, and matters related to ASEAN police capacity building programme and forensic

science linkages.

On 19 October, the Second Plenary Session and the Closing Ceremony of the 41st ASEAN Police Conference were held and Police Major-General Kamkim Phouilamanyvong, Deputy Minister for Laos Ministry of Public Security and Chief of Police handed over the emblem of the ASEAN Police to Myanmar Police Chief Lt -Gen Ni Lin Aung, as Myanmar will host the 42nd ASEAN Police Conference in 2024.

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Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023 Held

The Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023 is currently underway at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 20 to 28 October, crowded with local and foreign gem merchants.

- On 20 October, gem merchants put their bids into the tender boxes for the pearl lots and gem lots to be put on sale under the open tender systems.
- On 21 October, 150 pearl lots from lot no (1) to (150) were sold out under the

open tender systems.

- On 22 October, 150 pearl lots from lot no (151) to (300) were sold out under the open tender systems
- The pearl lots were put on display for sale starting from 20 October and put on sale on 21 and 22 October. The gem sets will will be put on display on 20 and 22 October and will be sold on 23 October. The jade lots will be put on display from 20 to 27 October and put on sale from 24



to 28 October.

The current emporium will put 300 lots of pearl, a total of 4,045 lots of jade (520 lots of jade in Class A, 1,733 lots of jade in Class B and 1,792 lots of jade in Class C) on sale to local and foreign gem merchants through an open tender system.

More jewellers from four foreign countries attended the ongoing Mid Year Myanmar Gems Emporium. The presence of a

significant number of foreign jewellers has reportedly led to higher prices for pearl sets than previous emporiums.

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Holding of Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023 in Progress







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MNA Resumes Yangon-Gaya-Yangon Charter Flight



The Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) has resumed its Yangon-Gaya-Yangon Charter Flight starting from 18 October.

A Boeing 737-800 NG of the MNA carrying 159 passengers with the flight number UB-7001 departed from the Yangon International Airport at 12:15 pm Myanmar Standard Time and arrived at the Gaya International Airport in India at 1:45 pm local time.

The Yangon-Gaya-Yangon flight will keep running in the whole opening season. Passengers can contact Sole Charter International Travels, a sole agent, to purchase flight tickets, it is reported.

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A Large Number of KIA Raid the Military Camps in Kachin State and Shan State (North)

Although the Tatmadaw is steadfastly endeavouring to achieve perpetual peace by following the points of agreement prescribed in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA, troops under KIA brigade (6) and other combined forces, with the intent to disrupt the State's peace and stability, launched an attack on the Nam Kut military outpost taking local security measures located 10 miles southwest of Mong Ko town, Muse district, Shan state (north) on 19 October. The KIA members launched an attack on the camp from three locations by using a large number of forces.

Therefore, the Tatmadaw military columns had to launch counter-attacks using close air support and artillery fire support on six locations of the KIA Brigade (6). As a result, a sentry guard post of KIA was seized with some bodies of its members and

the military columns continued taking security measures.

Moreover, KIA members based at Mite Sar Par, a vanguard location of KIA's Laiza headquarters had launched attacks 81 times using a large number of forces on the Tatmadaw military outpost of Lal Long base situated near Nam San Yang Village of Winemaw town to control the Myitkyina-Bhamo Road since 8 July to 20 October 2023. Although the security force members at the outpost had resisted gallantly against the enemy's attacks by using close air support and artillery fire support, they had to temporarily leave the base due to the increasing number of insurgents on 20 October and now preparing to recapture the outpost by combining with the military columns of reinforcement.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (21-10-2023)

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Arrest Warrants Released For Chanyangpan (alias) Pauk Aik Pann and Shoyangpan (alias) Houchuenting to Take Legal Actions

An arrest warrant was issued in Hopan District Court on 17 October 2023 to prosecute Chanyangpan (alias) Pauk Aik Pann and Shoyangpan (alias) Houchuenting, who are committing online scams, luring people, kidnapping and soliciting people as well as attempting and encouraging such crimes in the Wa Self-Administered Division, Shan State.

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