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## State Counsellor holds videoconference to discuss relief aid for grassroots people with irregular incomes



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (right photo) holds a videoconference with the local authorities (left photo) to discuss relief aid for grassroots people with irregular incomes on 9 June 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

**S**TATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in her capacity as Chairperson of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19),

held a videoconference from the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday about relief aid for grassroots people with irregular incomes.

Magway Region Chief Minister Dr Aung Moe Nyo, Hlinethaya

(East) Township Administrative Officer U Kyaw Swe and Kautpanaut Village-tract Administrator Daw Ni Ni Aung.

After words of greeting from the State Counsellor, Magway Region Chief Minister Dr Aung Moe

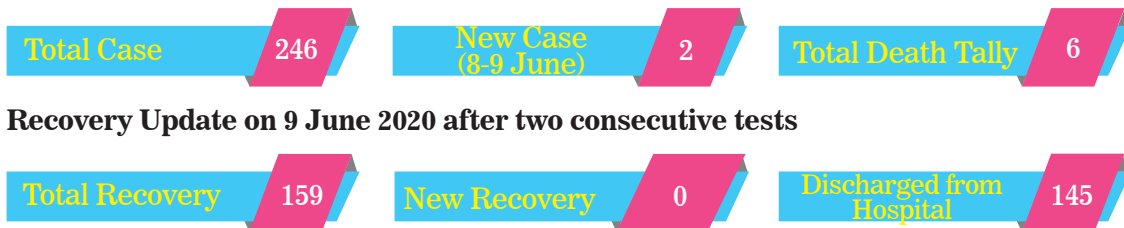
Nyo discussed the providing of relief supplies to the grassroots families with irregular incomes, collecting the list of families excluded during the first time when relief supplies were distributed, preparations being made for the

distribution of relief supplies for the second time, measures against COVID-19, and the situation regarding economic enterprises and transport operations in Magway region.

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# ACC holds virtual workshop on corruption risk assessment



THE Anti-Corruption Commission began an online workshop yesterday with the participation of Corruption Prevention Units from the Union-level organizations and the Union ministries.

The workshop titled 'Virtual Workshop on CRA' was joined by officials from the 36 CPUs.

U Aung Kyi, the chairman of ACC, made an opening remark on the workshop, saying about

some progress of CPUs in more than one year of establishment, the system of corruption risk assessment is a method to prevent corruption among civil service staff through minimal amount of risk, and that it is a major task of CPUs to be implemented. Daw Myat Myat Soe, the ACC member, explained the introduction of CRA method. The ACC is leading the workshop with technical support of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime till 12 June.—MNA

Online workshop organized by Anti-Corruption Commission is in progress on 9 June 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

(Translated by Aung Khin)

## ARMAC holds 12<sup>th</sup> steering committee meeting

MYANMAR officials took part in the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) held on videoconference yesterday.

As the representatives of Myanmar, Director of the Rehabilitation Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Nyan Myint Aung, an

officer from the Office of the Director of Military Engineers, and Counselor from the Myanmar Embassy in the Kingdom of Cambodia Daw Thin Pyant Thida Kyaw, made discussions from Nay Pyi Taw.

Daw Thin Pyant Thida Kyaw said that Myanmar had contributed US\$10,000 to the ARMAC Fund in 2018-2019FY, and

the voluntary contribution of \$10,000 for 2019-2020 FY would also be made during this month.

The meeting was attended by delegates from the Steering Committee's member ASEAN countries, ARMAC's Executive Director Mr Ly Panharith and officials. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Myanmar representatives attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee of the ARMAC from Nay Pyi Taw on 9 June 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



Myanmar seamen returned from the Philippines queue for immigration processes at the Yangon International Airport on 9 June 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Myanmar seamen from Philippines brought back home by special flight

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs is working in line with guidelines set by the National Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 and cooperating with relevant ministries, Myanmar embassies abroad to repatriate Myanmar citizens stranded due to COVID-19.

A total of 30 Myanmar seamen onboard the cruise ship of the Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd (RCCL) in Manila Bay in the Philippines was brought back on a relief flight of Air Asia Philippines to the Yangon International Airport yesterday evening.

The returnees were given proper medical ex-

amination and quarantine for 21 days as organized by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government.

So far a total of 400 Myanmar seamen have been repatriated back home.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

## Two new cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar on 9 June, total figure reaches 246

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2 new cases of COVID-19 on 9 June 2020: Updated at 8 pm

Case No	Age	Gender	Address	Contact with positive patient	Overseas travel history	Hospital for medical treatment	Lab result	Remark
245	30	Male	Hsihseng Township, Shan State (south)	No	No	Sao San Htun Hospital, Taunggyi	Positive	Held under quarantine (Hsihseng Township)
246	37	Male	Hline Township, Yangon Region	No	Yes, India	Defence Services Liver Hospital	Positive	Held under quarantine (Hline Township)

Ministry of Health and Sports



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Village-tract Administrator Daw Ni Ni Aung talked about collection of grassroots family lists, scrutinizing processes, providing relief supplies door-to-door, the participation of local authorities, common people and NGOs in carrying out relief activities, categorizing the groups of needy people, the follow-up lists for further relief aid, and dredging local creeks to help farmers facing a shortage of water.

Township Administrative Officer U Kyaw Swe reported on the system of collecting household lists to distribute the five essential household supplies, difficulties faced in the processes due to time constraints and compiling lists for the distribution of relief supplies for the second time.

Regarding the discussions, the State Counsellor said, "This time we will give cash instead of essential items. Giving essential items was a little more difficult. This was because the relief items had to be bought from different places. We had to make coordination arrangements to make sure that we got the relief supplies in the required quantities. It was difficult to get these relief supplies in some states and regions. We had to wait. We have given relief supplies in the Magway region the first time. For the second time, we will be giving cash so it will be much easier than the first time. This time we will not be giving relief items to those who were not included the first time and for those who are in the supplementary list. In some regions, it was difficult to buy the

five essential food items. It was also difficult find them. When providing relief supplies for some states and regions, we had to buy these supplies in other regions so it took more time. In future, we will only give cash assistance."

She added that the weather has changed and that it was necessary to educate everyone about this. It was necessary to live harmoniously with the new weather patterns. Rainy days have decreased compared to former times. When it rained it came down in torrents so there were floods and landslides. It was necessary to be prepared for such eventualities. It might be necessary to change the plantation methods in accordance with the changing rainfall patterns.

She said that it was difficult to estimate how long the COVID-19 would last; although Myanmar was not a rich country relief aid was being given as much as possible; to continue providing relief aid like this would be extremely difficult; that was why conditions were being created to allow people to work; people needed to work as much as possible; it was necessary to create a proper balance between the need for health security and the need to earn a living.

She went on to say that at this time the whole world was facing economic decline; efforts were being made so that Myanmar would face the least amount of decline; all the people need to give help; and that it was necessary to work hard so that the economy would gradually begin to function as before. She ended

by outlining the measures that the Union Government would be implementing to fulfill the needs.

In her concluding remarks the State Counsellor said that during the first three weeks of May, the number of migrant workers who returned from Thailand were not that many; the reason for the low number of returnees was because of the situations in Thailand; it was initially expected that they would return beginning in early May; all arrangements

of illegal workers have become very little; and that arrangements have been made with the Government of Thailand so that all these workers would be holding legal documents.

The State Counsellor said that local authorities in Myawady reported that some returnees were not willing to return to the areas mentioned in their passports and documents, and that it was not possible for them to go to other areas before returning

plemented, the national economy would develop significantly; food sufficiency is essential for the world; the agricultural sector is declining in developed countries; as people in these countries abandon the agricultural sector, produce in this sector has declined and they have to rely on import of agricultural produce; the agricultural sector would always be a fundamental need for the world, and that Myanmar needs to grasp the existing opportunities by adopting suitable policies to promote food export which could help the economic development of the country.

The State Counsellor finally said that there are many internal migrant workers in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon; the increase of employment opportunities in other areas could help reduce the number of migrant workers in this township; everyone wanted to work in their own home towns and villages if employment opportunities were available; Magway Region and Mon State should try to make this happen; in providing assistance the Union Government looks at the problem from the long-term view; it is pleased to provide relief supplies to the grassroots people; however, and that the government was expecting a situation of self-reliance. She said the goal should be to realize an economic status where there would no longer be such grassroots people in the country. She ended by saying "That is why I wish to urge everyone to help your own communities in your own sectors". —MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Myaing)

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were made for their quarantine as well as for their transportation; however, because they could not come from Thailand yet, the number of returnees were not much during the first three weeks; they started to come in round about 20 May; on the first day the number was only in the hundreds but now about a thousand were coming in daily; it was difficult for Thailand to provide a detailed list showing the regions or states these returnees originally came from; now the majority of Myanmar citizens working in Thailand are working on a legal basis; about three years ago about 80 per cent were working illegally; right now 90 per cent of Myanmar workers are legally working; the number

to their homes; officials had to explain to them that they needed to return to their home towns or villages to undergo quarantine.

It was important for Mon State and Magway Region as the agricultural season has set in; Myanmar has a lot of potential in the agricultural sector; at this time, agricultural produce are not easily available in most of the European countries, and that Myanmar has got more opportunities to export of agricultural produce to other countries and that the role of Myanmar farmers has become crucial nowadays; from the beginning Myanmar was a country based on agriculture; at present also, if a modern agricultural system could be im-

## Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye discusses gender perspective for COVID-19 rehabilitation period

UNION MINISTER for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye joined the virtual ministerial roundtable yesterday to share experiences among Asia-Pacific countries on the contribution of gender perspective during the rehabilitation period of COVID-19.

Organized by the UN Women, the meeting was held on videoconference with the participation of ministers from Australia, Fiji, Cambodia, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Bangladesh, Myanmar and the Republic of Korea. The ministers who are also working for women affairs discussed priorities on gender issue in response to COVID-19, national-level experiences in the

Asia-Pacific region and innovative practices.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye talked about Myanmar's measures against abuse on women, prevention of domestic violence, employment opportunities for rural women and the migrant women who returned from neighbouring countries, the government's relief assistance to the vulnerable groups such as women, children and elderly persons at IDP camps, cares for women and children at the quarantine centres, providing social protection funds, expansion of social protection plan, cash assistance for the pregnant women and children and increase of elderly funds.

The ministers from participant countries also shared their experiences including tax exemption for migrant women, cash for work programmes for them, supports and counselling for isolated communities and challenges in their countries.

Deputy Executive Director of the UN Women Ms Anita Bhatia made a concluding remark, emphasizing resources in implementing women issues, gender equality issue in COVID-19 measures, inclusion of gender perspective in adopting policies and plans in respective countries and the needs to collect gender data during COVID-19 pandemic.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye takes part in UN Women meeting on gender perspective for the rehabilitation period of COVID-19. PHOTO: MNA



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**Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information**

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offences up to 6 June 2020 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Detail on seizure and legal action taken
1.	Information received of Aung Zaw Lat who lives in Hinthaw Village, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 June 2020, police searched the house of Aung Zaw Lat, 17, son of U Myint Aung, who lives in Hinthaw Village, Kanbalu Township and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kanbalu) MaYa(pa)7/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2.	Information received of Maung Nge who lives in Hsetkayar Village, Homalin Township, Sagaing Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 6 June 2020, police inspected a motor cycle on the Pegon-Naungpharmu village road, near Pegon Village, Homalin Township. It was driven by Maung Nge, 35, son of U San Lwin, and Zaw Aung Thu, 45, son of U Tin Hla, who live in Hsetkayar Village. Police arrested them together with heroin. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Homalin)MaYa(pa)79/2020 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in Aungthukha Ward, Kawthoung Township, Taninthayyi Region.	Police have opened 18 cases and arrested 18 men and four women together with stimulant tablets, stimulant tablet crush powder and speciosa powder in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police searched Win Naing Oo (a) Pappan, 18, son of U Kyaw Naing who lives in Aungthukha Ward on 2 June 2020, on Anawyatha 1 street, Aungthukha Ward, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. He bought the drugs from Yan Aung (a) Markarit, who lives in Padauk Shwewah Ward. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Kawthoung)MaYa(pa)107/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on an interrogation, police searched the house of Yan Aung (a) Markarit. He absconded from his house. Police arrested his brother Nyi Nyi Soe (a) Aungba, 33, son of U Hla Myint from there together with stimulant tablet crush powder. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kawthoung)MaYa(pa)108/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4.	Information received of Daw Thein Thein Htway who lives in Mazin Ward, Bago Township, Bago Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 31 May 2020, police searched the house of Daw Thein Thein Htway (a) Aye Aye Thein, 42, daughter of U Thein Chit, who lives in Mazin Ward, Bago Township, and arrested her together with 'WY' stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened against her with NaMaSa-2 (Bago) MaYa(pa)9/2020 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5.	Information received of Zin Myo Ko Ko who lives in No 19 Ward, Toungoo Township, Bago Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 June 2020, police searched the house of Zin Myo Ko Ko, 22, son of U Ko Ko Gyi, who lives in No 19 Ward, Toungoo Township, and arrested him together with marijuana. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Toungoo)MaYa(pa)6/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in Kyauktan Ward, Mawlamyine Township, Mon State.	Police have opened three cases and arrested three men and a woman together with stimulant tablets in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Ma Hsu Khaing, 27, daughter of U Hsan Tun, who lives in Kyauktan Ward, Mawlamyine Township, on 31 May 2020, and arrested her together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against her with NaMaSa (Mupon) MaYa(pa)36/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

7.	Information received of Kalar and Phoe Kyaw who live in east Myohaung Ward, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	Police arrested Naing Min Thu (a) Kalar, 23, son of U Aye Ko; Tun Hla Thein, 24, son of U Phu Win; and Kyaw Kyaw Lin (a) Phoe Kyaw, 25, son of Pan Si; who live in east Myohaung Ward, Thanlyin Township; Min Min, 22, son of U Myo Thant, and Soe Htaik, 30, son of U Thein Win; who live in No 88 Ward, Dagon Seikkan Township; Htet Myat Naing, 20, son of U Kyaw Kyaw Moe; Aung Moe Hein, 22, son of U Zaw Myo; and Ye Win Ko, 19, son of U Kyaw Mya Aye, who live in No 81 Ward, on 1 June 2020 near cattle farm house on Myananda Street, No 105 Ward, Dagon Myothit Township, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (South Dagon)MaYa(pa)56/2020 under Section 19(a), 20(a), 22(b) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8.	Information received of Ange Lay (a) Zin Myo Lat who lives in Yaytwingon Ward, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 June 2020, police searched the house of Ange Lay (a) Zin Myo Lat, 37, son of U Ko Lay, who lives in Yaytwingon Ward, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Mingalartaungnyunt)MaYa(pa)27/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9.	Information received of Thargyi (a) Zaw Ye Htut who lives in No 6 Ward, Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 5 June 2020, police searched the house of Thargyi (a) Zaw Ye Htut (a) Thar Thar, 35, son of U Myint Swe, who lives in No 6 Ward, Botahtaung Township and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Botahtaung)MaYa(pa)18/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in wards of Taunggyi Township, southern Shan State.	Police have opened 24 cases and arrested 43 men and three women together with heroin, stimulant tablets and opium block in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police inspected a motorcycle at the corner of Cherry and Yuzana streets, Seinban Ward, Taunggyi Township on 2 June 2020. It was driven by Yarzar Tun, 35, son of U Kyaw Sein, who lives in the same ward. Police arrested him together with opium block. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Taunggyi)MaYa(pa)23/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
11.	Information received of Phoe Par who lives in Taungni Village, Taunggyi Township, southern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 June 2020, police searched the house of Phoe Par, 45, son of U Mya Hsaung, who lives in Taungni Village, Taunggyi Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Shwenyaung)MaYa(pa)35/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
12.	Information received of Daw Nyo San who lives in Nyaungbintha Village, Mabein Township, northern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 1 June 2020, police searched the house of Daw Nyo San, 42, daughter of U Chit Thaug, who lives in Nyaungbintha Village, Mabein Township, and arrested her together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(pa)43/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 1,169 cases have been opened files as of 6 June 2020. A total of 1,811 people, including 1,516 men and 295 women had been arrested with 9,522.8314 g of heroin, 1,347.42 g of ICE, 43,563.92886 g of opium, 1,367.96 g of low-quality opium, 53,263.76 g of speciosa powder, 15,097.32 g of speciosa, 2.5 litres of liquid speciosa, 631,146 stimulant tablets, 10765.70 g of marijuana, 0.1 litres of opium tincture, 629.28 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 56.95 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 26 firearms, different kinds of 609 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.

4. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

**Contacts**

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# MoHT unveils COVID-19 relief plan to restart tourism industry

THE Ministry of Hotels and Tourism launched the COVID-19 Tourism Relief Plan at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, providing guidelines for implementation of the plan.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung said world's tourism industry has been paralyzed following the cancellation of airlines, travel restrictions, and 14-day or 21-day quarantines due to COVID-19.

Myanmar is one of the countries hit by the novel coronavirus. Foreign tourists' entry into the country was banned, and domestic travelling was also restricted following the stay-home rule in April. With the closures of hotels, guesthouses, travel companies and restaurants, jobless rate in the country has increased creating socio-economic impacts.

A total of 4.36 million of tourists visited the country in 2019, and some 400,000 travellers came to Myanmar in January 2020. However, the entry of tourists into the country decreased to less than 100 in April.

To promote Myanmar's tourism industry, the ministry drew up the COVID-19 Tourism Relief Plan, which includes three strat-

egies, following the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP).

The tourism relief plan was drawn up based on the tourism crisis management guidelines from the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), and suggestions from the tourism organizations.

The ministry will implement the plan as a COVID-19 Myanmar Tourism Strategic Roadmap. The three strategies of the plan are survival, reopening and re-launching. Each strategy involves four major processes.

In the "survival" stage, taxes will be relaxed, licence fees will be reduced, rental fees will be postponed and loans will be provided for the hotels and tourism businesses.

The ministry will continue organizing online training for tourism professionals and staff, discussing travel destinations and tourism market assessments.

In the "reopening" stage aimed to be implemented in June, July and August, standard operating producer (SOP) will be sought for the health and safety of travellers and staff.



Ministry of Hotels and Tourism organizes the ceremony to launch the COVID-19 Tourism Relief Plan at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 June 2020. PHOTO: MNA

The ministry will also provide aids for the human-powered vehicles' drivers and vendors, and promote tourism market and domestic digital payment system developing e-commerce and digital platforms.

The "re-launching" stage aimed to be implemented in August will launch communication & marketing campaigns to attract foreign visitors.

The third stage will include easing of travel restriction and providing incentives to investment. Cash aids and loans from

allied organizations will be requested in this stage, and a fund will be established for longterm.

In June, the ministry will issue tourism national guidelines, which is mixed with the guidelines from Ministry of Health and Sports and the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Pagodas, museums and parks will also be reopened in the stage in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports. The Union Minister said the tourism industry in the "new normal" condition

will re-operate step by step in accordance with the ministry's roadmap and in cooperation with related tourism organizations.

Deputy Minister U Tin Latt and Director-General U Maung Maung Kyaw answered the questions raised by the attendees on implementation of SOP the ministry's plan on containing virus infections when travellers visit, how to support the businesspersons and staff by the ministry, and the ministry's post COVID-19 plans. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

## One Tatmadaw officer confirmed positive for COVID-19

AN officer of Defence Services was confirmed positive for COVID-19 on 8 June during the third polymerase chain reaction test at the 1,000-bedded Defence Services General Hospital in Mingaladon Township, Yangon.

He is one of the 18 trainee officers who returned from India by air on 24 May.

It has been reported that the other four officers in this group under the quarantine in Yangon Region Command

area were also confirmed positive in the two consecutive tests of their specimen.

The latest case is now receiving medical treatments at the Defence Services Liver Hospital in Mingaladon and he is in good health condition, while the contact tracing is being carried out in relation to this case, according to the report of Office of Commander in Chief of Defence Services.

—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

## IDP camps, temporary shelters in Rakhine receive supplies for measures against COVID-19

THE MINISTRY of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is providing medical and relief items to the IDP camps in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine states for prevention of COVID-19 transmission.

On 9 June, officials provided the three IDP

camps in Pauktaw Township and five temporary camps in Buthidaung Township with the relief items of 5,764 soap bars, 2,026 surgical masks, 12,356 cloth masks, 7,781 bottles of hand sanitizers, 90 hand washing basins, 80 bags of lime powder, 20 vinyl sheets,

3 thermometers, 2 hand speakers and 2 memory sticks with COVID-19 awareness audio files.

Moreover, the ministry is conducting awareness campaigns and motivation works in Nay Pyi Taw council area and other Regions/States.—MNA



An official from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement presents relief items to a local woman in Rakhine State on 9 June 2020. PHOTO: MNA

## Myanmar COVID-19 figure reaches 246 after two new cases reported on 9 June

Myanmar's COVID-19 figure reached 246 after two more positive cases were reported on 9 June, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. One of the last two cases had no travel history, while one returned from India.

Out of 246 confirmed cases in the country, six died, 159 persons have recovered and 145 have been discharged from hospitals.

There are a total of 33 new persons under investigation in the past 24 hours of 12 noon of 9 June—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



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## Banana growers face price drop as coronavirus hovers

PHEEGYAN banana growers in Pwintbyu Township are not happy even with a good yield this season as the price of banana has dropped in the local market because of coronavirus pandemic, according to the banana growers from Nyaung Pin Sauk Village from Pwintbyu Township.

The local farmers from Pwintbyu Township are growing seasonal crops on a commercial scale. They are growing mostly paddy, sesame, chickpea, green gram and other crops. Other local farmers are growing Pheegyan, Theemhwe, Rakhine bananas on a commercial scale.

Before the outbreak of coronavirus infection, the banana growers are making the profit by growing banana than



A banana plantation is seen in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region. PHOTO: YE WIN NAING (NYAUNG U)

other fruits because people are more likely to eat the banana than other fruits. Now, the banana market has declined

because of the pandemic and the price of Pheegyan banana has declined to K600-K700 from K1200-K1300 per bunch. So, the

local banana growers are facing difficulties because of the declining price.

"We are growing the Pheegyan banana by irrigating the water from Mae Zalee dam in Nyaung Pin Sauk Village from Pwintbyu Township. Pheegyan banana is more consumed banana than other kinds of banana. So, we earned a better price by growing Pheegyan. However, the sale of banana has declined in our township during the pandemic. So, the price of banana has decreased and we are also facing the loss," said U Than Zaw Lin, a local Pheegyan banana grower from Nyaung Pin Sauk village from Pwintbyu Township. —Ye Win Naing (NyaungU) ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## Hotels in Bagan likely to reopen in first week of July

WITH the Bagan hotels following the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Sports, they are likely to be permitted to resume operation in the first week of July, according to the Myanmar Hoteliers Associations—Bagan Zone.

About 150 hotels in Bagan are registered with the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. Among them, 10 hotels have been scrutinized whether they have been following the rules and regulations prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Sports or not.

"The remaining hotels are still being checked. Then, we will submit a report to the

regional government. We will resume the hotel operations after having permission from the regional government. Currently, there are no even local visitors in the Bagan region because there is no place to stay. Only one or two vehicles reached Bagan region," said an official from Myanmar Hoteliers Associations.

When the hotels resume the operation in the Bagan region, the room rates will be discounted to 15 or 20 per cent.

On 3 June, the Ministry of Health and Sports issued the instructions for the hotels, motels and guesthouses to follow.

At present, the hotels

across the country except for Chin State, Mandalay and Bago regions are reopened after scrutinizing by the authorities, according to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

The Bagan heritage site also rarely sees visitors. The local tourism industry is hampered by the coronavirus pandemic and those engaged in local transport rental business (three-wheel, boat, horse-riding, car, e-bike, cycle, motorcycle), hotels and guesthouses, restaurants and souvenir shops are suffering from the coronavirus concerns.

Earlier, during the high season from November

to April, Bagan is usually packed with local pilgrims and tourists.

They used to visit Bagan to observe the temples and stupas and view the sunset. The horse-riding business, motorcycle and electric bike rental business, hotels, motels, and guesthouses were earning well in the high season, along with souvenir business. Those businesses created jobs for residents.

The businesses relying on tourism are nearly closed amid coronavirus negative impacts. —Aye Maung ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## Four drinking water ponds dug in Dala Tsp

WITH the guidance of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC), four ponds have been dug for sufficiency of the drinking water in Dala Township, where are being faced with the shortage of the drinking water.

Although Dala Township is located near the sea, it has difficulty to receive underground water.

Most of the people from Dala Township are relying upon the rainwater collected in the raining season.

"Now, the ponds digging project is being implemented under the supervision of YCDC and spending of the



Locals restore a dried pond to collect rainwater in Dala Township, Yangon Region. PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG

donated fund. Now, we have targeted to dig seven drink-

ing water ponds. Now, four drinking ponds have already

been dug," said U Sein Ohn, the chairperson of Yangon City Water Assessment and Distribution Working Committee.

The ponds will collect the rainwater in the raining season. The villagers will use this water when the water supply is short after the monsoon season. A pond has also been dug in Seikkyi Kanaungto Township. The freshwater reformation project will be implemented in Yangon Twantay Wa in 2022-2023. Then, the water will be distributed to Dala. —Myint Maung ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)



## Exports to Japan exceed \$800 mln in H1 2019-2020FY

THE value of export to Japan in the first half (October-March) of the current fiscal year 2019-2020 touched over US\$817.48 million while import was valued only \$341.35 million, according to the data of the Ministry of Commerce.

The value of trade between Myanmar and its development partner Japan exceeded over \$1.15 billion in the current fiscal.

Myanmar's export items to Japan are garments, marine products, rice, black sesame, green grams, rubber and other products. In return, it imported machines and machine equipment, electronic equipment, fertilizers, chemical products, medicines, automobiles, and other products.

Bilateral trade values were registered at \$1.89 billion in the last FY2018-2019, \$1 billion in the 2018 mini-budget period, \$1.92

billion in the 2017-2018 FY, \$2 billion in the 2016-2017 FY and \$1.84 billion in the 2015-16 FY respectively.

This FY, two enterprises from Japan were approved to make initial investments of \$52.63 million into the country, according to the data of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Japan has made up over 34.7 per cent of total FDI in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, with the estimated value of \$678.78 million as of April 2020 since its establishment in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) offers loans such as ODA loan and two-step loan to bring about socio-economic development in Myanmar. —GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



A man loads raw rubber sheets onto a vehicle in Thaton, Mon State. PHOTO: KHUN (WIN PA)

## Myanmar-ROK trade nears \$590 mln in H1 2019-2020FY

THE value of bilateral trade between Myanmar and the Republic of Korea in the first half of the 2019-2020 fiscal year stood at US\$588.9 million, according to the figures released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Imports surpassed export in Myanmar's trade with South Korea, with exports registered at \$285.7 million and imports valued at \$303 million.

Myanmar exports rice and broken rice, coffee, mangoes,

pulses, apparel produced on the cut-make-pack basis, shrimp, and sesame oil, among other things, to South Korea, while it imports capital goods such as machinery and equipment, raw industrial goods such as fertilizers and garment materials, and consumer goods such as cosmetics.

The values of bilateral trade between the two countries stood at \$976 million in the last FY2018-2019, \$424.7 million

in the 2018 mini-budget period, \$798.4 million in the 2017-2018FY, \$866 million in the 2016-2017FY, \$657 million in the 2015-2016FY, \$862 million in the 2014-2015FY, \$1.57 billion in the 2013-2014FY, \$623 million in the 2012-2013FY, and \$667 million in the 2011-2012FY.

Four South Korea-listed enterprises have brought in the capital of \$81.5 million into the country in the current fiscal. South Korea is Myanmar's sixth-largest investor. Multinational corporations from South Korea, such as Posco, Daewoo, Samsung, and Hyundai, have already grabbed the market share in Myanmar.

In addition, the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has provided grant aid for sustainable rural development and capacity building in public service, technology, education, and building of fundamental infrastructure. —GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



Coffee fruits are being dried in a solar dryer in Mindat, Chin State. PHOTO: ZO HAY ZAR

## FDI up over \$1 bln in eight months (Oct-May)

By Nyein Nyein

THE inflow of foreign direct investments into Myanmar increased to over US\$4.1 billion in the eight months of the current fiscal year 2019-2020, which was up by more than \$1 billion compared to the corresponding period of the previous FY, according to the data released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Between 1 October and 31 May, FDI of \$4.102 billion flowed into the country, including the expansion of capital by existing enterprises. According to a press statement issued by the DICA, 178 foreign enterprises obtained permits from the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and endorsements from regional and state Investment Committees in the current fiscal.

In the year-ago period, FDI of \$2.49 billion had flowed in from 170 enterprises. The number of permitted or endorsed enterprises this year was eight higher than last year. Additionally, the COVID-19 consequences have not affected the foreign investments, said DICA Director-General U Thant Sin Lwin.

The proposals submitted to MIC include CMP businesses. At present, such kind of labour-intensive enterprises is facing

financial hardship, disputes between the employers and employees and the closure of factories. Yet, the sector remains attractive to foreign investors.

The manufacturing enterprises and businesses that need large labour force are prioritized. MIC is endeavouring to clear those kinds of projects so fast that they can start running after the coronavirus pandemic period, he continued.

Moreover, MIC showed readiness to accept the projects regarding the production of the mask, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, in responding to the activities of prevention, control and treatment of coronavirus disease.

Myanmar targets to attract \$5.8 billion of FDIs in the current fiscal year. The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations is inviting responsible businesses so the country benefits, he said. The Myanmar Investment Promotion Plan (MIPP) was drawn up with the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and it is being implemented. As per the MIPP, Myanmar aims to reach an FDI target of \$200 billion in 20 years, stated Union Minister U Thaug Tun of Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

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# Grab agro export opportunities by shifting to modern farming

**W**HILE the COVID-19 crisis has disrupted the global supply chains, some countries are also impacted by supply shortages and trade restrictions.

Meanwhile, another kind of emergency— food insecurity—is threatening countries around the world.

In this situation, there may be opportunities for the export of Myanmar agricultural products, and we should now find a chance to grab export market shares of other countries.

At the moment, there are some barriers for our farmers in farming technology and post-harvest infrastructure, such as storage and distribution facilities to improve the quality of agricultural produce which is vital for grabbing the export market.

We need investments from the private sector to improve such facilities and to encourage agricultural practices which can enable a sustainable market situation.

At the moment, the Union Government is supporting farmers to make sure that they have the capability for cooperative work and corporate investment. Only then can they form such farmers' groups.

Attracting investment is high on the government's list of priorities, but foreign direct investment in agriculture is still low.

There are many opportunities for investment opportunities in our agricultural sector, such as seeds production, producing value-added goods, modern production methods and storage facilities.

Modern processing machinery and technologies are beyond our farmers' means.

Our country exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, whereas capital goods, raw industrial materials and consumer goods are imported into the country.

The country's export sector is more dependent upon agriculture and industrial products from small and medium sized enterprises, while reducing its reliance on natural resources, such as natural gas and the mining of jade.

Our agriculture sector still depends on manual labour, but generates the lowest income per person. To grab the world's market share in agricultural products and to create job opportunities in the farming sector, we need to shift from traditional to modern agricultural practices with the use of technology, and ICT – information and communications technology for production and marketing. This will ensure that a new generation returns to the farmland.

Agriculture remains a necessary sector forever for the world. Hence, if we take the advantages brought about by the changes happening in the world, we can boost our economy while supplying food to the needy places in the world.



## CORONAVIRUS ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

# COVID-19 pandemic drives broadest economic collapse in 150 years: World Bank

**T**HE coronavirus pandemic inflicted a "swift and massive shock" that has caused the broadest collapse of the global economy since 1870 despite unprecedented government support, the World Bank said Monday.

The world economy is expected to contract by 5.2% this year – the worst recession since 1945-46 as World War II spending dried up – but the sheer number of countries suffering economic losses means the scale of the downturn is worse than any crisis in the last 150 years, the World Bank said in its latest Global Economic Prospects report.

That will push 70 million to 100 million people into extreme poverty, more than the bank's prior estimate of 60 million.

The World Bank said that advanced economies are expected to shrink 7% in 2020, while emerging market economies will contract 2.5%, their first decline since aggregate data became available in 1960.

For the U.S., the updated World Bank forecast is for the gross domestic product (GDP) to fall 7% this year, before growing 3.9% in 2021. That estimate is

similar to top forecasters for the National Association for Business Economics who forecast a 5.9% drop for the U.S. this year.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in April projected a drop in global output of 3% this year but it is expected that figure will be lowered when the IMF releases its forecast update in the coming weeks.

For China, the world's second-largest economy, the World Bank forecast growth will slow this year to a barely discernible 1% but rebound to 6.9% in 2021. For the 19 European countries who use the euro currency, the World Bank projected a drop of 9.1% this year followed by growth of 4% next year.

World Bank economists cautioned that their forecast was based on an assumption that the worst of the coronavirus outbreak was coming to an end and economies would pick up fairly quickly once governments begin to reopen.

If there is a second wave of the virus that disrupts economic activity later this year, then growth will fall even farther and the rebound next year will be weaker, the World Bank analysts said. **SOURCE: AFP**



Employees of a men beauty parlour wearing protective gear cut the hairs and beards of customers after the government eased a nationwide lockdown as a preventive measure against the Covid-19, in Siliguri on May 31, 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF BANKS

# The Number of Banking Executives Saying New Technologies Will Drive Global Banking Rises by 57% in a Year, Reveals Economist Intelligence Unit Report Released by Temenos

■ Two-thirds (66%) of banking executives say new technologies will continue to drive global banking in the next 5 years compared to 42% in 2019

■ AI will separate winners from losers, say 77% of bankers surveyed during COVID-19

■ 84% of bankers believe that DevOps and modern cloud platforms will drive core banking transformation

■ Nearly half (45%) of global banking executives are set on transforming their business models into digital ecosystems to enhance customer experience and create new revenue streams

■ This global, independent report, now in its seventh year, surveys over 300 senior banking executives, 49% of whom are C-suite



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Two-thirds of banking executives believe that new technologies such as AI, machine learning will continue to have the greatest impact on the global banking sector in the next five years, according to a global survey conducted by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) on behalf of Temenos (SIX: TEMN), the banking software company. The new report "Forging new frontiers: advanced technologies will revolutionize banking" highlights that COVID-19 is likely to accelerate the digital transformation of banks, which already face intense competition from payment players, Big Tech and e-commerce firms. The report trends will be discussed on the webinar "The Future of Digital Banking: Revolution Accelerated" on 25 June, with the CEO and Founder of Varo Money, the EIU and Temenos.

With COVID-19 accelerating the digitization of banking, 45% of banking respondents say their strategic response is to build a 'true digital ecosystem' and integrate their self-built digital services and third-party offerings. AI will undoubtedly play a key role in accelerating this digital

shift. Over three-quarters (77%) of respondents agree that unlocking value from Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be a key differentiator between winning and losing banks. And improving user experience through greater personalization ranked highest (28%) among the most valuable uses for AI. The focus is shifting towards enterprise agility with DevOps, which brings together software development and IT operations using modern cloud-based platforms. In fact, 84% of respondents agree that DevOps will drive transformation in core banking, while 81% of banking executives believe a multi-cloud strategy will become a regulatory pre-requisite. The primary focus of banks' technology investment is on cybersecurity (35%), followed by developing AI platforms such as digital advisors and voice assisted engagement channels (33%), and cloud-based technologies (27%).

Max Chuard, Chief Executive Officer, Temenos, said: "Banks were under huge pressure due to new competitors, ongoing regulation and slowing profit growth – these pressures have intensified as a result of

the pandemic. The report highlights that senior banking executives believe that new technologies such as AI will have the greatest impact in banking in the coming years. As the digitization of banking continues, these new technologies can help banks fend off competitors and gain competitive advantage.

"Temenos' cloud-advanced, AI technology and rich banking functionality can help banks deliver value to their customers in the immediate term and accelerate their digital transformation to build sustainable growth in the future. Trends toward digital banking, cloud and SaaS models will only become more pronounced – in the new normal, the need for modern banking technology will be greater than ever." Pete Swabey, Editorial Director EMEA - Thought Leadership, The Economist Intelligence Unit, added: "Retail, corporate and private banks were already under pressure to deploy new

technologies quickly and change their cultures in order to compete with big tech firms and payment players and deliver an engaging digital experience. Now, as digital banking surges as a result of the coronavirus crisis, this task is more pressing than ever."

### About the survey

Now in its seventh year, the Economist Intelligence Unit report includes for the first time respondents from commercial and private banks, alongside retail banks. The EIU surveyed 305 global banking executives throughout February and March 2020 about the challenges banks are facing relating to the digitization of the sector, and the strategies they are deploying in response. Almost half of respondents (49%) were at C-Suite level. Respondents came from Europe (25%), North America (24%), Asia-Pacific (18%), Africa and the Middle East (16%), and Latin America (17%).

**SOURCE: AFP**

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Electricity and Energy Public notification

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1. It was announced on 28 May 2020 that the statements to public, orders, notifications, and directives (excluding eased restrictions) of the Union-level organizations and Union ministries effective until 31 May 2020 for prevention, control and treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) would be extended to 15 June 2020 as it is required to continue containment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
2. For the extended period from 1 to 15 June, charges for electricity up to 75 units of domestic consumption will be exempted for public, religious organizations and local civil organizations (excluding embassies, UN and international organizations).
3. Therefore, the above-mentioned categories can consume electricity free of charge from 1 to 75 units in their total consumed units.
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Ministry of Electricity and Energy  
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Japan, Britain begin trade negotiations with eye on deal this year

TOKYO—Japan and Britain formally began negotiations Tuesday on a free trade agreement, aiming to clinch a deal by the end of the year when the transition period for the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union concludes. The countries will build on an existing Japan-European Union deal, with Tokyo looking to scrap auto tariffs while London has said it wants benefits for its financial services and textile industries.

Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi kicked off the talks in a videoconference with Liz Truss, the British trade secretary. Britain departed from the European Union in January and is in trade negotiations with dozens of countries. It is eager to make deals before the end of the year, after which it will no longer be included in the bloc's arrangements.

The Japan-European Union free trade agreement entered into force in February last year, removing or lowering tariffs on agricultural products such as wine and cheese from Europe while scrapping the 10 per cent tariff on Japanese automobiles in its eighth year and immediately removing those on auto parts.—Kyodo ■



Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi (r) and British International Trade Secretary Liz Truss shake hands at the ministry in Tokyo on Sept. 20, 2019. PHOTO: KYODO

New York starts reopening as WHO says virus 'worsening' worldwide

NEW YORK—New York City—the epicentre of America's coronavirus outbreak—began partially reopening its shattered economy Monday after almost three months of lockdown, as the World Health Organization warned the health crisis was "worsening" worldwide.

Some 400,000 New Yorkers were allowed to return to work as retailers began offering limited in-store and curbside pickup, with construction and manufacturing also permitted to resume operations. "It's good to be back," said Michael Ostergren, manager of the Shakespeare and Co bookshop on Manhattan's

Upper West Side, where a trickle of customers arrived shortly after the doors reopened. "Everybody wants to be out of the house. We're just picking up where we left off in March," he added. As New York entered phase one of its reopening and some of Europe's hardest-hit nations lurched back to a new kind of normal, the WHO reported a record number of new cases globally. Director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said 136,000 cases had been reported in the past 24 hours, "the most in a single day so far," with the majority of them in the Americas and South Asia.—AFP ■



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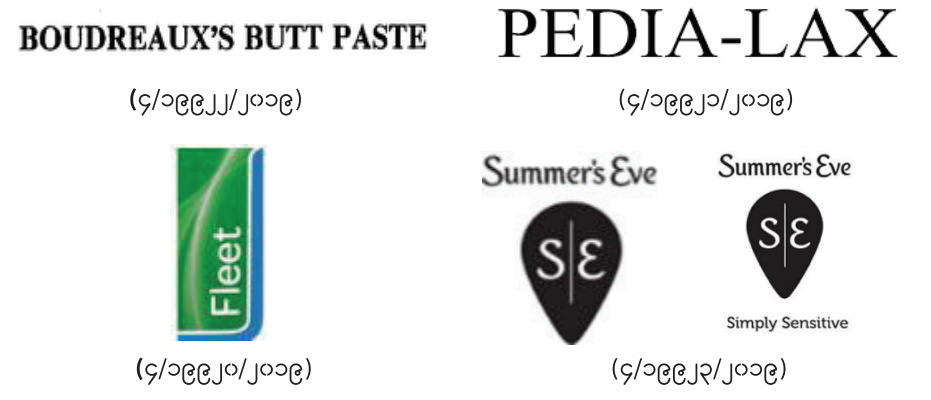


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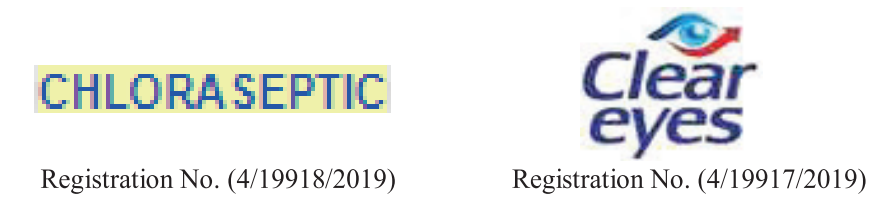


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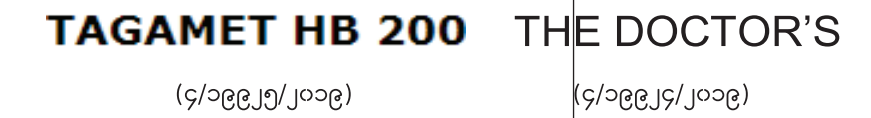
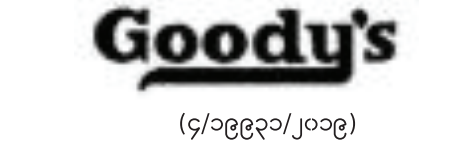
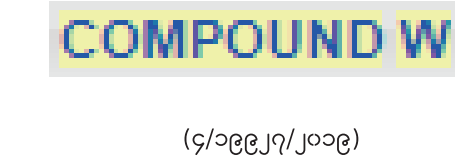
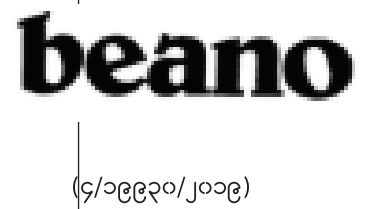
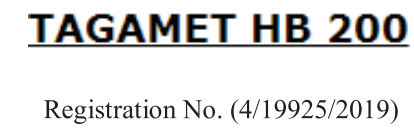
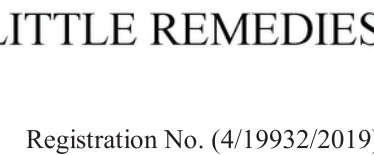
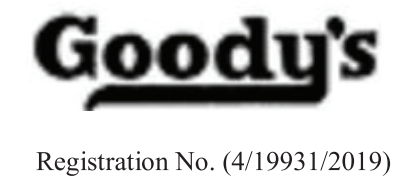
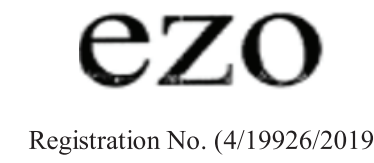
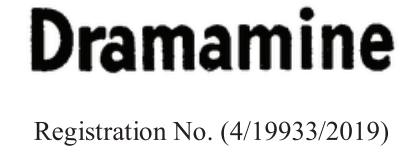
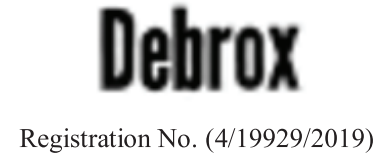
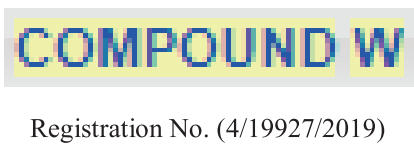


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Kamaryut Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.  
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: M/S INTER ASIA LINES**  
Phone No: 2301185

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BALI VOY. NO. (157N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10-6-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.  
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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE**  
Phone No: 2301185

**CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE**  
**M.V JUTHA PATTHAMA VOY. NO. ( )**  
Consignees of cargo carried on M.V JUTHA PATTHAMA VOY. NO. ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10-6-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.  
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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: M/S RK SHIPPING & TRADING**  
**PTE LTD**  
Phone No: 2301191/2301178



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**VITRON-C**

Registration No. (4/19934/2019)

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**VITRON-C**

(၄/၁၉၉၃၄/၂၀၁၉)

**Insight Pharmaceuticals LLC** သည် အထက်ပါ အမှတ်အသားကို ဆေးဝါးဖော်စပ် ထုတ်လုပ်ဖြန့်ချိရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် အပြည့်ပြည့် ဆိုင်ရာ **Nice Classification Class 05, 44** နှင့် သက်ဆိုင်ပက်သက်သော အခြားအထောက်အကူပြု လုပ်ငန်းများ အတွက် မြန်မာတစ်နိုင်ငံလုံး တွင်အသုံးပြုမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY  
DEPARTMENT OF HYDROPOWER  
IMPLEMENTATION**

Invitation to tender for the Design, Supply and Supervision of erection and commissioning of Hydraulic Steel Structure and Electromechanical Works for Nam Pa Nga Hydropower Project.

1. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, **Department of Hydropower Implementation (DHPI)**, hereinafter called the Employer, seeks to invites qualified Contractors and/or Joint Ventures to submit Tenders for the **design, supply and supervision of erection and commissioning of Hydraulic Steel Structure and Electromechanical works for Nam Pa Nga Small Hydropower Project (Delivered Duty Paid - at Site Basis)**.
2. The project is located on the Nampanga Chaung, one of the main tributaries of Chindwin River, on the territory of the Homalin Township area, Sagaing Region of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
3. A complete set of Tender documents can be purchased within office hours upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **300,000 MMK (Three Hundred Thousand in Myanmar Kyat)** at the following office by **June 25, 2020**.  
**Procurement Branch  
Department of Hydropower Implementation  
Office Building No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw  
Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Telephone: 009567-8104189, 009567-8104190, 009567-8104191  
E-mail : [procurement.dhpi@moe.gov.mm](mailto:procurement.dhpi@moe.gov.mm)**
4. **Tender Submission Date is 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020 at 13:00** (Myanmar Standard Time).
5. Tenderers must be submitted the proposals to the address above on **Tender Submission Date**. Any late proposal shall be rejected.
6. All tenders shall be rejected if they submit their proposals by electronic or express services.
7. Technical envelop will be opened in the presence of tenderer's representatives, who choose to attend at the address above after **13:00 hours** (Myanmar Standard Time) on **Tender Submission Date**.
8. Any request for the extension of **Tender Submission Date** shall not be allowed.

**Tender Committee  
Department of Hydropower Implementation  
Ministry of Electricity and Energy  
Nay Pyi Taw**

**TRADEMARK CAUTION**

**TPR Kabushiki Kaisha (TPR CO., LTD.)**, a company registered under the laws of Japan, which is located at 6-2, Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is the sole owner of the following trademarks:

**TPR TP**  
Reg. No. 530/2020      Reg. No. 531/2020

**TPR CO., LTD.**

Reg. No. 532/2020

In respect of **Class 4**: Engine oils.

**TPR Kabushiki Kaisha (TPR CO., LTD.)** claims the trademark rights and other relevant intellectual property rights for the marks as mentioned above. TPR Kabushiki Kaisha (TPR CO., LTD.) reserves the rights to take legal measures against any infringer who violates its intellectual property or other legal rights in accordance with the concerned laws of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Daw Khin Myo Myo Aye, LL.B., Advocate (14833)  
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Tilleke & Gibbins Myanmar Ltd. No. 1608, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sakura Tower, 339 Bogyoke Aung San Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar.  
Email address: [myanmar@tilleke.com](mailto:myanmar@tilleke.com)  
Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

**TRADEMARK CAUTION**

**Monster Energy Company**, a company registered under the laws of Delaware, the United States of America, which is located at 1 Monster Way, Corona, California 92879, the United States of America, is the sole owner of the following trademarks:

**GREENLIGHT**

Reg. Nos. 8089/2014, 7078/2017, 4512/2020

In respect of **Class 5**: Nutritional supplements in liquid form; vitamin fortified beverages.

Reg. Nos. 8090/2014, 7079/2017, 4513/2020

In respect of **Class 32**: Non-alcoholic beverages.

**RED ALERT**

Reg. Nos. 6375/2017, 4511/2020

In respect of **Class 32**: Non-alcoholic beverages; beer.

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Email address: [myanmar@tilleke.com](mailto:myanmar@tilleke.com)  
Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

**Cathay Pacific unveils US\$5 billion bailout plan**

HONG KONG - Troubled Hong Kong airline Cathay Pacific announced a HK\$39 billion (\$5 billion) government-led bailout plan on Tuesday as it battles a crippling downturn caused by the coronavirus. Like many carriers hammered by the crisis, the company has seen passenger numbers evaporate in recent months, leaving most of its fleet sitting on the tarmac and the firm haemorrhaging cash. The airline was already under pressure after taking a hit from months of sometimes violent protests in Hong Kong last year that saw tourism battered. On Tuesday the carrier announced a sweeping proposal to inject liquidity and keep it afloat with the help of Hong Kong's government, which will take a small stake in the firm.—AFP

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# UK's Johnson says will not ignore anger over racial injustice

LONDON— The toppling of a statue of a slave trader has reignited demands for the removal of other monuments to Britain's colonial past, with further protests planned on Tuesday, as Prime Minister Boris Johnson acknowledged anger at racial injustice.

Calls have mounted across the country for a reassessment of the way historical figures are portrayed in public spaces, as part of a wider debate about inequality and prejudice.

Britain has seen days of protests sparked by the death in police custody of George Floyd, an unarmed black man, in the United States.

Johnson said he understood the "depth of emotion" triggered by Floyd's death and the anger from black and ethnic minority groups about discrimination in education, employment and law.

"We who lead and who govern simply can't ignore those



London protesters defaced the statue of World War II leader Winston Churchill in Parliament Square. PHOTO: AFP

feelings because in too many cases, I am afraid, they will be founded on a cold reality," he said in a video message Monday.

But he warned he would not tolerate violence, after clashes in central London near his Downing Street office left 35 po-

lice officers injured and public monuments vandalized.

Instead, he urged those who wanted change to "stand

for election, or vote for someone who will".

## Uncomfortable truth

On Sunday, protesters defaced a central London monument to World War II leader Winston Churchill, citing policies blamed for the death of millions during famine in the Indian state of Bengal in 1943.

In the southwestern city of Bristol, crowds toppled a statue of 17th century trader Edward Colston, who helped build the city but played a leading role in slavery.

Years of local debate over what to do with the statue came to an end when it was thrown in the harbour — an act that has stirred debate about other historical monuments.

In Glasgow, activists pasted the names of civil rights leaders and victims of racist attacks on streets named after tobacco and sugar traders in the 18th and 19th centuries.— AFP

## Virus puts brakes on Salvini's far-right message in Italy

ROME — Matteo Salvini, the leader of Italy's far right, has seen his popularity drop as the coronavirus pandemic has drowned out his anti-immigrant

message, but his League party remains a potent threat to the government.

The big man with the beard is much less visible in

the media after being almost omnipresent last year, until he brought his own coalition government down in a botched bid to become prime minister.

The then-deputy prime minister and interior minister collapsed the League's coalition with the anti-establishment Five Star Movement (M5S) in a power grab that turned into a major tactical blunder.

His former M5S allies instead in September formed a government with the centre-left Democratic Party (PD), sending Salvini into his more habitual role in opposition.—AFP



A far-right rally in Rome on June 2 was criticized heavily for the lack of social distancing. PHOTO: AFP

## Ahead of vote, virus emboldens Serbian president's one-man show

BELGRADE — An excuse to dominate the airwaves, sideline the opposition and cast himself as a saviour: President Aleksandar Vucic has emerged from the coronavirus crisis stronger than ever as he looks to extend his vice-like grip on Serbia's troubled democracy.

After flattening the infection curve and capping deaths at around 250, the Balkan state of seven million is now rapidly

emerging from lockdown in time for general elections on June 21.

In political terms, the relatively low toll has paid off handsomely for a man at the apex of Serbian politics.

Vucic's popularity enjoyed a remarkable rise as infections fell following their peak in March.

Under quarantine, critics took to their balconies to bang pots in protest at the government, but the movement fizzled

out after the lockdown was lifted.

In April, nearly half the public said they put their trust in him alone — a record since Ipsos started polling in Serbia more than 20 years ago.

With the opposition splintered, and some planning to boycott the ballot, Vucic's Serbian Progressive party (SNS) was already well positioned to extend its eight-year rule.—AFP

## German FM to visit Israel as West Bank annexation looms

BERLIN — German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas will travel to Jerusalem on Wednesday, with Israel intent on toning down Europe's reaction to its annexation plans in the occupied West Bank.

Maas is the first foreign dignitary to visit since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu formed a coalition government with his election rival Benny Gantz, although US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had visited just days before the May 17 swearing-in.

Israel could take initial steps to annex its West Bank settlements and the Jordan Valley as soon as July 1, the

same day Germany takes the rotating European Union presidency.

The EU opposes the move, which forms part of a US peace initiative, and argues it would contravene international law.

The Washington plan was unveiled in January and paves the way for the eventual creation of a Palestinian state, but it has been rejected by the Palestinians who were not consulted on proposals they see as capitulating to Israeli demands.

While Israeli officials are unlikely to change Europe's anti-annexation stance, they see Maas's visit as a chance to at least soften its response.—AFP



A Palestinian man facing Israeli forces waves a national flag during a protest against Israel's plan to annex parts of the occupied West Bank, near the town of Tulkarm on June 5. PHOTO: AFP



## Part of China's Great Wall not built for war — study

JERUSALEM — The northern segment of the Great Wall of China was built not to block invading armies but rather to monitor civilian movement, an Israeli archaeologist said Tuesday.

When researchers fully mapped the Great Wall's 740-kilometre (460-mile) Northern Line for the first time, their findings challenged previous assumptions.

"Prior to our research, most people thought the wall's purpose was to stop Genghis Khan's army," said Gideon Shelach-Lavi from Jerusalem's Hebrew University, who led the two-year study.

But the Northern Line, lying mostly in Mongolia, winds through valleys, is relatively low in height and close to paths, pointing to non-military functions.

"Our conclusion is that it was more about monitoring or blocking the movement of people and

livestock, maybe to tax them," Shelach-Lavi said.

He suggested people may have been seeking warmer southern pastures during a medieval cold spell. Construction of the Great Wall, which is split into sections that in total stretch for thousands of kilometres, first began in the third century BC and continued for centuries.

The Northern Line, also known as "Genghis Khan's Wall" in reference to the legendary Mongolian conqueror, was built between the 11th and 13th centuries with pounded earth and dotted with 72 structures in small clusters.

Shelach-Lavi and his team of Israeli, Mongolian and American researchers used drones, high-resolution satellite images and traditional archaeological tools to map out the wall and find



Photo taken on April 13, 2020 shows spring scenery at the Simatai section of the Great Wall in Beijing, China. PHOTO: XINHUA

artefacts that helped pin down dates. According to Shelach-Lavi, whose findings from the ongoing study were published in the journal *Antiquity*, the Northern Line has been largely overlooked by contemporary scientists.—AFP ■

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### COVID-19 cases in Japan increase by 44 to reach 17,267

TOKYO — The confirmed COVID-19 cases in Japan increased by 44 to reach 17,267, according to the latest figures from the health ministry and local authorities on Tuesday.

The number excludes the 712 cases from the Diamond Princess cruise ship that was quarantined in Yokohama near Tokyo. Meanwhile, the death toll in Japan from the pneumonia-causing virus currently stands at a total of 933 people, according to the health ministry, with the figure including those from the cruise ship.

In Tokyo, the epicentre of Japan's outbreak, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has risen by 12 to reach 5,408, the ninth straight day the increase has reached double digits.

Last Tuesday, the Tokyo metropolitan government issued what Governor Yuriko Koike has called a "Tokyo alert" to warn against possible COVID-19 resurgence, about a week after the state of emergency was lifted for the metropolis.—Xinhua ■

## Nepali police clash with lockdown demonstrators

KATHMANDU — Police fired water cannon at about 500 people who staged a demonstration in Kathmandu on Tuesday against the Nepali government's handling of the coronavirus crisis.

Protesters, carrying banners reading "enough is enough", demanded better testing and quarantine facilities for returning migrant workers and greater transparency in government spending.

Ten demonstrators who gathered near the prime minister's residence were arrested, police said.

Nepal imposed a nationwide lockdown on March 24 when the country had two confirmed coronavirus infections. The number of cases currently stands at 3,762 with 14 deaths. "The economy is in shambles, the government has pushed our health and the health system in crisis and they have been ineffective and incapable," Jagannath Lamichhane, a mental health expert who took part in the protest, told AFP.

Tens of thousands of migrant workers

have returned to Nepal from India and the Middle East after losing their jobs, overwhelming testing and quarantine facilities in border areas.

"The government had time and could have prepared much better. We were there to call on the government to do better," photographer Prajwal Bhattarai, 29, who was among those arrested, told AFP by telephone.

Nepal's coronavirus lockdown is scheduled to run until June 14.—AFP ■

## Death toll rises to 18 in Pakistan building collapse

KARACHI (Pakistan)—The death toll from a building collapse in Karachi rose to at least 18 on Tuesday, with the final count expected to increase further, Pakistani officials said.

The five-storey residential building housing about 40 apartments collapsed Sunday in the Lyari neighbourhood of southern Karachi. Officials say about 30 people were home at the time.

Authorities initially put the death toll at seven but on Tuesday, an additional 11 bodies were found in the debris. "So far, 18 bodies have been recovered," Sharjeel Kharal, the police chief

for Karachi's western district, told AFP. Muqaddas Haider, a senior police official, confirmed the toll and said six injured people had been rescued so far.

Roof and building collapses are common across Pakistan mainly because of poor safety standards and shoddy construction materials in the South Asian country of about 215 million people. In March, more than two dozen people died in a different Karachi neighbourhood when their apartment building collapsed. Regulators in the port city have earmarked about 150 residential and office buildings as dangerous and told residents to leave.

"We had issued notices to the residents of this building too as it was not worthy of living in," said Ali Mehdi, a senior official with the local building authority.—AFP ■



In this picture taken on 7 June 2020 rescue workers and residents search for victims in the rubble of a collapsed five-storey residential building in Karachi. PHOTO: AFP

#### Cambodia to probe Thai democracy activist's alleged disappearance

PHNOM PENH — Cambodian police said Tuesday they will investigate the alleged disappearance of a self-exiled Thai activist, denying any involvement in what a rights group claimed was an abduction.

Pro-democracy activist Wanchalearm Satsksit, a sharp critic of the Thai government, was dragged into a car in broad daylight last week in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh, according to Human Rights Watch, which cited witnesses and security camera footage. "I would like to confirm that Cambodian authorities and police did not arrest that individual," National Police spokesman Chhay Kim Khoeun told AFP, as fears mounted about the activist's safety.

"We are launching an investigation into it... it's not clear yet at what level this information (about his disappearance) is true."—AFP ■



## MPT Freestyle Football Challenge to conclude on 12 June

THE Freestyle Football Challenge, jointly organized by MPT and MNL, will finish on 12 June, according to the MNL's social media.

During the period of football matches banned due to COVID-19, the freestyle foot-

ball challenge was organized starting on 23 May for those who are interested in football including professional footballers, amateur players and football fans.

Participants in the football challenges must upload his/

her video via MPT web portal <http://mptfreestylefootball.com/>. Edited videos will not be qualified for the competitions.

Winners will be selected half by voting and another half by judges.—Kyaw Khin ■

## Sterling calls for more black managers in football

LONDON -- Manchester City star Raheem Sterling has urged English football to use the global anti-racism protests to initiate debates and find solutions regarding the lack of black representation in top leadership positions in the sport. Calling for racial justice, thousands of protesters have rallied across the UK, joining a wave of demonstrations sparked by the death of African American George Floyd at the hands of US police last month. England forward Sterling, who has previously been prominent in calling out racism in both the domestic and international game, is the latest sports star to lend his support to the protests.

"The protest is a great starting point, to make your voice be heard. But just protesting alone is not going to make a change in this country," Sterling said Monday in a BBC TV interview. "It's how we move on from here. It's about



Manchester City and England forward Raheem Sterling wants more opportunities to be given to black managers. PHOTO: AFP

highlighting things, the society that needs changing, and then acting upon it. We've done a lot of talking, and it's time now to act."

"This is a time to speak on these subjects, speak on injustice, especially in my field," he added.

Sterling pointed a finger at

the long-running disparity between the number of high-profile Black, Asian and minority ethnic players and the dearth of those who go on to hold significant managerial, coaching or administrative jobs.—AFP ■

## Bayern Munich target double repeat with Goretzka at the fore

BERLIN — Bayern Munich can take another step towards repeating last season's German league and cup double on Wednesday, with midfielder Leon Goretzka a player transformed since the coronavirus shutdown.

Bayern host Eintracht Frankfurt behind closed doors in the semi-finals of the German Cup, three days before they could conceivably wrap up an eight successive Bundesliga title.

Hansi Flick's side have won all five games since the league resumed last month following the coronavirus suspension, including a 5-2 rout of Wednesday's opponents Frankfurt.

Germany international Goretzka has been at the heart of Bayern's impressive displays, notching two goals and three assists since the restart.

"I feel very good at the moment," said Goretzka, who set up a goal for Kingsley Coman and then scored himself in Saturday's 4-2 win at Bayer Leverkusen.

The 25-year-old said he made the most of the unscheduled break to spend more time in the gym, giving Bayern extra muscle in midfield alongside the likes of Joshua Kimmich and Thiago Alcantara. "I haven't lost any speed, quite the opposite," said Goretzka, cited by Flick as the

catalyst behind Bayern's comeback win at Leverkusen last weekend.

"Leon was instrumental. With his physique, he has a huge presence on the pitch," said Flick.

"He set the tone that you need in a team when things are not going so well. He did that brilliantly."

Frankfurt upset Bayern in the 2018 German Cup final with a 3-1 victory in Berlin, but the Bavarians have already beaten Eintracht home and away in the league this season.—AFP ■

## 'Turbo Timo' Werner gives new-look Chelsea goal threat

LONDON — When Timo Werner seals his imminent move from RB Leipzig to Chelsea, the German's turbulent rise from national pariah to one of Europe's most feared forwards will be complete.

Chelsea are willing to meet the 60 million euro (£53 million, \$67 million) release clause in Werner's contract despite the economic crisis caused by coronavirus.

But for the pandemic, Werner could have been lining up for Liverpool next season after the 24-year-old admitted to being flattered by Jurgen Klopp's interest.

However, Liverpool, concerned by the financial fallout from the virus, were not willing to pay Werner's release clause before it expired this month.

So instead Chelsea are set to add some much-needed firepower to Frank Lampard's revamped attack next season.

The Germany international has scored 31 goals for Leipzig in all competitions this season, including four in five games since the Bundesliga returned last month.

Werner has already proved he can trouble Premier League defences. He played an influential role as Leipzig thrashed Tottenham in the Champions League last 16, bagging the only goal of the first leg from the penalty spot.

Michael Ballack knows exactly what it takes to shine in the Premier League after leaving Germany and the former Chelsea and Bayern Munich midfielder believes Werner has the qualities required to adapt to English football.

"I think it's a good decision for both sides.

For Timo, because he fits there, because the way (Chelsea) play football suits him," Ballack said.

"He is a robust player, is very fast, but he is also physically good in a duel and he will quickly get used to it."

The fanfare around Werner comes just two years after his reputation had taken a major hit amid World Cup misery and diving accusations.—AFP ■



Timo Werner is set to join Chelsea. PHOTO: AFP