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President U Win Myint addresses the Finance Commission meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

## President U Win Myint attends second meeting of Finance Commission in Nay Pyi Taw

**P**RESIDENT U WIN MYINT, Chairman of the Finance Commission, addressed the Finance Commission meeting 2/2019 held yesterday morning at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was attended by Finance Commission Vice-Chairmen, Vice-Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio, Commission Secretary Union Minister U Soe Win, Commission members the Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, the Union Auditor General U Maw Than, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, and Chief Ministers from states and regions and officials.

President U Win Myint said that the Finance Commission meeting 2/2019 was held for the second time, and the Finance Commission meeting 1/2019 was also held

on April 9, 2019, with a view to making reviews and approval of the fiscal year 2018-2019 supplementary budget requested by Union, States and Regions governments and fiscal year 2018-2019 Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill. The aim of the meeting was to amend and approve additional funds needed for development works in the states and regional governments.

The time to submit the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill was very close because it would be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by 30 April 2019. That was why discussion would be made to send it in a timely manner.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping as they meet at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. PHOTO: MNA

## State Counsellor meets Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, discusses bilateral cooperation

**S**TATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi departed for China from Nay Pyi Taw by flight yesterday to attend the Second Belt and Road Forum at the invitation of Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping and to pay a goodwill visit to Cambodia at the invitation of Prime Minister, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen.

Accompanying the State Counsellor were Union Ministers U Thant Sin Maung, U Win Khaing and U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Ministers U Aung Htoo and U Sett Aung, and other officials.

The State Counsellor and delegation landed at Chang Shui International Airport in Kunming City, Yunnan Province, at 11:20am local standard time. They

were welcomed by Yunnan's Deputy Governor Mr. Zhang Guohua, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang, the Myanmar Consul General based in Kunming and other officials.

The State Counsellor and delegation then left by special flight to Beijing and landed in Beijing International Airport at 2:45pm local time. They were welcomed by Mr. Cui Xinjian, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Beijing Municipal People's Congress, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lwin Ohn and other officials.

From there, the State Counsellor and delegation left for Shangri-La Hotel, where they will be staying, by motorcade.

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As for the States and Regions governments, it was of great importance to make the effective use of the additional funds for the welfare of the local populace while making an attempt to avoid bragging and showing off. The President urged the States and Regions governments to supervise and complete the work schemes within the allotted time and to meet the quality standard as well.

As it has already been said at the Finance Commission meeting 1/2019, the reminder would be made again that severe action will be taken against those who invite tenders that are not in conformity with the rules and regulations, and those who take advantage of loopholes in the tender system for their own benefit, said the President. This warning was given again so tender rules and processes should be followed accurately.

To sum up, the President urged that the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill, including the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Supplementary Budget Allotment, would be approved after having reviewed by the Finance Commission and concluded his remarks.

Next, Finance Commission Vice-Chairman, Vice-President U Myint Swe said that supplementary funds would be approved to carry out the implementation of the regional development in the states and regions. There were no amendments in the Supplementary



President U Win Myint delivers the opening address at the Finance Commission meeting 2/2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Budget of the Union-level ministries/organizations.

According to the budget of 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, there were K 21,868 billion for revived revenue, K 27188 billion for revised expenditure, K 105726 billion for GDP, K 5320 billion for the net deficit and 5.03 per cent for deficit ratio.

The Vice President requested the Commission to review and approve the required funding to spend the development of the states and regions, the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill, including the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Supplementary Budget Allotment, would be approved after having reviewed by the Finance Commission.

Then Finance Commission Vice-Chairman, Vice-President U Henry Van Thio said that the

supplementary budget K 121 billion and K 39 billion for Union Funds had been approved at Finance Commission meeting 1/2019 on 9 April, after securitizing it in accordance with the constitution, and which would be spent for the regional development of the states and regions. He added that K 40 billion would be granted to conduct the development works of the states and regions in 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Thus the total supplementary budgets for 2018-2019 Fiscal Years had amounted to K 161 billion and K 79 billion would be supplemented to the states and regions. He also submitted the Finance Commission to review and make an approval of it.

Financial Commission secretary Union Minister U Soe Win then explained about fiscal

year 2018-2019 union supplementary budget, revised budget and the Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill while Financial Commission members Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, state and region chief ministers discussed in support of the bill.

In delivering his concluding speech the President said the union government, state and regional governments were required to use the supplementary budget precisely according to laws, rules, financial regulations and procedures. And it must be audited systematically in the fiscal year 2018-2019 union supplementary budget, revised budget and the Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill would be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The capacity to evaluate

huge projects and producing progress reports were to be raised and developed. Works need to be done by the Union Government toward controlling the deficit amount and the difference between initial and revised GDP to deficit ratio.

The budget was to be estimated as accurately as possible and it would best if there were no requests for supplementary budget allocations.

As for the states and regions governments, efforts would be conducted to make the effective use of the supplementary funds for the development of their respective regions and which had been approved by the Finance Commission for 2018-2019 Fiscal Years. —MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein delivers the speech at the meeting of the Joint Committee to amend the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Constitution (2008) yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Joint Committee to amend 2008 Constitution holds meeting 11/2019

MEETING 11/2019 of the Joint Committee to amend the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Commit-

tee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee Secretary Dr. Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

“ I would firstly like to address the three branches of the sovereign power of the State, who have been entrusted with power according to the Constitution, to exercise mutual respect, understanding, and trust as they collaborate for the good of the people. Additionally, I wish to urge the media sector, which serve as the ears and eyes of the public, to understand the seriousness of their duties and to hold in high regard the public sector that they serve.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

“ Let us strive collectively for the emergence of a just and free nation— a nation which will guarantee equal rights and equality, a nation which practices a pure ideology.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of NLD Government on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018)

## State Counsellor meets Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, discusses bilateral cooperation

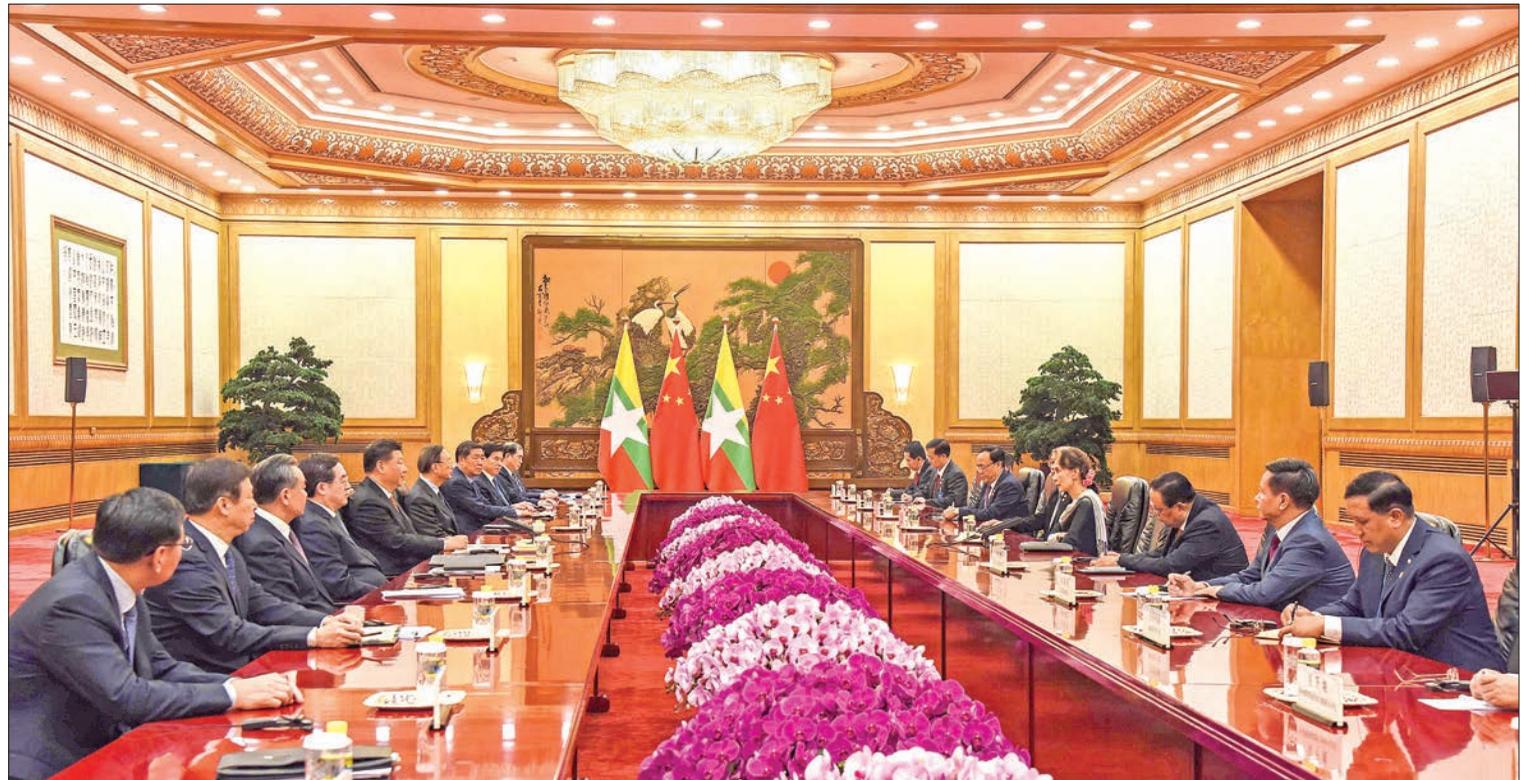
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Afterwards, the State Counsellor and delegation went to the Great Hall of the People and attended the bilateral meeting with Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping and his entourage.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed increasing cooperation between Myanmar and China under the Belt and Road framework, increasing cooperation on improving socio-economic status of the peoples of the two countries in line with that program, and promoting bilateral relations.

They also discussed China's continued support on Myanmar's peace and national reconciliation, regional stability and rule of law, and continuing endeavours for the success of receiving displaced persons in Rakhine State and China's continued support for this process.

Furthermore, they discussed the two nation's continued cooperation at the UN and the



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds the bilateral meeting with Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping at Great Hall of the People in China.

PHOTO: MNA

international arena, increasing cooperation in various sectors such as tourism, news and public relations, culture and youth development in 2020 when My-

anmar-China diplomatic relations would reach its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and China's plans to lend 1 billion yuan to the Myanmar government for its national development and

technical cooperation.

Accompanying the State Counsellor in the bilateral meeting were Union Ministers U Thant Sin Maung, U Win Khaing and U

Kyaw Tin, Deputy Ministers U Aung Htoo and U Sett Aung, Myanmar Ambassador U Thit Lwin Ohn and other officials. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations attends the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' Retreat in Phuket, Thailand

U THAUNG TUN, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations attended the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' Retreat (25<sup>th</sup> AEM Retreat) held in Phuket, Thailand on 22-23 April 2019.

The meeting was attended by the ministers and representatives from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and the Secretary-General of ASEAN and chaired by Ms. Chutima Bunyaprasara, Acting Minister and Deputy Minister of Commerce of Thailand.

At the meeting, Ministers discussed the implementation of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), including ASEAN digital transformation, monitoring and evaluation of AEC,



Union Minister U Thaung Tun and ASEAN Ministers pose for the documentary photo at the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' Retreat in Phuket, Thailand. PHOTO: MNA

conclusion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) in 2019 and WTO Reforms.

The Union Minister highlighted the current status of AEC implementation in Myanmar, readiness of ASEAN Mem-

ber States in regards to the 4th Industrial Revolution and the importance of a rules - based multilateral trading system and

revitalization of the WTO. The Minister also confirmed Myanmar's readiness to receive the AEC monitoring and evaluation country visit in 2019.

The ASEAN Economic Ministers also held consultations with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) on 22 April 2019. The Ministers were briefed by the ASEAN-BAC on councils priorities in 2019.

The ASEAN Member Countries which had completed their domestic procedures signed the ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement (ATISA) and the Fourth Protocol to amend the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA).—MNA

## Senior General visits media agencies, attends dinner hosted by Russian Deputy Defence Minister

DURING his goodwill visit to Russia, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, gave an interview to a reporter from Zvezda TV channel at Radisson Collection Hotel yesterday.

Next, the Senior General visited the Main Direction of National Information Agency Russia and observed the workplace in progress. The Senior General then responded to questions from reporters of Russia Today.

In the afternoon, the Senior General met with Tatmadaw officers attending postgraduate, PhD, and Doctor of Science courses in Russia at the Radisson Collection Hotel.

The Senior General then

handed over food and cash prizes to representatives of officers who were attending schools. He then met cordially with each of the officers.

In the evening, the Senior General attended a dinner reception hosted by the Russian Deputy Minister of Defence, Colonel General Alexander V. Fomin, for the delegations participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> Moscow Conference on International Security. After the dinner, the Senior General and delegation took a scenic cruise on the Moscow River, according to news released from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing observes the office of Main Direction of National Information Agency Russia. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C**

## Mandalay hosts 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye poses for documentary photo with attendees of the 34th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management and its Related Meetings. **PHOTO: MNA**

MYANMAR hosted the 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management and its related meetings at the Hilton Hotel in Mandalay yesterday.

The ASEAN anthem was first played and the meeting was opened with a speech by Dr. Win Myat Aye, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

In his speech, the Union Minister said ASEAN countries value close relations and cooperation among each other and ASEAN has existed with these two principles for over 40 years. He expressed his condolence to the victims of the recent earthquakes in the Philippines. He said records show that there were 1,604 disasters over the

ASEAN region between 2012 to 2019.

While the ASEAN region is easily prone to disasters, international experts have pointed out that Indonesia, the Philippines and Myanmar, who are most susceptible to disasters, have noticeably raised their ability to respond to them, said the Union Minister.

He said Myanmar always cooperates with between relevant organizations at home, in the region, and around the world with managing disasters. He said it is an honour for Myanmar to host the ASEAN meetings and expressed his belief that the meetings, which will be conducted over the course of three days, will produce beneficial results that will make the ASEAN community more resilient to disasters.

Another separate speech followed the Union Minister, by the Mandalay Region Minister for Natural Resources and Environment. He said Mandalay Region has numerous cultural heritages with a prestigious history and it is important to protect them from disasters.

He said authorities are writing up necessary procedures to counter the frequent disasters in Mandalay Region and are also implementing them on the ground. He said preventive measures against disasters

require the cooperation of civil society organizations as well.

This was followed by a speech from Mr. Kung Phoak, the Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, after which everyone took a documentary photo together.

Afterwards, a UNESCAP study titled – ‘Ready for the Dry Years: Building Resilience to Drought in South-East Asia’ – was launched.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management and its related meetings are scheduled from 24 to 26 April. High-level representatives of ASEAN countries, the Office of the ASEAN Secretary-General, the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), ASEAN+3 countries, and various organizations under the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community are attending the meetings. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Vessels operating between Myeik, Kyunsu jetties inspected

THE authorities inspected vessels plying between the Myeik and Kyunsu jetties in Taninthayi Region on Tuesday for compliance with the prescribed rules and regulations.

Motor vessels operate be-

tween the jetties of Myeik and Kyunsu towns thrice a day. The number of locals and visitors to Kyunsu who rely on the vessels for transport has increased. Officials inspected the vessels to ensure passenger safety and

smooth transportation. They inspected vessels for life jackets, life rafts, life-saving equipment, and fire extinguishers (DCP). — Sithura Aung (Kyunsu) ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)



Photo: SithuraAung(Kyunsu)

# Senior General attends 8<sup>th</sup> Moscow Conference on International Security



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing discusses the Indo-Pacific Region's global status at the 8<sup>th</sup> Moscow Conference on International Security. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

AT the invitation of the Russian Minister of Defence, Army General Sergey Kuzhugotovich Shoygu, and Russia-Myanmar Military Technological Cooperation Committee, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, attended the opening ceremony of the 8<sup>th</sup> Moscow Conference on International Security in Moscow, Russia, yesterday.

The opening ceremony began with speeches by the Russian Defence Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister, and Lieutenant General Carlos Loitey, the Military Adviser to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations Office of Military Affairs.

The first plenary session then commenced with the title 'Security in Modern World: Regional and Global Factors and Trends' and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing discussed under the topic 'Military Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific Region and Prospective Regional Security'.

In his discussion, the Senior General said the Indo-Pacific Region was geographically crucial for global development and opportunities but faces complications concerning security and stability.

He said the global interest in the Indo-Pacific Region rose in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as it constituted countries that have the strongest military, economy, democracy and with some of the largest population such as China, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Indonesia.

The Senior General said the actions of some countries to dominate the Indo-Pacific Region via military strength has caused worries among the countries of the region. He said transporting crude oil and natural gases was the most important task for all countries and since it mainly passes through the Indian Ocean, the region has gained economic importance.

The Senior General said international cooperation has reduced piracy in the region to some extent but it still remained as a threat to marine transportation. He said human trafficking and illegal drug trade were still being prevalent in the region as transnational crime. He said these issues all created a complex threat in the Indo-Pacific Region.

The Senior General said implementing stability in the region and promoting good military cooperation would require setting rules based on the sov-

ereignty, administrative unit and equality of all countries within the region.

Afterwards, the Senior General met separately with the Russian Defence Minister and discussed the process of the conference, promoting bilateral and military relations between Myanmar and Russia, and further cooperation.

On 23 April, the Senior General and Tatmadaw officials including Lt-Gen Min Naing of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) visited the Patriot Park in Kubinka.

Lt-Col Tin Bhone Kyaw, who received his Doctor of Science from Russia and compiled the book 'Making Decisions in Air Traffic Control', was invited as an aviation security expert to the conference on international security.

Similarly, Colonel Myo Kyaw Thu from the National Defence College was also invited to the conference to discuss under the title "Color" Revolutions and "Hybrid" Warfare, General and Specific Features', according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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## Heads of service organizations appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Myo Swe Deputy Director-General Directorate of Communications Ministry of Transport and Communications	Director-General Directorate of Communications Ministry of Transport and Communications
(2) U Win Naing Deputy Director-General Department of Ethnic Literature and Culture Ministry of Ethnic Affairs	Director-General Department of Ethnic Literature and Culture Ministry of Ethnic Affairs

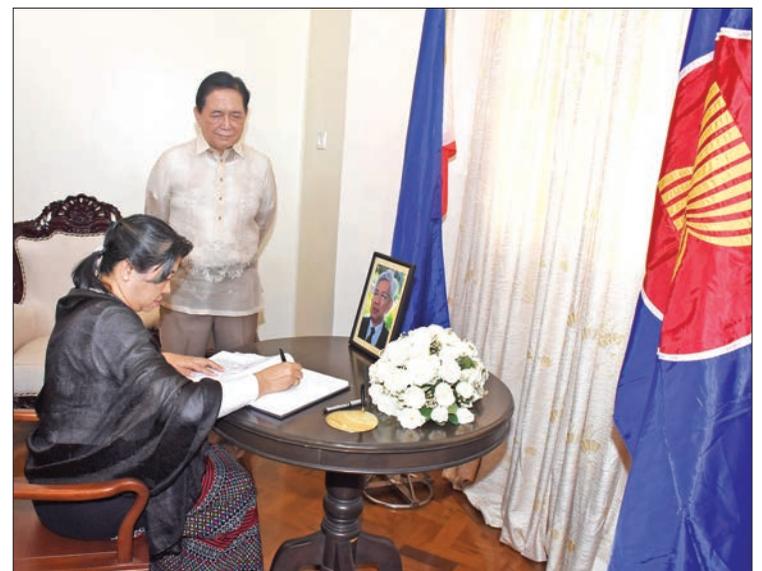
## Filipino embassy holds memorial service for former ASEAN chief Rodolfo Severino

THE Embassy of the Philippines held a memorial service yesterday for former ASEAN Secretary-General Hon. Rodolfo C. Severino who passed away last Friday. He served the position from 1998 to 2002.

Thi Soe of the Strategic Studies and Training Department, under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, signed in the book of condolence for the late diplomat.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Director-General Daw Kay



Director-General Daw Kay Thi Soe writes condolence for former ASEAN Secretary-General Hon. Rodolfo Severino who passed away on 19 April. **PHOTO: MNA**

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**Chinese Docudrama team shoots in archipelago sites in Kawthoung**

A team of Chinese Docudrama shot documentary and travelogue films about social life, and natural scene archipelago sites in Kawthoung from 21 to 23 April.

The Chinese docudrama team, conducted shooting the beautiful scenes on a span of Kawthoung islands, including the Satan, the Nyaung U Phee, the Pheelar, the Myin Khwar, the Cocks Comb, where they shot the Variety Show Program in cooperation with Exploring Myanmar Culture & Tourism Organizations.

From 1 to 3 April, the Chinese Docudrama shot documentary films at the Shwezigon pagoda, the Ananda pagoda, the Tharabar Gate and the Minisithu market in Bagan. They continued their documentary films in the Shan State (South), staying at the Novotel Hotel in Inle region, performances at the Inle Dreaming Music Festival, selling fried chicken at the Nyaungshwe market on 5-7



Chinese Docudrama team shooting scenes of Kawthoung's islands. PHOTO: MYO MYINT AUNG (FDC)

April. They then took documentary films about the pilgrims of the Shwedagon Pagoda, Yangon Splash Walk Thingyan around the Maha Bandoola Park and the Kandawgyi Park, prepara-

tory works and arrangements of the Harky Restaurant and the Burma Bistro Restaurant between 15 and 20 April.

With a view to attracting foreign film companies to the

country, the Ministry of Information has reduced the service charges for filming since 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019.— Myo Myint Aung (FDC)

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

**One US citizen, two Myanmar nationals detained for marijuana plantation in Mandalay Region Industrial Park**

THE Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control-CCDAC announced yesterday that a US citizen and two Myanmar people have been detained for operating a marijuana plantation in Myotha Industrial Park in Ngazun Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region.

The US citizen is identified as Mr. John Fredric Todoroki, 63, but another man Mr. Alexander Skemp Todoroki, 49, is at large.

The two Myanmar nationals namely Shein Latt, 37, and Ma Shun Le Myat Noe, 23, were arrested together with Mr. John Fredric under the Anti-Narcotics Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to the CCDAC.

A combined team comprising of police from Mandalay, officials from the Chemical Inspection Department (Mandalay) and the Food

and Drug Administration Department, Drug-Enforcement Division from Mandalay inspected the plantation on 22 April.

They found that about 349,300 marijuana plants, 5,200 seedlings, 380 kilos of marijuana seeds, 1,804 g of marijuana oil, one litre of formic acid, 45.6 litres of ethanolic liquid, 22.8 litres of alcohol, six litres of Bio Maxs liquid, 5 litres of Acetone, 5 litres of Acetonitrile, 3 litres of Concert Water, 12.5 litres of Methanol, 500 g of ammonium phosphate and two vehicles, over 270 kilo of marijuana and accessories.

According to the ministry, about 20 acres of land for plantation were leased from Mandalay Myotha Industrial Development Public Co.,Ltd (MMID) by U.S. citizens John Fredric, Thomas and Alexander Skemp.—GNLM



(From Left to Right) Shein Latt, Mr. John Fredric Todoroki, Ma Shun Le Myat Noe. PHOTO: CCDAC



Marijuana plantation at Myotha Industrial Park in Ngazun Township. PHOTO: CCDAC

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# Conquering TB by putting up a strong fight on the ground

**T**HE incidence of new tuberculosis cases in Myanmar has reached 358 for every 100,000 people, and the number of deaths stands at 51, according to data from a nationwide project launched in 2018 to fight TB.

While statistics show the annual rate of TB cases has declined to 3.5 per cent, Myanmar is still on the list of 30 countries most affected by TB.

In 2018, the Ministry of Health and Sports provided treatment to over 135,000 TB patients, and recorded an 87 per cent rate of success in nationwide medical care. The ministry's mobile medical teams carried out field trips to diagnose and treat TB patients, reaching areas which were difficult to access, along with factories and prisons.

The Ministry of Health and Sports cannot fight TB alone. It will take the combined strength of the concerned ministries and departments, international non-governmental organizations, local NGOs, and civil society organizations to rid the country of this contagious disease.

It was found that over 50 per cent of TB patients are aged 50 and above. The figures from the survey indicate the country has managed to control TB infections to a certain extent.

of recurring TB patients, said the Union Minister.

The treatment deficit for MDRTB was 43 per cent in 2012, but was reduced significantly to 17 per cent by 2017.

There are three BSL-3 TB labs in Yangon, Mandalay, and Taunggyi that perform scans for MDRTB. There are also 86 Gene-Xpert module machines available for rapid diagnostic testing for MDRTB across the country.

The Nationwide TB Prevalence Survey 2017-2018 was carried out from October, 2017, to September, 2018. According to the survey, 73 per cent of TB patients are men.

It was found that over 50 per cent of TB patients are aged 50 and above. The figures from the survey indicate the country has managed to control TB infections to a certain extent.

When we draw up a strategy to fight TB for 2021-2025, it is important we make plans that can be carried out on the ground on the basis of continual evaluation and research.



# Ministry of Home Affairs: Ensuring national security, strengthening law enforcement, maintaining community peace and tranquillity and providing social services for the people

“The real-time command centres were established with hot lines, CCTVs and related accessories at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon Region and Mandalay Region to prevent and respond quickly to crimes. Personnel were on duty round the clock to respond to information provided by the people.”

U Khaing Tun Oo, Acting Permanent Secretary



Acting Permanent Secretary U Khaing Tun Oo.

By Min Min Zaw (MNA)  
Photos : Maung Pho Zaw

**D**URING the government's three years of reform processes Ministry of Home Affairs was implementing the four aims of ensuring national security, strengthening law enforcement, maintaining community peace and tranquillity and carrying out social services for the public.

Acting Permanent Secretary U Khaing Tun Oo said General Administration Department of the ministry was transferred to Ministry of Office of the Union Government on 28 December 2018 and the ministry was now implementing its aims with Union Minister's Office, Myanmar Police Force, Bureau of Special Investigation, Correctional Department and Fire Services Department.

In line with the changing times and conditions, Myanmar Police Force was amending the laws to protect the people. New police stations and posts were

established while old ones were expanded and upgraded. Arrangements were made to prevent crimes and respond quickly if any occurs. It had also cooperated with International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and conducted works to eradicate drugs and prevent human trafficking.

Of the 22 laws with which Myanmar Police Force was carrying out its functions 1 was amended, 2 was repealed and new laws enacted in its place, 8 were being readied to be repealed while new laws were drawn up, 1 was being amended, 1 was being readied to be amended and 2 new laws were drawn up, said U Khaing Tun Oo.

Two district police stations, 17 area police stations and six police posts were newly formed. Reforms were conducted in police stations so that all were in accord with human rights norms and instructions issued to interrogate suspects according to law without mistreatment or torture. Failure to follow these instructions would result in action taken according to police regulations.

For security along Myanmar-Bangladesh border, 26 flag meetings between the border forces were held. From 2016 to 2019 Border Guard Police (BGP) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) conducted a total of 216 coordinated land patrols and 61 coordinated naval patrols.

The real-time command centres were established with hot lines, CCTV and related accessories at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon Region and Mandalay Region to



File photo shows police members, firefighters and local residents rescued flood victims.

prevent and respond quickly to crimes. Personnel were on duty round the clock to respond to information provided by the people. In order to conduct crime investigation scientifically a new DNA Department was formed on 30 January 2018. Crime prevention strategy was drawn up and implemented. A national strategy on combating money laundering and terrorism financing was also drafted.

INTERPOL, ASEANPOL, Europol and country wise police forces were contacted and cooperated on cross border crimes, environmental crimes, human trafficking and other crimes. Myanmar-Bangladesh border liaison office (BLO) and Myanmar-China border liaison office was opened and arrangements were underway to open a total of 11 BLOs.

The Law on 1993 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances was amended on 14 February 2018 to be in line with international norms. Drug eradication programs were drawn up and eradication works on opium and drug were conducted. Opium fields were destroyed. Due to planting of replacement crops for opium and conservation of forests, opium planting decline 9.1% in 2018.

During the three year period 11 programs were drawn up and implemented in states and regions resulting in opening of 2,383 cases and 3,339 arrests.

Effective actions were taken

to prevent human trafficking. 510 cases were opened, 1,458 human traffickers arrested and 889 trafficked victims rescued.

The major tasks of Bureau of Special Investigation (BSI) are exposing economic crimes, corruption of government servants, collecting information on national security and conducting works

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beneficial to the people. These were implemented through assessments, investigations, providing legal advices, opening court cases, collecting news and information and cooperating in security works. Throughout the three year period BSI investigated a total of 528 cases related to economic crimes and corruption of government servants. The cases were assigned to BSI by Ministry of Home Affairs and Central Control Board on Money Laundering and BSI also participated as a member in investigation teams formed by State and Region governments. The cases investigated include 136 related to economic crimes and 159 cases related to public servants breaking laws, rules and procedures, said the acting Permanent Secretary.

During the government's three year reform period prisons and detentions centres were expanded, food allowance appropriate for the time were provided, health information and other information provided, support provided to continue their education while serving sentences and allowance provided to released prisoners to cover their return journey to their respective homes.

In addition to working toward changing and improving of the moral and characters of the prisoners and detainees, provide vocational training and support their return back to society, the department had conducted reforms that were in line with international human rights norms. To reduce space limitations for prisoners

and detainees, 2 more prisons and 2 more detention centres were constructed during the three year period. 3 prisons and a detention centre were expanded.

Food allowances for prisoners and detainees were increased to K 975 and K 1,000 per day respectively. Travel allowance of K 35 per mile and a food allowance of K 1,000 per day were provided to those who had served their sentences and were released. 50-bed hospitals were constructed at central jails such as Insein, Mandalay and Tharawady while a TB ward was constructed in Insein. All were to treat the prisoners. Treatment in the prison hospitals and clinics were provided by department's in-house physicians while specialists from People's Hospitals were also occasionally invited to provide treatments. Health knowledge and information were also provided to the prisoners in cooperation with outside physicians, specialists and international organizations.

As for continuing the prisoner's formal education, in education year 2015-2016, 19 prisoner candidates sits for matriculation examination out of which 11 passed. Among those were 2 that passed with one distinction each. In academic year 2016-2017, 16 out of 41 who sit passed out of which there were one who passed with three distinctions and 5 who passed with one distinction. A total of 171

in this education year 2018-2019. In pursuing distance university education, there was one attending first year course during academic year 2016-2017. There were 9 attending first year of the course, 3 attending second year of the course and one attending third year of the course during academic year 2017-2018. In academic year 2018-2019 there were 15 attending first year of the course, 8 attending second year of the course, 4 attending third year of the course and 1 attending fourth year of the course, said U Khaing Tun Oo.

Fire Services Department is taking measures to guard lives and properties against fire and natural disasters, participate in rescue work in time of emergency and conduct works that benefit the people.

Fire Services Department was upgraded to be in line with times and conditions so that search and rescue works can be conducted when natural and other disasters occur. The capacity



Police distributing water to local residents during summer time.

of the Fire Services Department

personnel and volunteers were upgraded by sending them to fire and natural disaster courses locally as well as internationally. They were also sent to management and management support courses, technical courses and ICT courses.

Fire Services Department was conducting fire safety and natural disaster mitigation works and during the three year period it had provided inspection and consultancy services on 6,831 high rise buildings. It was able to earn more than K 13 million inspection and consultancy fees.

Under the Official Development Assistance (ODA) program of European Union and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), modern fire fighting vehicles, search and rescue vehicles and support vehicles totalling 75 with accessories were bought to upgrade the department while department personnel were also sent to attend training courses at Poland fire fighting university.

During the three year period there were 4,985 search and rescue works in incidents of natural disasters that resulted in 1,765 deaths and 7,361 injured. A total of 121,329 houses were destroyed and assistances were provided to 303,763 persons, said U Khaing Tun Oo. With the aim to benefit the people Ministry of Home Affairs will be implementing its duties and responsibilities according to prevailing laws and rules.

(Translated by Handytips)



Myanmar Police members donate blood at a hospital.



Inmates attend the short training course at the Pathein Correctional Center.

# Ayeyawady Regional Government: Performing duty for socioeconomic development of the people

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U Hla Moe Aung, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung.

By: Thi Thi Min  
Photos: Aye Than

**A**YEYAWADY REGIONAL Government has accomplished many during their third year in the government—agricultural and industrial developments, increased access to electricity, improving public transportation and the boom of tourism. There were milestones accomplished as well as challenges overcome (or still in the process of overcoming) in the previous year. We met up with U Hla Moe Aung, Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Regional Government to discuss about the past accomplishments and future plans for the region.

**Q: What are some investment programs in the region right now?**

**A:** In terms of investments, there are 14 foreign investment companies, 26 local investment companies totaling up till US \$78 million and Kyats 498,935 million with 10,788 jobs created. There are also plans to build a port along with a port city as well as a beach in Nga Yoke Kaung Town as well as another port in Shwe Thauung

Yan. Another objective is to be able to create a coastal road from Nga Pu Taw town up to Gwa, Rakhine. The regional government is currently seeking investors for such projects.

**Q: There have been talk regarding creating more industrial zones in the Ayeyawady Region. Can you tell us a little bit about that?**

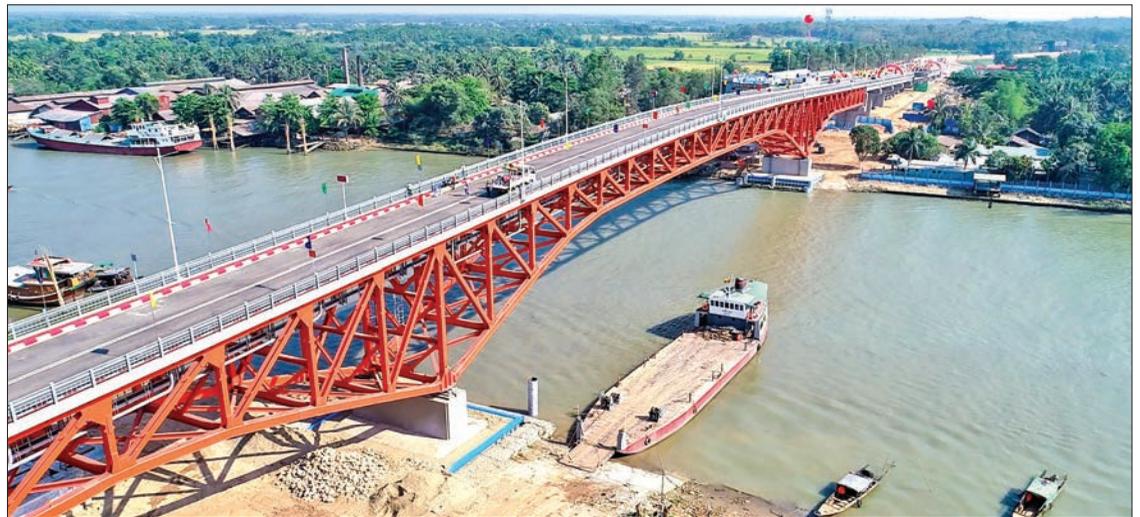
**A:** There is currently an industrial zone project with plans for up to 50 factories being built within the two years. It is expected to create about 1 million opportunities after the project is completed in 2020. Businesses in the Maubin industrial zone just got their permits as well and is expected to start soon. For Nyaungdon industrial area, the investors are applying for permits according to existing rules and procedures.

**Q: What are the main agricultural developments in the region?**

**A:** The Ayeyawady Region is known for Rice bowl of Myanmar. There are 3.7 million acres of rice paddies for export in the rainy season and 1.4 million acres in the summer. These were able to produce 226 million baskets of rice in the 2018-2019 year.

One challenge we had was a case of Fall Army Worms on over 40,000 acres of corn farms. With the combined efforts of the union government and the regional government, we were able to provide pesticides and fertilizers.

**Q: Can you tell us about the efforts in redistributing confiscated land to the farmers?**



An aerial view of new Myaungmya bridge in Ayeyawady Region.



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the opening ceremony of new Myaungmya bridge in Ayeyawady Region.

**A:** Out of the 100,462 acres that were confiscated, we were able to return 100,334 acres back to the farmers. The rest are in process to be redistributed as well. During the Peasant's Day celebrations on 2 March 2019, our Vice President U Henry Van Thio handed 6603 acres to 1102 farmers whose land was confiscated. We also invited up to 3000 farmers last year for a tradeshow up to 55 merchants showcasing the latest development in agricultural tech.

**Q: What about efforts regarding drainage and water management as well livestock farming?**

**A:** We managed to build irrigation systems to save up 893,000 acres from floods last year by building trenches and dam in nearby regions with over Kyats 990 million from the Union Budget. There were over 187,286 acres of fishery/prawn farms for around 187,286 acres in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We are also helping farmers and

livestock owners with taking care of their animals such as vaccinations and feed. There were also animal safe land and shelter built to help ease the burden on the farmers.

**Q: What about transportation within the region?**

**A:** During the third year of the incumbent government, there were up till 298 miles of new roads, as well as over 1986 feet of concrete bridges constructed. The 2723 feet Steel Truss Deck Type bridge in Myaungmya was also opened for transport vehicles this April 2019. The 2380 feet Patheingyi Bridge is also currently in construction with plans to open it by August 2020.

**Q: What about access to electricity?**

**A:** We added 26 townships, 3 towns and 768 villages to the grid along with solar power systems installed in 1491 villages. Substations are also being built in Kyite Latt, Nga Yoke Kaung and Ngwehsaung

as well. In Shwe Thauung Yan, the LNG to Power Plant is starting to take shape and is set to be the biggest power plant in Myanmar when completed, providing up to 1390 MWs. Hopefully, not only will this plant be able to supply the whole region with electricity, the excess may be able to supply the national grid as well.

**Q: Can you tell us about the public communication efforts?**

**A:** There is an additional 763 mobile shelters within the past three years from 2016-2019 in 6 areas. Children Literary Festivals were held annually at different cities as well to encourage kids to pick up reading as a habit, expanding their knowledge. The City Development Committee was also able to buy 33 vehicles, 57 machines costing Kyats 2378 million in efforts to renovate and expand city development efforts.



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung and officials cut ribbon to open the ceremony of new Myaungmya bridge in Ayeyawady.



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi opens the new Myaungmya Bridge in Ayeyawady Region.

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**Q: What were some ways to increase tourism in the area?**

**A:** There were 86 licenses for hotels and motels with more than 3000 rooms approved within the past three years. There was a 48 percent increase in the number of tourists coming in the country as well. The Yangon-Pathin route for flights recently opened December 2018 to help accommodate travelers who prefer to take a flight. There are four bus routes per week bringing tourists to the Ngwe Hsaung, Chaung Tha area.

**Q: Lastly, can you explain to us on efforts regarding disaster preparedness as well as health and education develop-**

**ments?**

**A:** We were able to support up to 80,000 households providing up to Kyats 2,400 million as support in the past three years. We also rebuilt 800 houses in 3 townships for disaster preparation as well as help 2700 houses stock up on emergency equipment/food. There were also 62 Cyclone Shelters, Multipurpose shelters and School Shelters built with 48 renovated.

For education, there were a total of 13345 additional schools built with 1478 renovated and upgraded. There were over 3000 new teachers hired to fill in the gaps of the teaching forces as well as 76 new testing stations for the matriculation exam. In the

health field, hospitals in the area got new equipment such as the CT Scan in addition to the new departments (such as the cancer and new emergency response departments). There are district health workers that are formed into pods that manages donation funds to distribute food, medicine and health supplements for breastfeeding mothers. Lastly, we are working towards giving 100% free treatment for tuberculosis, rabies patients and children of under five years of age.

The Ayeyawady Regional Government is working its hardest towards giving the public the best living standards as possible for their well being. *(Translated by Myat Thu)*

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## Destruction of rice in Côte d'Ivoire will not affect exports: MoC

By Nyein Nyein

THE destruction of a consignment of rice by officials at Côte d'Ivoire last Wednesday will have no impact on Myanmar's rice export market, according to a press release from the Ministry of Commerce.

In spite of the incident at Côte d'Ivoire, Myanmar exported 27,995 tons of rice to African countries between 1 and 19 April 2019. During the same period, 1,190 tons of rice and 1,150 tons of broken rice were shipped to Asian countries, and 15,271 tons of rice and 19,010 tons of broken rice were sent to the European market. On 17 April, officials from Côte d'Ivoire, a West African Country, destroyed 18,000 tons of Myanmar rice, after declaring it unfit for human consumption, according to reports in the foreign media.

During an investigation into the incident, the Commerce Ministry found that the rice that was destroyed was supplied by three Myanmar companies — 13,500 tons by the Shwe Wah Yaung Company, 8,000 tons by the Myanmar Economic Corporation Co. Ltd, and 500 tons by the Ayeyahinth Company. The rice was traded under an FOB (free-on-board) agreement.

The MV Ocean Princess docked at the Yangon Port on 20 August, 2018, and it left Myanmar with the shipment of rice on 12 September, after passing a quality check conducted by the Bureau Veritas Company. The ship unloaded 4,000 tons of rice at the Port of Conakry, but the rice was rejected as some rice bags were found to be underweight. The ship then left for Togo, which also refused the shipment. Thereafter, the ship was berthed at the Abidjan Port of Côte d'Ivoire. Representatives from the buyer, Olam International Co. Ltd, met with officials from the Commerce Ministry on 19 February, and the ministry issued three import licences for 'repair and return

shipment' of 18,104.55 tons of rice.

The Commerce Ministry was planning to inspect the shipment after it was returned. However, the ship failed to come back to Myanmar, and foreign media reported that officials at Côte d'Ivoire destroyed the rice as it was found to be unfit for consumption, thereby affecting the country's reputation, according to the press release. On 23 April, a coordination meeting for establishing a firm international market and promoting rice exports was held, which was attended by officials from the Ministry of Commerce, related ministries, representatives from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Myanmar Rice Federation, local companies, and those companies which perform quality testing. The companies which exported the rice have been in business for years, and the companies which conducted a quality inspection did not find any issues before shipment, and the rice was shipped in line with international rules and regulations, said U Ye Min Aung.

Myanmar's rice was purchased under an FOB system, and it was more than seven months before the rice was unloaded, according to the press release. The decline in quality might be attributed to high humidity levels during shipping, it added. "Three Myanmar companies sold the rice under an FOB agreement, under which, the buyer is liable for any risk once it is loaded onto the ship. In this case, there was no damage or financial loss to the exporter companies and they cannot be held responsible," according to the press release. A team comprising officials from the exporter companies, Bureau Veritas Company, and rice buyer Olam International Co. Ltd will investigate the matter further; the press release stated. ■ (Trns: EMM)

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## Strong winds, torrential rain damage buildings, vehicles in Tachilek

STRONG winds and torrential rain along with hail-stones damaged some buildings and vehicles in Tachilek Township in the evening on 23 April.

"It was extremely hot the whole day. But, in the evening, starting from around 5:30 p.m, the wind began to blow and it soon picked up speed. The roofs of 15 houses were damaged in Lwedawkham while the roof of a workshop near the Parhlan staff quarter was blown away. Some trees also fell near the Myoma market. Fortunately, no one was injured. Some areas experienced a power outage around the same time.

There were torrential showers around 5:45 p.m. This is the first time such heavy downpour has been seen in Tachilek, said U Myo Kyaw Soe, a local.

In addition, strong winds damaged the roof of a school in Hsan Lu Village in Lwedawkham village-tract, and a building housing an old age home near Lwedawkham Bridge, according to locals. No one was injured as locals managed to rescue the elderly dwellers in time.

The authorities are still preparing a list of the damage and calculating the losses incurred.—Maung Yin Kyay ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)



Houses and vehicles damaged by strong winds and hailing in Tachilek Township on 23 April. PHOTO: MAUNG YIN KYAY

### Canada oil sands CO<sub>2</sub> emissions hugely underestimated: study

OTTAWA (Canada) — Canada's oil sands CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are significantly higher than indicated by industry data collected using internationally recommended methods, according to a study published Tuesday.

Environment Canada scientists flying over the region took atmospheric measurements and found CO<sub>2</sub> emission intensities up to 123 per cent higher than current estimates. Their findings were published in the journal *Nature Communications*. "This leads to 64 per cent higher annual GHG emissions from surface mining operations, and 30 per cent higher overall oil sands GHG emissions (17 Mt) compared to that reported by industry, despite emissions reporting which uses the most up to date and recommended bottom-up approaches," said the study, referring to greenhouse gases. The current method of calculating emissions uses a combination of ground measurements based on fuel usage and mathematical modelling. This includes emissions from mining, processing, upgrading and tailings ponds. Because similar reporting methods are used across the entire oil and gas sector, the scientists concluded that all oil and gas CO<sub>2</sub> emissions data "may be more uncertain than previously considered."—AFP ■

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# State's reliable workers with **hardworking** and **initiative**

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**N**OWADAYS, all global countries are placing an emphasis on creation of employment opportunities for their citizens. Employment plays a key role in improving social economic status of the majority of people and ensuring poverty alleviation. Likewise, systematic management of labour is of great importance in focusing on development of the State. It needs to emerge employment opportunities which should be actually created for job seekers. Continuous turning out of skilled labourers to develop human resources is a very basic need in modernizing the nation. As such, it needs to uplift the role of workers in order to ensure sustainable development of economy. In fact, skills and experiences of mas-

sive workers and their vigorous efforts are invaluable capabilities for the country.

All the workers participating in respective sectors of the State are striving for improving production capacity, achieving success in production and earning increased income. They all are manual labourers who are trying hard for continuously operating production industries. It is true that the country requires a large number of labourers in carrying out all-round development tasks. It needs to effectively deploy the strength of labourers. It is important that the skillful labourers should be deployed in the workplaces where actually require strength of labourers in order not to lose chains of experienced labourers. Only when the country turns out the high capable labourers having disciplines, will it be

a basic workplace

development system. It can be seen that labourers, a basic need in nation-building task, is important for implementing the developed human resource sector.

Many labourers throughout the world are working for serving interest of their countries and nationals. As they are following the reform process of economic system, they need to have creativity and capable qualification. At this juncture, it should not leave the veteran workers. Experiences and exposure of veteran workers can help save production time. Various industries are mushrooming in modern and developed nations. At the same time, all workplaces demand new labourers. Such a move eases work operations of employees as well as increases employment opportunities for the majority of labourers. They have rights of enjoying fruitful results of development together with all the people. Skillful workers have to enjoy rights of



A worker at a port in Yangon.



A construction site.



deserved salaries and fair rights. If employees and employers relate to each other with compassion, the workplaces will be peaceful worlds. Fulfilling health and social needs of labourers with sympathetic aid can help emerge mutual understanding between them.

Employees should understand difficulties of employers, and they all need to peacefully solve the necessary problems of labourers. Worksite safety is important for all workers.

Only when healthy and fit labourers are working at the workplaces, will production sector avoid less development. Creating the proper workplace in all fields will be encouragement for the massive workers.

These expectations can create chances for all workers to enjoy mental wellbeing although they face tiredness in workplaces.

Only when the entire labourers are healthy and fit with

capability, will economic sector of the State see sectoral development. Hence, the authorities should give encouragement to all labourers to be able to enjoy glittering dreams. Strength of the State should lie within the nation. Mental and physical power of workers at home is the most essential sound foundation to develop the nation. Today, shortages of labour are the hottest issue in agriculture sector of Myanmar. As the majority of labourers go abroad to seek jobs in overseas countries, the motherland loses strength of labour. On the other land, the labourers may face lesser amount of salaries than the deserved due to weakness in languages and lose rights in foreign countries.

As a gesture of appreciating the endeavours of the workers throughout the world, the International Workers' Day was designated on 1 May every year. The Workers' Day has been marked in global countries for many years in honour of workers.

The May Day or Workers' Day is a s i g -

nificant one for the massive labourers, expressing the unity among the workers. In reviewing the emergence of the Workers' Day, it started a conflict between employers and employees in the United States of America. At that time, every employee worked 20 hours per day. Lives of workers were at the bottom due to facing various difficulties and plights in factories and workshops. Those workers demanded the employers to set 10 hours per day as working hours. As employees bravely opposed all restrictions of employees, the formers finally set eight hours per day as working time with blossoming of the rights of labourers.

Workers need to dutifully carry out the assigned tasks with hardworking and goodwill under the disciplines. Their harmonious achievement will be based on specially abiding by workplace laws, rules and regulations, constantly learning advanced technologies to have better skills and giving a helping hand to each other as part of shaping the massive labourers in unison. In fact, employers are working partners of employees. Reciprocally, employees are mutual interest implementers of employers. Hence, the aforesaid two strata should be in unity and harmony in order to create development sound foundations for the State.

Tripartite good relations among the government, the employees

and the employees help emerge a stable and peaceful workplace.

The government is on the duty of enacting the labour law for enabling the workers to enjoy deserved rights and have worksite safety. As such, families including wives and offspring who rely on the workers will have to enjoy safety life in the future.

Based on diverse life situations, some persons are facing much difficulty. Two types of humans applying their physical and mental powers are working at various workplaces. Even their wives are working at home.

Their offspring who finished the learning of school education are working at respective fields in white colour status. At this juncture, those who could not reach the learning of school education are engaging in the worksites with the use of their physical power. Good livelihoods are harder in lives of labourers in order to earn income for their families all the year round. Deserved wage and salary are a great expectation of families of workers. Such a wage or salary should be powerful to defy the daily prices of commodities. It can be seen that income of a family member could not cover all family members of household. Incomes of employees should be sufficiency for their families in comparison with increasing number of population. Situation of over workload may cause a burden for worker with consequences of overload of jobs and unhappiness in workplaces which may lead to the mistakes in jobs.

So far, the laws and bylaws which can protect the rights of workers have been enacted in

the nation. Promulgating the laws and bylaws helps emerge employment opportunities. Consequently, workers will have to enjoy advantages of providing training to them in order to enhance their capacity and fairly solving labour disputes. These laws create links between employees and employers to enjoy rights of labourers and implement the better employer-employee relations.

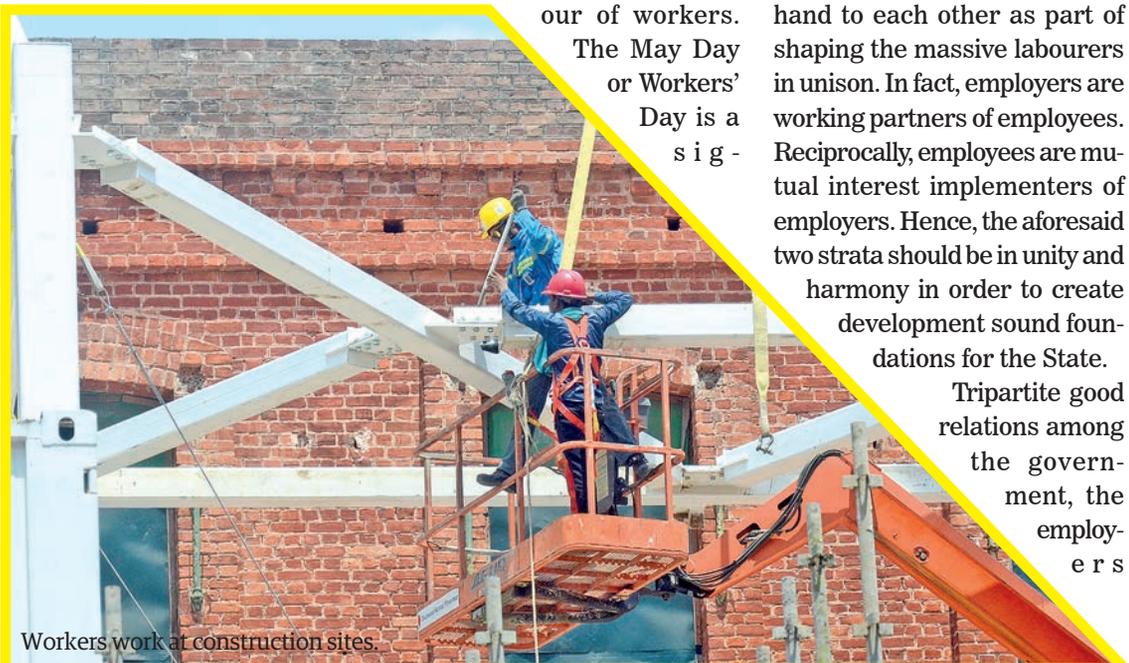
That is why it needs to manage freedom of migration for skilled workers among ASEAN countries. They need to work various types of livelihoods based on their physical and mental capabilities.

They have rights of engaging in the good livelihoods in an honest manner. Workplaces in various fields focusing on development tasks always require strength of labourers. Even industrialized countries are still deploying manpower in their workplaces.

It proves the prowess of massive labourers. Individual desires of workers who can join hands in realizing the economic paradigm of the State is still taking a leading role.

Employers and employees should make negotiations not to lose deserved rights for them. As such, as spirits of hardworking, creation, innovation and initiative will be improving among the workers, the role of workers should be dubbed as "State's reliable workers with hardworking and initiative" as a gesture of honouring the Workers' Day which falls on 1 May.

(Translated by Than Tun Aung)



Workers work at construction sites.



Workers processing fish at a marine product industry.

Workers in a garment factory. PHOTOS: PHOENIX

## MFF appoints new head coach for national men's football team



The new head coach of the Myanmar national football team, Mr. Miodrag Radulovic (left), speaks at a press conference in Yangon on Tuesday. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Myanmar Football Federation announced the appointment of Miodrag Radulovic as the new head coach of the men's

national football team at a press conference on Tuesday.

The federation has signed the 51-year-old coach from Montenegro, who takes over the mantle of head coach from Antoine Hey, till December 2020.

During the press conference, MFF General Secretary U Ko Ko Thein said 55 coaches had applied for the position. Radulovic was selected from the final list of three coaches after a video interview, he said.

"We looked for a new head coach for three months, and we found him. He headed the Lebanon team for four years,

and was instrumental in raising their FIFA ranking from 140 to 77," he added.

Upon his recruitment, Radulovic said he wanted to express his thanks to the MFF President and concerned officials.

He recalled the FIFA World Cup Asian Qualifier between Myanmar and Lebanon in 2016, and said Myanmar players are talented and know how to play tactically. He also recalled team Myanmar's match in Thailand where around 500 Myanmar fans cheered their team.

He said he started his professional football career as a midfielder, and hence, liked

setting the attack. An attacking style will likely fit with the Myanmar team, he added.

Team Myanmar will need some time to up their game to perform like Lebanon, who managed a huge jump in their FIFA ranking, he said.

He focused on the importance of unity to help team Myanmar reach its goal.

He also promised to work with sincerity.

Radulovic served as the Lebanon head coach, but parted ways with the West Asians after their AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019 campaign ended.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## Ayeyawady striker Success to skip match against Shan United

FORWARD player of the Ayeyawady United F.C., Success, will skip the team's match against Shan United, which is scheduled to take place at the home stadium of the Ayeyawady United on 28 April.

Striker Success has played in all the main matches for the team so far in the MPT Myanmar National League 2019, but he will not be playing against Shan United as he has earned three yellow cards in separate matches earlier.

According to the Myanmar National League's rules,

any player issued three yellow cards in separate matches of the tourney has to sit out one match.

Ayeyawady United is placed sixth in the standing table, with 15 points from four wins, three draws, and one loss, while Shan United is ranked second.

Ayeyawady United is facing player issues as another reliable defender, Effa Kostka, has suffered an ankle injury. He has undergone surgery and needs to rest for three months, according to a statement from the national league.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



Forward player of the Ayeyawady United F.C., Success. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Lopes powers Jeonbuk towards last 16, Kashima suffer shock defeat



Gyeongnam forward Kim Seung-jun (white shirt) left is brought down by Kashima midfielder Ryota Nagaki. **PHOTO: AFP**

SEOUL (South Korea) — A thumping finish and an assist from man-of-the-match Ricardo Lopes put Jeonbuk Motors on the verge of the last 16 of the AFC Champions League on Wednesday.

But reigning Asian champions Kashima Antlers slumped to a shock 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Gyeongnam FC on a great night for South Korean sides in the continental club championship.

Jeonbuk recorded a sixth consecutive win against Japanese opposition, 2-1 against Urawa Red Diamonds, to leave them comfortably atop Group G on nine

points with two games to go.

Lopes struck in the 12th minute, capitalising on a defensive error to lash an unstoppable right-foot rocket into the bottom corner.

He turned provider just after half-time, crossing from the left for giant striker Kim Shin-wook to head home at the near post.

A missed clearance by captain Hong Jeong-ho allowed Shinzo Koroki to pull one back against the run of play in the 58th minute, but Jeonbuk survived a nervy finale to take all three points in the top-of-the-table clash.

With Beijing Guoan playing Thailand's Buriram United in the

later game, Jeonbuk need just one win from either of their last two matches — away to Beijing and home to minnows Buriram — to reach the knockout stages.

Meanwhile Japan's Kashima looked a shadow of the side that became Asian champions last year as they were beaten 1-0 at home by Gyeongnam to leave Group E wide open.

Two weeks ago the 2018 AFC Champions League winners had needed stoppage-time goals from Takeshi Kanamori and Serginho to claim a 3-2 victory over Gyeongnam after having been 2-0 down and reduced to 10 men.—AFP ■