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ROK President to visit Myanmar in near future

At the invitation of U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Cho Cho, His Excellency Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea, and Mrs. Kim Jung-sook will pay a state visit to Myanmar in the near future.— MNA

Vice President U Myint Swe holds 29th regular meeting with businesspersons in Yangon



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the 29th regular meeting between Private Sector Development Committee and Myanmar businesspersons in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

VICE President U Myint Swe, Chairman of the Private Sector Development Committee (PSDC) addressed the 29th regular meeting between this and Myanmar businesspersons held at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Yangon yesterday morning. In his address the Vice President said that it had been nearly three years since the 20-member committee was formed by Presidential order. The aim was to effectively implement matters in the private sector development framework. He said that the trade sector played an important role in the development of a country's economy.

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Donation for flood victims given to SWRR Ministry

IN cash and in-kind contributions are being given to flood victims through Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Madaya Philanthropist Association and Hluttaw Representatives, people of Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, handed over K 1 million in cash and K 4,633,000 worth of food and other supplies to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement for the victims yesterday. Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye presented

them certificate of appreciation.

Then, he thanked the donors for the donation and said that this donation showed the unity between the different regions. He continued to say that the donation will go directly a fund raised by Nation Disaster Management Committee and that it will be used effectively in fulfilling victims' need and rehabilitation.

—MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye receives K 1 million in cash and K 4,633,000 worth of food and other supplies donated by people in Madaya for flood victims on 24 August. **PHOTO: MNA**

Benefits of Form D demanded in exporting Myanmar Agricultural goods

By Aye Yamone

THE Chairperson of Myawaddy Border Trade Chamber of Commerce Daw Thin Thin Myat said that they requested Private Sector Development Committee to do away with quota system in exporting Myanmar agriculture goods for the benefits of form D.

The request was made at 29th regular meeting of Private Sector Development Committee, with Myanmar Businessmen at UMFCCI.

Despite G to G agreement two governments signed at Thai-Myanmar Border Trade Committee JBCT meeting at Grade One Hotel on September 5 and 6, the items cannot be exported to Thailand in reality. The agreement states benefit Form D which allows 5 items of Myanmar agriculture goods to be exported tax free with quota system.

"In Myawaddy border trade there is a large quantity of Thai exports and a very few Myanmar export. We would like the governments to negotiate with each other to export Myanmar agricultural goods from Haigyi Island such as onion, garlic, beans, cashew nut, corn and corn kernel directly to Laos, Viet Nam and Malaysia through Thailand Transit Trade," Daw Thin Thin Myat said.

It is said that even though Myanmar-Thai trade was negotiated to be win to win, currently Thailand exports more and they restrict Myanmar exports by imposing quota system and heavy tax.

It is know that Myanmar empty trucks are not allowed

in Thailand, according to MoU of IICBTA . This causes difference in Thailand and Myanmar export 100:1 and made it difficult for Myanmar truck to get goods.

"it would be difficult for Myanmar truck to get into Thailand to transport goods bought by Myanmar businessman. If empty Myanmar tucks cannot go into Thailand, Myanmar goods transportation and logistics might stop. MoU should be amended to allow free admission to Myanmar trucks with or without load" Daw Thin Thin Myat said.

Because of 2% advance tax on export and 2% advance tax on AV value, the tax is high.

Viet Nam and Thailand refund VAT for development of trade. Even though our country does not do that, reduction of 2% advance tax will help develop exporting. More tax should be imposed on imports.

"Despite increase in export of corn and other things to Thailand, Myawaddy trade slow down due to flood in Mon and Kyin states" said Minister of Commerce Dr Than Myint.

Myawaddy Border Trade Chamber of Commerce reported that as international trade is opening. Even Though agriculture goods of Haigyi Island can be exported to Laos and Viet Nam through Thai Transit Trade, Transit Trade cannot be used to export to Malaysia as it is not included MoU. For that reason Thailand has marker advantage over Myanmar. If Thai Transit Trade can be used to export to Malaysia, there will be increase in export. ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Bangkok hosts Myanmar Insight 2019

MYANMAR Insight 2019 was held on 23rd August, 2019 at Centara Grand Hotel, Central World in Bangkok, Thailand to raise awareness on Myanmar's high economic potential and opportunity for Thai business community and to provide an update on Myanmar's economic situation, current policies, laws as well as to introduce Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018-2030) and the Project Bank.

Union Minister for the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Thaung Tun, was accompanied by Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Planning and Finance, U Set Aung, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Aung Naing Oo, Director General of Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Daw Mi Mi Khaing, Director General of Central Bank of Myanmar, Daw Myint Myint Kyi, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Planning and Finance, Daw Mya Mya Oo, and Director of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, U Myo Khaing Oo.

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State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was presented at commencement of the seminar. The Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar, Mrs. Suphatra-Srimaitreephithak delivered the welcome remarks and then the Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand, Mr. Chaisiri Anamangave the opening remarks. The Union Minister for the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Thaung Tun delivered the keynote address on "Investment Opportunities in Myanmar for Thai Investors" and Former Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development and former Director General of World Trade Organization (WTO), Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi delivered the keynote address respectively.

Under the section of "Easing Investor concerns for doing business in Myanmar", Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Aung Naing Oo presented on "Opportunities regarding Thai Investment in Myanmar", Director General of Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Daw Mi Mi Khaing pre-

sented on "Electricity Supply and opportunities in the Electricity and Energy Sector in Myanmar", Director General of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Daw Myint Myint Kyi presented on "Myanmar Monetary Policy and MMK Trend", Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Planning and Finance, Daw Mya Mya Oo presented on "Myanmar Tax reform", and Director of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, U Myo Khaing Oo presented on "The Investment Opportunities in Yangon Region" respectively.

In the afternoon section, presentation on "Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan and Project Bank" was conducted by U Set Aung, Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Planning and Finance and representatives from the private sector of Thailand participated in panel discussion on "Practical View of implementing the Retail and Wholesale business in Myanmar" and "Expanding your Manufacturing Base to Myanmar" respectively. The seminar was attended by more than (700) businessmen from Myanmar and Thailand.—GNLM ■

Opening ceremony of Global Banking Expert Program held in UMFCCI

AN opening ceremony of Global Banking Expert Program jointly organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Korea Myanmar Research Association (KOMYRA) was held at UMFCCI function hall yesterday morning.

At the ceremony UMFCCI Secretary General U Aung Kyi Soe delivered a welcoming remark followed by an opening

address by KOMYRA Chair Prof. Dr. Kang Shinwon and address by KOMYRA Vice Chair Prof. Dr. Youngjun Choi. After the welcoming remark and addresses, the guests and program attendees took a commemorative group photo. The program will be held on weekends 9 am to 4 pm starting from 24 August to 22 September. The program was conducted with the support of KB Bank and Mobile Financial

Service Forum and was aimed to build global transaction capacity of local banks and trading companies. Subjects including international finance, investment banking, credit analysis, rating process etc. will be discussed by Korean experts with 10 to 20 years experience in the subject matters. About 50 attendees from private banking and trading sectors are attending the program.—GNLM ■

VP U Myint Swe holds 29th regular meeting with businesspersons in Yangon

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The private and public sectors were cooperating towards increasing annual trade volume and during fiscal year 2018-2019 (as of 9 August) trade volume reached US\$ 30.038 billion. Private sector participation in this was US\$ 25.096 billion or 84 per cent.

Recent events in Shan State (North) caused disruption in road transport but the damaged and destroyed bridges were repaired and reconstructed by the Tatmadaw and the Ministry of Construction and the road traffic resumed in five days. This had some effect on border trade and more efforts must be made towards export by sea routes.

Illegal imports through the border were threatening the existence of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and PSDC has formed illegal trade control and prevention groups in nine regions and states. From September 2018 to July 2019 763 arrests of an estimated K 12.989 billion worth of illegal imports were made.

In order to increase cooperation between union level departments to reduce the rising global illicit trade environment index due to illegal trade, the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee was formed and the first coordination meeting of the steering committee was held at the Ministry of Commerce on 16th of this month. This steering committee was formed with commerce minister of Nay Pyi Taw Council, states and regions to effectively eradicate illegal trade country wide. The people, businesspersons and private sector need to know the increase in and danger of illegal trade and



Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint. PHOTO: MNA



Union Minister for Industry, and Planning and Finance U Soe Win.



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein.



UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win.

are urged to cooperate, said the Vice President.

Investment figures as of end July 2019 show 1,779 foreign investments investing US\$ 81.249 billion while 1,605 local investments invested K 19.049 trillion including US\$ 10.352 billion.

Associations and entities participating in today's meeting were urged to discuss openly the difficulties they face with the relevant Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers and officials who were in attendance, said the Vice President.

Next, PSDC Vice Chairman and Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint explained about border trade routes; difficulties faced; status of trade at Chin Shwe Haw trade station; work status on development of border regions, and improving road transport and services.

Afterwards Union Minister for Industry, Planning and Finance U Soe Win explained about production capacity of state owned enterprises and arrangements made to increase competitiveness in the market; status of establishing Project Bank and the PPP Center.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein then explained about arrangements and coordination made to ease import of raw materials by border trade; works conducted to ease difficulties faced by locally manufactured products; status of establishing agriculture product laboratory and arrangements made for industrial sector development.

UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win also explained about the status of implementing decisions made at the past meetings, public-private discussions held for private sector development, increasing export and status of sector wise works.

Later Kalay-Tamu Border Trade Merchant Association Chairman U Hla Maung, UMFCCI Vice President and Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Fishery Development Work Committee Chairman U Ye Min Aung, Myanmar Pulses, Beans & Sesame Seeds Merchants Association Chairman U Tun Lwin, UMFCCI Central Executive Committee member U Ko Ko Gyi and Joint Secretary General Daw Khine Khine Nwe conducted sector

wise explanations, discussions and suggestions.

The Vice President, Union Ministers, Yangon Region Chief Minister, Deputy Ministers, Yangon Region ministers, Central Bank of Myanmar Deputy Governor and officials gave comments and inputs to ensure coordination based on suggestions and discussions made at the meeting.

Then the Vice President gave some concluding remarks after which the meeting came to a close.

This committee formed by Presidential order on 24 October 20 to coordinate and resolve difficulties faced by businesses. Five work committees had been formed with relevant Union ministerial departments, Nay Pyi Taw Council, states and regions government members.

Regular monthly meetings had been held with business persons starting from December 2016 and responses to 353 suggestions and issues raised by businesspersons up to the 28th meeting had been sent back to relevant businesses through UMFCCI. Responses included matters that were resolved as

well as matters that were still being resolved as it needed time.

Five work committees had arranged public-private dialogues among private businesses and relevant ministries to resolve the matter in stages, it is learnt.

The following persons attended the event:

Vice-Chairman of PSDC and Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister for Industry, and Planning and Finance U Soe Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Ministers U Aung Htoo and U Win Maw Tun, Yangon Region ministers, Central Bank of Myanmar Deputy Governor U Soe Thein, UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win, Vice Presidents and members, officials from 5 work committees, departmental heads, Kalay-Tamu Border Trade Merchant Association Chairman, Myawady Border Trade Merchants Association Chairman, Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Fishery Development Work Committee Chairman, Myanmar Pulses, Beans & Sesame Seeds Merchants Association Chairman and officials.— MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Bar Council of the Supreme Court holds meeting 3/2019

THE Bar Council of the Supreme Court held its meeting 3/2019 in the meeting hall of the Union Attorney-General's Office on 21 August.

In his speech at the meeting, Bar Council of the Supreme Court's Chairman Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo said the Law Amending the Bar Council Act has been enacted. As per the law the reformed 15-member Bar Council was to include 11 advocates with at least 15 years of services nominated by advocates. The rule of the law for nomination and election of the 11 advocates were to be issued by the Supreme

Court of the Union. At the moment Supreme Court of the Union had sent a draft Bar Council Election Rule seeking recommendation of the Bar Council on it. Our work group had provided amendments, additions and suggestions of the Yangon and Mandalay council members on the draft rule. The day's meeting was to discuss and suggest on the draft rule. Supreme Court Bar Council also assessed and approved the membership application of Supreme Court advocates as well as giving recommendations on their ethic, duties, responsibilities and rights. Three complaints

transferred by Pyithu Hluttaw Complaints and Appeal Committee and complaints submitted to Supreme Court Bar Council were submitted to Union Chief Justice. In addition to this, Smart Card registration cards for Supreme Court advocates were being distributed and all are urged to strive together toward improvement in the work of the Supreme Court Bar Council said the Union Attorney General.

The chairman, vice chairman of 10 members of the Bar Council of the Supreme Court attended the meeting. — MNA ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo addresses the Bar Council of the Supreme Court meeting yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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Sesame in drought-hit Magway Region harvested

SESAME in drought-hit Magway Region are being harvested bringing jobs to local day-waged workers.

Harvesters working in group were getting daily income of up to K 30,000 per day per person.

Although new crops of sesame were being harvested, not much has entered the market yet and thus the prices were still being high.

U Myin Aung of Magway Myint Myat Taw Win Company predicts that sesame price will remain good. Last year GAP black sesame price was above K 70,000.

Township agriculture department, civil society and volunteer groups, Win Rock Project and Myint Myat Taw Win Company were helping local farmers with GAP system from planting to harvesting, said Magway Region Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Hla San.

Disasters in 2019 including drought have affected over 150,000 acres of crops including sesame and groundnuts and



Farmers harvest sesame in a field in Magway. PHOTO: U WIN MAUNG

devastated about 10,000 acres, according to Magway Region Agricultural Department.

According to statistics, the drought brought farm stress to over 270,000 acres of groundnuts and over 1.3 million acres sesame grown this early monsoon season.

About 600 farmers from 17 villages in Magway Township and 13 villagers in Minbu Township are growing sesame on 1500 acres totally with the Good Agricultural Practice system. Of them, 80 per cent of each acre of the crop are affected by the drought, said U Naing

Win Latt, Project In-charge of CP (Progetto Continenti) Myanmar.

About 70 tons of sesame grown with GAP system were exported to Japan and other countries in 2017 and about 88 tons in 2018.—U Win Maung ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)

Seven killed, 30 injured in 21 YBS road accidents over 6 weeks

SEVEN people lost their lives and 30 were injured in 21 road accidents on YBS buses from July 1 to 15 August 2019, according to Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA) office.

There were a total of 13 YBS accidents and four other accidents in July, resulting in five deaths and eight injuries. There were also road accidents from 1 to 15 August, resulting in two deaths and 22 injuries.

"We have formed a mobile inspection team to make obligatory for YBS buses. YRTA has

also accepted letters of complaints, and it has taken action in respect to 384 cases from 1 to 15 August. YRTA received 86 letters of complaints," said an official from YRTA.

Moreover, YRTA has handled 1,092 cases, including 867 cases by the mobile inspection team and 224 complaints.

Currently, 131 bus lines are operating in Yangon Region. There were 30 YBS traffic accidents from April to June 2019, leaving 14 dead and 48 injured, according to the YRTA

monthly report. The regional government transformed the All Private Bus Lines Control Committee to the Yangon Bus Service (YBS). A total of 6635 YBS buses were registered with YRTA, according to the statistics in June. Over 4500 buses from 100 YBS bus lines are traveling daily along the fixed routes, carrying 1.9 million commuters.

Seventeen public companies are providing city transportation services in Yangon.—Aye Cho ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)

Sales expo held for Shwe Myayar Housing-2

A sales expo for housing units at Shwe Myayar Housing-2, constructed by Ngapli Construction near the Mingalar wholesale market, was held last weekend at No.1 and 2, Myanma Gonyee road, Mingala Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon.

Shwe Myayar Housing-2 was constructed on a three-acre plot of land. The construction of the condominium is complete and the units are ready for moving in. Buyers will get proportional ownership of the land.

Shwe Myayar Housing-2 is located in front of the largest Ga Mone Pwint shopping mall,

which will be opened soon. The condominium is also very close to Kandawgyi, Yuzana plaza, Maingalar wholesale market, and City Mart.

The condominium is an eight-and-a-half story building, with 10 apartments on each floor. The smaller units measure 1,332 square feet, whereas the larger ones are 2,573 square feet. All units have been decorated and furnished, and comprise three bed rooms, one living room, a kitchen, and a dining room.

The condominium offers amenities such as swimming

pool, gym, sauna, billiard and snooker, function room, rooftop garden, children's playground, mini theatre, car parking, 24-hour generator backup, and 24-hour CCTV surveillance.

The sales expo showcased apartments at Shwe Myayar Housing-2, and those who purchased the units at the expo received discounts. They could buy the apartments on a 12-month instalment plan with no interest and a 25-year instalment plan offered through the AYA, KBZ, MAB, and YOMA banks.—GNLM ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)

Human trafficking victims from Minkin Township saved

ELEVEN people who were trafficked to China were repatriated to Myanmar on Friday, with the help of the Myanmar ambassador in China and Chinese police.

The victims arrived in Minkin, Sagaing Region, on Friday and were welcomed by local authorities at the township General Administration Department.

Sagaing Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Hsan said the victims were saved after a Hluttaw representative received information from one of the victims and informed the Sagaing Region Hluttaw.

He also promised to help the victims obtain their salaries.

Authorities encouraged them not to seek illegal overseas jobs to avoid being trafficked. Authorities also presented cash and aid to the victims.—Chindwin Thar ■

(Translated by Kaw Zin Lin)

New locomotive factory being built as part of Yangon Circular Railway upgrade



Yangon Circular Railway serves the Yangon metropolitan area. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

AS part of the upgrade of the Yangon Circular railway, a new locomotive factory is being constructed near the Insein locomotive factory, said U Maung Maung Thwin, the general man-

ager of the Civil Engineering Department.

“Currently, we have the Insein locomotive factory, which has 11 railways. The coaches stay overnight at the factory. We also perform servicing, checking, and refilling of water and fuel.

Then, the coaches ply daily for 200 rounds. Now, a new locomotive factory is being constructed near the Insein locomotive factory.

After upgrading the railways, the new coaches will arrive. Then, we will maintain those coaches,” he added.

“The upgrade of the Yangon Circular railway is being conducted in three phases. In the first phase, we will repair railways, drains, bridges, platforms, and interchanges. In the second phase, we will upgrade

level crossings. And finally, we will upgrade traffic lights and indicator points,” he said.

“A total of 37 coaches are being serviced daily at the current circular train locomotive factory. Once the new locomotive factory is completed, a total of 98 coaches can be serviced daily. The new air-con coaches will replace the old ones,” U Maung Maung Thwin said.

“The upgrade of the infrastructure of the Yangon circular railway is expected to be completed in May, 2020. The upgrade of the indicator points will take two years. The entire project for upgrading the circular railways will be completed in 2022. Upon completion of the project, commuters will be able to travel comfortably and conveniently,” he added.—Myint Maung Soe ■
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Govt coordinating with organizations to address trade suspension in Shan State

By Aye Yamon Oo

THE Government is coordinating with organizations to address the suspension of the daily US\$ 0.7 million in trade through the Muse and Chinshwehaw border gates because of the armed conflicts in Shan State (North), said Dr Than Myint, the Union Minister for Commerce.

He made his comments at the 29th regular meeting of the Private Sector Development Committee led by U Myint Swe, Vice President 1, and Myanmar

Entrepreneurs, held at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) office in Yangon on 24 August.

“Muse is one among the huge border gates affected by communication disruptions caused by the armed conflicts in Shan State. The woes of that region affect not only the export and import businesses, but also infrastructures, such as roads and bridges. On the other hand, there are also trade and commerce related issues”, he added.

Before the armed conflicts began in Shan State, the value of trade reached \$6 million per day at the Muse 105 mile trade zone. Beginning 15 August, when the conflict broke out, trade reached \$ 7 million per day through the Muse border trade.

Similarly, the value of trade reached \$1.3 million per day at the Chinshwehaw border gate before the conflict. However, the value of trade reached only \$0.5 million via Chinshwehaw on 15 August, and \$ 0.3 million on 16 August.

Because of the trade dis-

ruptions, some CMP garment factories are short of raw materials.

On account of the armed conflicts, trade has been suspended at the Muse 105 mile and Chinshwehaw border gates since 17 August.

“Because of the damage to the bridges in Shan, the border trade activities have been adversely affected. Although a Bailey bridge was constructed in five days, the bridge could not withstand the load of heavy trucks, and so these heavy trucks could not cross the

bridge. We are trying to reopen the road by coordinating with the organizations concerned, including the commerce, planning and the related state government. Regarding the solution to the issues, we could not tell right now, because we are just coordinating”, said U Myint Swe, the Vice President 1.

Since 15 August, the conflicts have occurred sporadically between the ethnic armed groups and the Tamadaw in Shan State. ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Co-creative Event for Enhancement of Trade and Investment in Myanmar

THE Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) organized the “Co-creative Event” between relevant government authorities, UMFCCI and Foreign CCIs in Myanmar at the Pan Pacific Hotel on 24th August 2019 to discuss ways and means of enhancing trade and investment in the country.

The talks covered substances such as co-operation work among stakeholders, ways to promote joint activities in real-

izing the private sector’s aspirations and develop solutions to tackle and overcome challenges.

Union Minister Dr Than Myint of Ministry of Commerce, Union Minister U Soe Win of Ministry of Planning and Finance, Union Deputy Ministers, Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein of Yangon Regional Government and the officials, relevant department officials, representatives of UMFCCI and representatives of Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Myanmar joined the event.—UMFCCI ■



The Co-creative Reception being hosted by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: UMFCCI

EU leaders round on Trump over trade at G7

BIARRITZ (France) — EU leaders rounded on US President Donald Trump over his trade threats on Saturday as they arrived in the chic French seaside resort of Biarritz for a G7 summit overshadowed by trans-Atlantic tensions and worries about the global economy.

Already embroiled in a high-risk trade war with China, Trump warned late Friday he would impose punishing tariffs on French wine if France doesn't withdraw a new digital tax that will hit US tech giants. The European Union "will respond in kind," EU Council President Donald Tusk answered to Trump, who issued his threat on departing Washington for Biarritz. Host Emmanuel Macron, France's president, and even British Prime Minister Boris Johnson also sounded the alarm about the dangers of Trump's escalating trade war with China.

"I am very concerned. The UK is at risk of being implicated in this. This is not the way to proceed," Johnson told reporters on the plane to the G7 summit in Biarritz. "I want to see a dialling



French President Emmanuel Macron surprised Donald Trump with an unscheduled lunch after the US leader's arrival. **PHOTO: AFP**

down of tensions."

The stormy start to a summit of what are meant to be like-minded allies — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States — led Tusk to sound a dire alarm over the

future of Western leadership.

"This may be the last moment to restore our political community," he said. "The world needs our cooperation."

In an attempt to lighten the mood, Macron deployed his se-

cret weapon of French cuisine diplomacy, treating Trump to a surprise lunch minutes after he had arrived on Air Force One.

Speaking to reporters in fluent English, Macron called Trump "a very special guest".

'So far so good'

Trump, sitting across the small table on a terrace of the ornate Hotel du Palais, appeared to be softened by the warm, unscheduled welcome.

"So far so good. The weather is perfect. Everybody's getting along. I think we will accomplish a lot this weekend," Trump said, praising his "special relationship" with Macron.

In addition to the global economy and fears of recession, the G7 chiefs will huddle over several hot topics, including their diverging positions on Iran's nuclear program. European leaders are also focusing on a push for action against fires in the Amazon rainforest, despite Brazilian right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro's angry response to what he sees as outside interference.

Echoing criticism from France, Tusk said Bolsonaro's response to the "destruction of the green lungs of the Earth" was insufficient and he warned that a big EU trade deal with South America could be imperilled.—AFP ■

UK's Johnson 'very worried' about trade tensions, tariff hikes

BIARRITZ (France) — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Saturday that he was "very concerned" about the trade tensions between the US and China, saying their tit-for-tat tariff hikes were harmful for the global economy.

"I'm very worried about the way it's going, the growth of protectionism, of tariffs that we're seeing," Johnson said as he arrived at the G7 summit in the French resort of Biarritz, where he was to make his full international debut as Britain's premier.

"Those who support tariffs are at risk of incurring the blame for the downturn in the global economy," he said. "This is not the way to proceed."

The question of tariffs is of particular concern for Johnson as he prepares to lead Britain out of the EU with the prospect



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson (L) speaks to British journalist Robert Peston upon landing at the Biarritz Pays Basque Airport in Biarritz, south-west France on 24 August 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

of a no-deal Brexit on October 31 looking increasingly likely — which experts warn would cost both sides dearly.

His remarks echoed earlier warnings from the European Union, which warned that the

escalating trade spat between Washington and Beijing could drive economies around the world into recession. "Trade wars will lead to recession, while trade deals will boost the economy," EU President Donald Tusk as G7

leaders descended on Biarritz for a three-day summit. French President Emmanuel Macron, who is hosting the summit, also weighed in, saying trade tensions were "bad for everyone". "We have to achieve some form of de-escalation, stabilise things, and avoid this trade war that is taking place all over," he said, just hours after Trump threatened to impose heavy punitive tariffs on France over its tax on US tech giants.

Trade disputes appear set to dominate the agenda of this year's G7 summit, with Tusk and Macron warning that an ambitious deal between the EU and Latin America's Mercosur bloc was at risk over Brazil's response to wildfires in the Amazon.

But Tusk also said the EU would respond in kind if the US imposed tariffs on French wine.—AFP ■

China's three top telecom operators report dipping H1 profitability

BEIJING — China's three telecom giants reported dipping profitability in the first half (H1) of this year while planning for more investment in 5G commercial use. China Mobile, China Telecom and China Unicom made total net profits of 76.849 billion yuan (about 10.85 billion U.S. dollars) during this period, pocketing about 424 million yuan each day, edging down from 450 million yuan in H1 2018.

China Mobile, the largest market player in terms of subscribed users, saw both its revenue and net profit fall in H1, while its two counterparts registered year-on-year growth on the two indicators.

The three firms all have plans to further roll out 5G-related services as the country greenlighted 5G commercial use in June. China has the world's largest population of mobile internet users, and about 430 million people may enjoy 5G services by 2025, accounting for about one third of the world's total 5G users, an industrial report showed.—Xinhua ■

China's local gov't bond issuance falls in July

BEIJING — China's local governments slowed their pace of issuing bonds in July after a sharp increase a month ago, official data showed.

The value of local government bonds issued in July totaled 555.9 billion yuan (about 79 bil-

lion U.S. dollars), down from a monthly high of 899.6 billion yuan in June, according to the Ministry of Finance (MOF).

In the first seven months, local governments issued nearly 3.4 trillion yuan of bonds, including 1.95 trillion yuan worth

of special-purpose local government bonds aimed at providing financial support for public-interest projects. To further spur the economy, China has eased the restrictions on infrastructure construction financing, allowing local governments to use part of

special-purpose bonds as project capital to support major national infrastructure projects.

Local authorities were also required to accelerate bond issuance and try to complete the annual bond quota by the end of September.—Xinhua ■

Star Wars and Marvel TV shows lead vast Disney streaming lineup

ANAHEIM (United States) — Disney lifted the lid on three live-action Star Wars series for its much-hyped new television streaming service Friday, including Ewan McGregor's return as Obi-Wan Kenobi, as the company revealed a vast lineup for its Netflix rival.

Previously unannounced series set in Marvel's wildly popular superhero universe and a live-action "Lady and the Tramp" film were among the shows teased at the biennial D23 fan convention in California, to whooping cheers from Disney devotees dressed as their favorite characters.

But the loudest ovation was saved for the Star Wars presentation, with the first official trailer for Disney+ launch series "The Mandalorian" showing a dark,

lawless universe populated by murderous bounty hunters.

Lucasfilm president Kathleen Kennedy said the TV show would be "identical" in quality to the record-grossing Star Wars films, describing it as "exhilarating and liberating" to tell stories that expand beyond two hours.

The online streaming service Disney+ featuring film and television shows will launch November 12 in the US as well as Canada and the Netherlands, before rolling out worldwide.

Chief Executive Bob Iger told investors on a recent earnings call that "nothing is more important to us" than the platform, which will compete in a crowded marketplace with Netflix, Amazon Prime, Apple TV+, HBO Max and more.



Attendees visit the Marvel Studios booth at the D23 Expo, billed as the "largest Disney fan event in the world," 23 August 2019 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California. PHOTO: AFP

As well as offering Disney's enormous back catalog, including all animated films and Pixar movies within its first year, it will feature a plethora of newly com-

missioned shows. It will cost \$6.99 a month in the US.

Friday's sweeping presentation in a packed 6,800-seater hall in Anaheim lasted nearly two

hours, and set out titles from across Disney-owned brands including Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars, the Disney Channel and National Geographic. — AFP ■

Scarlett Johansson tops Forbes best-paid actress list for second year



File photo shows actress Scarlett Johansson attends the Marvel Studios' 'Avengers: Endgame' cast place their hand prints in cement at TCL Chinese Theatre IMAX Forecourt on 23 April 2019, in Hollywood, California. PHOTO: AFP

LOS ANGELES (United States) — Superhero Black Widow is a woman at the top of her game, and so is the actress who plays her — Scarlett Johansson is the world's highest paid actress for the second year in a row, according to Forbes's annual ranking published Friday.

Johansson, 34, earned \$15.5 million more than she did in 2018, primarily due to the immense global success of "Avengers: Endgame" — the final chapter of the saga — for which she earned \$35 million.

The actress will take up the Black Widow mantle again in 2020 for an eponymous

spinoff film.

But even though Johansson and her cohorts on the list all earned more than \$20 million, pay inequality is alive and well in Hollywood. Johansson earned \$56 million total over the past year, but that amount lands her at only eighth place for the combined list of highest-paid actors and actresses.

For comparison, Robert Downey Jr., Johansson's "Avengers" costar, earned about \$55 million for his turn as Iron Man in "Endgame."

According to the Forbes ranking of highest-paid actors in the world, published Wednes-

day, Downey Jr. comes in at third place with \$66 million total, behind fellow Avenger Chris Hemsworth (\$76.4 million) and Dwayne Johnson (\$89.4 million).

For the women, second place goes to Sofia Vergara, an industry veteran but a newcomer to the list. The "Modern Family" sitcom star earned \$44.1 million between June 1, 2018 and June 1, 2019.

She is followed by Reese Witherspoon (\$35 million) and Nicole Kidman (\$34 million), costars on the series "Big Little Lies."

Jennifer Aniston, who came in third in 2018 mainly due to advertising campaigns for major brands, has been relegated to fifth place with a mere \$28 million for the year. The former "Friends" star — a show which also featured a guest appearance from Witherspoon — stars in a new series for Apple's on-demand web television service.

Other new list arrivals include Elisabeth Moss, boosted by the series "The Handmaid's Tale," and Australian actress Margot Robbie.

Angelina Jolie, who was number two on the list in 2018, did not make the cut this year, along with Julia Roberts, Cate Blanchett and Jennifer Lawrence. — AFP ■

Taylor Swift sings ode to love on new album, the first that she owns

NEW YORK (United States) — Taylor Swift's highly anticipated seventh album has arrived in all its lovestruck, honeyed glory — a clear shift from the vengeful goth lite of her previous record.

But the 18-track "Lover" is not just an ode to matters of the heart — it's the pop star's first studio album that she actually owns, under the terms of the multi-album deal she struck last year with Universal Music Group/Republic Records.

"This album is very much a celebration of love, in all its complexity, coziness, and chaos," Swift tweeted upon Friday's midnight release of her latest project.

"It's the first album of mine that I've ever owned, and I couldn't be more proud."

"Lover" sees Swift, no stranger to catty celebrity feuds and lyrical disses, set a mood of moving on — with a touch of snarky self-care — in her opener, "I Forgot That You Existed."

It's a break from 2017's "Reputation," when Swift momentarily tossed her princess tiara to try on the hardened snake skin of Dark Taylor. In classic Swift form, the new album includes a streak of reflection on her past romantic woes but maintains an ebullient optimism, particularly concerning her current relationship with British actor Joe Alwyn, with several songs hinting at marriage.

"Swear to be overdramatic and true," she sings with a self-aware wink in the album's title track. — AFP ■



US singer Taylor Swift. PHOTO: AFP

Cooperation between all stakeholders key for free and fair elections

THE Union Election Commission is committed to holding the 2020 general elections while meeting five standards: freedom of choice, fairness, transparency, accessibility and compatibility of the public desire with the results of the election.

With the assignment of a media relations official, the commission will release news of public interest in state-run newspapers, TV and UEC websites. Hence, the media is obliged to attach great importance to its ethics to report accurately in the interests of the people and the country.

Regarding the elections, the role of media begins when voter registration is carried out.

Now, related departments are working together with the UEC to launch voter registration, and the media is urged to help in raising awareness to encourage public participation in the process so that the registration proceeds flawlessly.

To hold the elections successfully, the UEC cannot operate alone. Everyone needs to be model citizens and shoulder whatever duties might be entrusted to them to ensure the success of the 2020 General Elections.

Avoid taking sides in media reports, reporting false news and spreading hate speech on social media, which can cause undesired effects during the general elections.

Meanwhile, political parties are urged to follow the

laws and rules during the campaign period, so it can help reduce problems.

Further, when the UEC conducts training courses for political parties and to increase the participation by women and youths in the elections, all political parties need to equally participate in the trainings, which will focus on ethical codes, laws and bylaws for political parties and representatives.

The UEC's Strategic Plan (2019-2022) encompassed equal and inclusive participation for women, ethnic people, people living with disabilities and other minority groups.

All sub commissions were working with the utmost vigilance to ensure that the advance voting process was transparent and complied with existing laws. Hluttaw candidates also need to adhere to the law when submitting election expenses.

Regarding the voter registration, the General Administration Department will carry out the collection and preparation of basic population data and the Immigration and Population Department will verify the voters lists compiled by the GAD.

When the announcement is made, people are to check the list and review amendments, objections and demands in the prescribed forms. A complete and accurate voters' list will be obtained only with the cooperation and participation of the people.

Today is the time when the cooperation of the Union Government, the citizens, political parties and media of Myanmar is needed for working together to establish a Federal Democratic Republic.



Are we really drowning in plastic?

By Khin Maung Myint

IHAD written a few articles related to the plastic pollution problems that are impacting our planet. It has been sometimes that I haven't turned my attention to those issues. However, a few days ago I happened upon a very intriguing TV documentary, titled: "Drowning in Plastic". That documentary inspired me to write this article. Metaphorically speaking, we are drowning in plastic. It's undeniable that the plastic wastes are polluting the environments; impacting on the climate change and plaguing our planet and all living beings.



Part of the Great Pacific garbage patch. **IMAGE CREDIT: PHYS.ORG**

Health hazards of plastics

Plastics are made from petrochemicals. As petrochemical products, they contain certain toxic chemicals that can cause a variety of health problems to humans and animals alike. Humans can be affected by those toxins through ingestions and also by contacts. Some may argue that humans wouldn't eat the plastics to get affected by ingestions. In fact they are doing that without knowing it.

Plastics contain toxic elements that can be released at certain high temperatures. Today, most restaurants and teashops in our country are using plastic cups, bags, boxes and other forms of plastic packings to pack their

skin just by contact or exposure to them or might be ingested unknowingly by consuming foods packed in plastic containers, especially very hot foods and beverages. They can also affect human life by accumulating in tissues/organs and cause brain, nerve and liver damage, birth defects, cancer, asthma and hormonal disorders. The plastics being petrochemical products, all these effects could also be inflicted by them.

Effects on animals - The animals are also affected by the plastics; in most cases led to their deaths. The most affected are the marine animals. Some land animals too are affected by the plastics, but such incidents are much rarer than those of the ma-

it was definitely a very sorrowful sight to watch. Some sea animals got entangled in plastic threads, strings, ropes and fishing nets that are abundant in the seas and oceans and often died from strangling or drowning if not rescued by humans in time.

As most plastics are not readily biodegradable or in other words easily decomposable, once the marine animals swallowed them, they can neither be digested nor easily excreted out of their bodies. Those plastics block the poor animals' digestive systems and as they cannot relieve themselves, they could succumb to deaths if they didn't get human help in time.

I had once written in one of my articles that most of the plastics recklessly disposed end up in the seas and oceans brought down via drains, streams, creeks and rivers. Even our Ayeyawady River is found by experts to be depositing 119 tons of plastic wastes into the sea daily. Of all the plastic wastes ending up in the oceans and seas, the Great Pacific garbage patch is the largest. It is said, the area covered by that patch is larger than the US state of Texas. When the plastic flotsams sink to the bottom they endanger the corals and other sea

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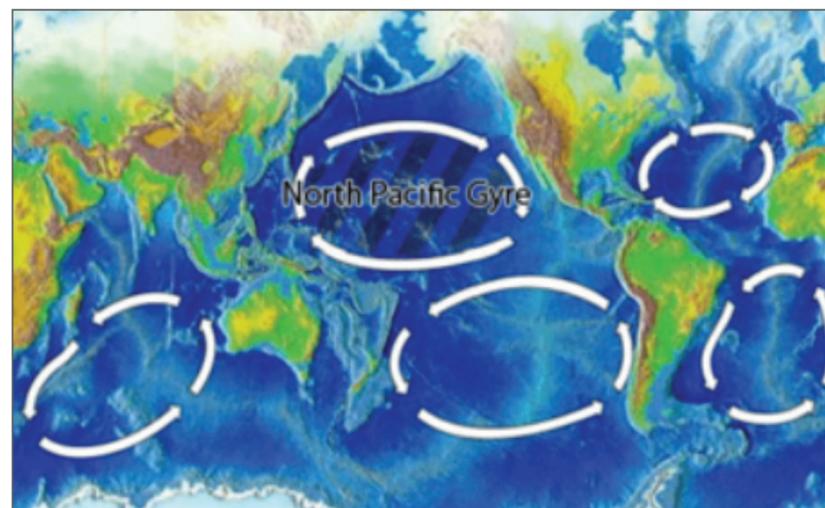
foods for take away orders. Piping hot beverages such as: tea, coffee, milk or chocolate drinks and hot soups, noodles and other forms of food that are served hot, are packed in the same way. This can cause contaminations to the foods and drinks packed in them. In some advanced countries people are cautioned against the use of plastic containers in serving or packing hot foods and beverages.

Effects on humans - Exposure to petrochemicals may take place in different ways. They may either be absorbed through the

rine animals. The news of dead or sick whales, dolphins, sharks, dugongs, sea turtles, seals and other large species of marine animals being washed up on beaches around the world are becoming commonplace. In most cases those animals had ingested large amount of plastic wastes.

A few days ago a video clip on the Facebook showed a turtle with a plastic straw all the way up its nostril. Some people tried to extract that straw with a pliers, but without any success. I don't know what the fate of that turtle was, but

cluding the shellfish and crustaceans that lie deep on the ocean floors. Today plastic wastes and microplastic particles can be found in almost every ocean and on every beach all over the world, sparing none. They are carried by the ocean currents and winds to far away places.



The area of increased plastic particles is located within the North Pacific Gyre, one of the five major ocean gyres. **IMAGE CREDIT: PHYS.ORG**

Plastic waste dumping

Some developed countries are dumping their plastic wastes in the developing nations. Until lately, some countries in our region, namely Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand, where some business firms had been illegally importing the plastic wastes from abroad to be recycled at their factories. Those illegal recycling plants burn the un-recyclable plastics at night to get rid of them instead of sending to garbage dumps. Burning plastics produce noxious gases that are not only hazardous to humans' health; they also worsen the climate change. Lately, their governments had tak-

ing actions against such dumping and had back-loaded the plastic wastes to the countries of origin.

Reduction of plastic use is the only viable solution

As plastic products are cheap to manufacture, easy to transport and amazingly strong and durable, they are widely used. However, due to their adverse impacts many countries are now endeavoring to reduce the use of plastics. Amongst them are two of our closest neighbours -- Bangladesh and Thailand. I'm not sure how Bangladesh is tackling that problem, but as for Thailand they are

bags are donated towards the environmental protection funds. The authorities should consider ruling that practice compulsory for other supermarkets too.

Conclusion

These days, I always make it a point to go shopping with my own shopping bag. My objective is to reduce the number of used plastic bags littering my house. I noticed that even for one, who lives alone, there could be many used plastic bags and plastic water bottles piling up in the waste basket almost daily. Today, I had also stopped buying bottled drinking

giving incentives to the public to discourage the reliance on plastic bags as a preliminary step. If the customers come shopping with their own shopping bags, some shopping malls and supermarkets give their registered members points that are redeemable in exchange for some commodities sold at their shops depending on the number of points earned. Recently the Thai authorities had ruled it compulsory for every supermarket not to issue free plastic shopping bags on the 4th of every month and every Tuesdays.

Here, I would like to give credit to our City Mart Supermarkets, which had introduced the policy of not providing free plastic shopping bags two days a month -- on the last Monday and Tuesday of every month. On those days the customers are required to bring their own shopping bags or buy the more eco-friendly shopping bags from them. The price for those bags are quite cheap too. It is learnt that the proceeds from the sale of those

water; instead boil the tap water for drinking. That reduced the plastic wastes in my house drastically and feel safer to drink, with so many fake drinking water brands in the markets today.

I would also like to suggest to the authorities to introduce the use of broad tree leaves, like the banana leaves, lotus leaves, In Phet, Bandar Ywet and similar broad leaves to pack foodstuffs. I had made a similar suggestion once in one of my articles some years ago, but hasn't materialized as yet. Being tree products they are readily decomposable and considered to be organic, thus more eco-friendly and safer. If we can substitute plastic with tree leaves and paper bags as in the pre-plastic age and if every household would do their shopping with own shopping bags, the volume of the plastic wastes would decrease significantly. This will save our planet. Planet or plastic? Make your choice now.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 24th August, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 25th August, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin and Northern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Naypyitaw, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Regions and Chin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)m.p.h. Sea will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (9-12) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (6-9) feet off and along Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25th August, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25th August, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25th August, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.). - Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

North Korea fires 'short-range ballistic missiles' into sea: Seoul

SEOUL (South Korea)—North Korea Saturday fired what appeared to be two short-range ballistic missiles into the sea after vowing to remain the biggest "threat" to the United States and branding Secretary of State Mike Pompeo as "toxin."

It was the latest in a series of short-range missile tests the nuclear-armed nation has carried out in recent weeks in protest against US-South Korean military exercises, which it sees as a rehearsal for invasion. The latest joint drill wrapped up on Tuesday.

"The military detected two unidentified projectiles presumed to be short-range ballistic missiles," South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff in a statement Saturday after the latest launch.

The missiles flew about 380 kilometres (240 miles) and reached an altitude of 97 kilometres at a top speed of Mach 6.5 before landing in the East Sea, also known as Sea of Japan, it said.

"Our military is tracking the movement in the North in case of additional launches, with firm readiness," it added.

South Korea's presidential Blue House convened a National Security Council meeting and expressed "grave concerns" in a

statement, pointing out Pyongyang had carried out the launch after the joint US-South Korea military drills had ended.

"NSC members agreed to continue diplomatic efforts with the international community to bring the North back to negotiation table with the US to achieve the goal of complete denuclearisation in the Korean peninsula."

Tokyo also believed North Korea had fired "ballistic missiles" in violation of UN resolutions, Japanese Defence Minister Takeshi Iwaya told reporters.

"It can't be overlooked no matter what the size and distance are," he said.

Washington was monitoring the situation following reports of a missile launch, a senior US official said.

"We are consulting closely with our Japanese and South Korean allies."

'Biggest threat'

South Korea's military said it would share intelligence on the launches with Japan despite Seoul saying earlier this week that it was terminating such exchanges amid a growing diplomatic and trade spat with its neighbour, which had raised concern it could weaken tracking of



North Korea has carried out several missile launches in recent weeks (31 July test pictured) in protest at US-South Korean military exercises. **PHOTO: AFP**

Pyongyang's actions by the US allies.

Nuclear talks between Pyongyang and Washington have been gridlocked since a second summit in Hanoi in February collapsed without an agreement over the extent of denuclearisation in the North and a sanctions relief.

US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un agreed to kick start working-level talks during an impromptu meeting at the Demilitarised Zone on June 30 but no contacts have been held since with the North repeatedly expressing anger at the war games.

Earlier this week, Stephen Biegun, the US special envoy for North Korea, said during a visit to Seoul that Washington was "prepared to engage" as soon as it hears from Pyongyang.

But on Friday, the North vowed to "remain as the biggest 'threat' to the US" if Washington persisted with sanctions, in a statement by Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho. Ri also launched a scathing attack on Pompeo, calling him a "diehard toxin" after the top US diplomat said Washington would continue to keep the "toughest" sanctions on the North until the reclusive state denuclearises. — AFP ■

Hong Kong police fire tear gas as clashes return to city streets

HONG KONG — Hong Kong riot police on Saturday fired tear gas and baton-charged protesters who retaliated with a barrage of stones, bottles and bamboo poles, as a standoff in a working-class district descended into violence.

The city has been gripped by

three months of street protests that started against a proposed extradition bill to China but have spun out into a wider pro-democracy movement.

An uneasy peace had descended this week but that was broken on Saturday as thousands

of demonstrators — many wearing hard hats and gas masks — marched through the industrial Kwun Tong area, where they were blocked by dozens of officers with shields and batons outside a police station.

Frontline protesters pulled

together a barricade of traffic barriers and bamboo construction poles, spray-painting walls with insults directed at the police.

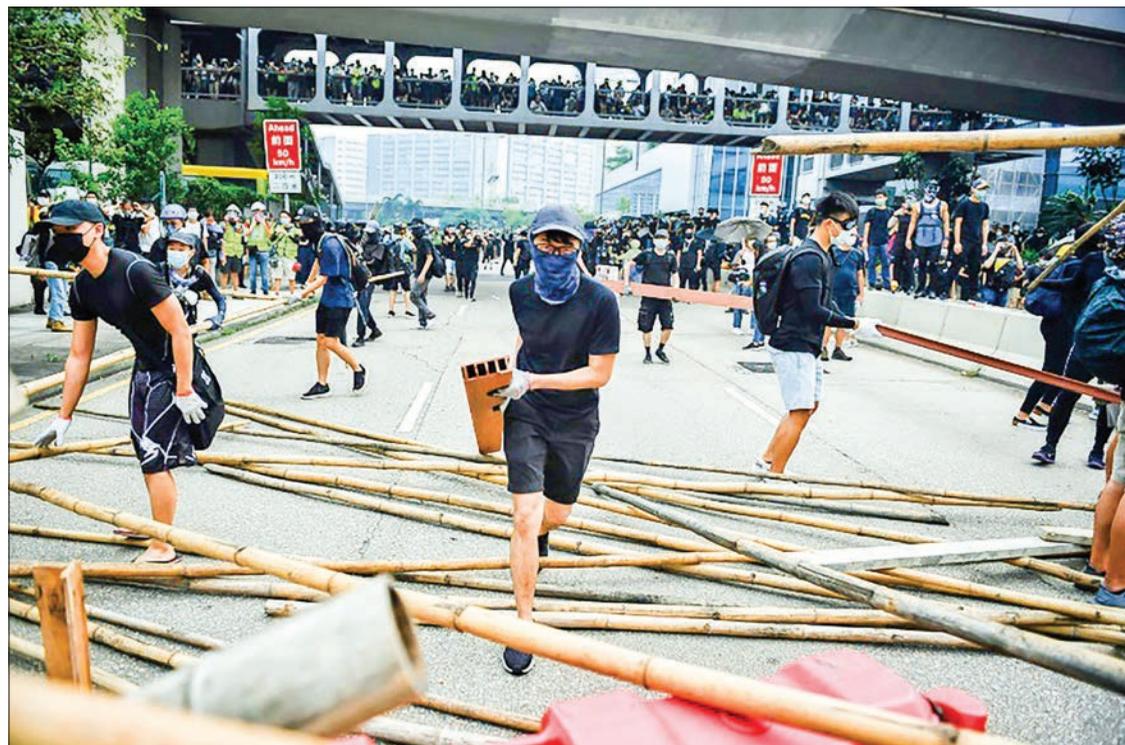
As the afternoon wore on some fired stones from slingshots, prompting a charge from police wielding batons and pepper spray.

Tear gas swept across the road as protesters retreated, leaving a trail of broken bottles and at least one small fire in their wake.

Several of the black-clad protesters were detained as officers swept through, with police justifying their charge on "a large group of violent protesters" who had set fires and hurled bricks.

The city had appeared to have pulled back from a sharp nosedive into violence, with the last serious clashes taking place a week and a half ago just after protests paralysed the financial hub's airport.

Tension flickered throughout Saturday's march, where dozens of the most radical demonstrators known as "braves" had gathered, battle-hardened by a three-month street campaign. — AFP ■



Thousands of demonstrators marched through an industrial area, where they were blocked by dozens of riot police with shields and batons. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWS In BRIEF

China, Japan, ROK businesses eye closer ties in 5G

CHANGCHUN — The first China-Japan-ROK Entrepreneur Summit held on Saturday has attracted more than 240 entrepreneurs from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea to promote cooperation in the 5G industry.

As a key event of the ongoing 12th China-Northeast Asia Expo held in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, the summit focused on the opportunities in the 5G era for small- and medium-sized enterprises. — Xinhua ■

Cambodia, Laos agree to pull back troops from undemarcated border area

PHNOM PENH — Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen said he had held a telephone conversation with his Lao counterpart Thongloun Sisoulith on Saturday morning, reaching an agreement to withdraw both sides' troops from an undemarcated border area.

"So far, there is no any tension, and our two countries' soldiers stay together, eat together, so all of our citizens please don't worry," the prime minister said in an exclusive interview with local media Fresh News. — AFP ■

Japan, US reach broad trade deal

WASHINGTON — Japan and the United States have agreed to the broad outlines of a trade agreement, Japan's top trade negotiator Toshimitsu Motegi suggested Friday as the two countries work to seal a deal by the end of September.

"We've been able to see major progress," the Japanese economic revitalization minister told reporters in Washington following the three-day meeting with US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. Motegi also said gaps no longer exist in their views, apparently referring to tariff cuts in key sectors such as beef and automobiles. — Kyodo News ■

Thousands join anti-G7 march as world leaders fly in

HENDAYE (France)— More than 9,000 anti-G7 protesters joined a mass march across the French-Spanish border on Saturday as world leaders arrived for a summit in Biarritz just hours after activists clashed with police.

Since Monday, anti-capitalist activists, environmentalists and other anti-globalisation groups have begun flocking to southwestern France for a counter-summit which they insist will be peaceful.

Biarritz is a popular tourist destination that would normally be basking in its annual summer boom, but with US President Donald Trump and other world leaders flying in for three days of talks, the resort was on lockdown.

“Heads of state: act now, Amazonia is burning!” read one banner as the huge crowd rallied under cloudless blue skies in the French coastal town of Hendaye, the slogan referring to the wildfires ravaging the world’s largest rainforest.

Waving thousands of flags, they marched across the Bidasoa River heading for the Spanish town of Irun, chanting slogans and playing drums.

The demonstrators were an

eclectic mix of environmental activists, families and anti-globalists, AFP correspondents said.

Among the crowd were even a group dressed in traditional Basque shepherd costumes, with red, white and green Basque flags as far as the eye could see.

The rally ended shortly before 2:00 pm (1200 GMT) with no major incidents, according to an AFP reporter on the scene.

But authorities remain on high alert, with Biarritz on lockdown and police deployed en masse in the neighbouring town of Bayonne as well to keep protesters at bay.

Overnight, 17 people were arrested and four police lightly injured when clashed erupted in Urrugne near the Spanish border some 25 kilometres (15 miles) south of the resort.

“I want to call for calm and for unity,” French President Emmanuel Macron said in an address to the nation just hours before the official opening of the summit at which world leaders were to address the Amazon crisis along with other divisive global issues.

“We won’t be able to face all



More than 9,000 people turned out to join the anti-G7 march which went from Hendaye in France to Irun in northeastern Spain. PHOTO: AFP

these big challenges if we don’t act together,” he said.

13,000 police

Friday night’s confrontation occurred as activists tried to block police from reaching a site where they had set up camp, with police firing tear gas and us-

ing controversial rubber rounds known as LBDs to disperse them, AFP correspondents said.

Earlier on Friday, police blocked several hundred demonstrators from reaching a roundabout on the road between Biarritz and the Spanish border.

France has deployed more

than 13,000 police and gendarmes to secure the event amid fears of disturbances by radical anti-capitalist groups, anarchists and the “yellow vests” who have staged months of anti-government protests. But demonstrators insist their protests will be peaceful.

—AFP ■

Brazil’s Bolsonaro authorizes army to help fight Amazon fires

PORTO VELHO (Brazil) — President Jair Bolsonaro on Friday authorized the deployment of Brazil’s armed forces to help combat fires raging in the Amazon rainforest, as a growing global outcry over the blazes sparks protests and threatens a huge trade deal.

Plumes of thick smoke rose into the sky above dense forest in the northwestern state of Rondonia, where bright orange flames from various fires were visible for kilometers (miles), an AFP photographer reported.

“It’s not normal and it’s like this because of the smoke from the fires,” said a hotel employee in the state capital Porto Velho, which was covered by a layer of smoke as fires burned near the city.

The fires in the world’s largest rainforest have sparked street protests around the planet and ignited a war of words between Bolsonaro and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, who has described the wildfires as an “international crisis” and vowed to block a trade agreement be-



Aerial picture showing a fire raging in the Amazon rainforest about 65 km from Porto Velho, in the state of Rondonia, in northern Brazil, on 23 August 2019. PHOTO: AFP

tween the European Union and South American countries.

The latest official figures show 76,720 forest fires were recorded in Brazil so far this year — the highest number for any year since 2013 — which experts blame on accelerating deforestation as land is cleared during the months-long dry season to make way for crops or grazing.

More than half are in the Amazon.

Around 700 new fires were

ignited between Wednesday and Thursday, according to the National Institute for Space Research (INPE), fueling air contamination in cities including Sao Paulo, where thick smog turned day into night on Monday.

After a late-night crisis meeting with members of his cabinet, Bolsonaro on Friday issued a decree permitting the deployment of armed forces to help extinguish fires and crack down on criminal activities in the region.—AFP ■

Google tells workers to avoid arguing politics in house

SAN FRANCISCO (United States) — Google on Friday told employees to focus on work instead of heated debates about politics with colleagues at the internet company, which has long been known for encouraging people to speak their minds.

Updated workplace guidelines for “Googlers” called on them to be responsible, helpful, and thoughtful during exchanges on internal message boards or other conversation forums.

“While sharing information and ideas with colleagues helps build community, disrupting the workday to have a raging debate over politics or the latest news story does not,” the updated guidelines stated.

“Our primary responsibility is to do the work we’ve each been hired to do, not to spend working time on debates about non-work topics.”

The updated guidelines pointed out that comments made internally by Google employees, no matter the intent, could go public and be wrongly attributed to the company, leading to mistaken impressions.

“We’re all free to raise concerns and respectfully question and debate the company’s activities — that’s part of our culture,” the guidelines read.

“Take care not to make false or misleading statements about Google’s products or business that could undermine trust in our products and the work that we do.”

Managers or those moderating forums were directed to intervene if the policy is violated, revoking comments, ending discussions, or even taking disciplinary action.

US President Donald Trump revived his criticism of Google this month, referencing a fired engineer who claimed the internet giant was working against his re-election.

The comments were the latest from the US leader alleging, without evidence, that Silicon Valley giants distort searches and social feeds to suppress conservatives.

Trump has assailed Google on several occasions, claiming bias against him and his supporters.—AFP ■

Conservationists urge Mexico trade sanctions over near-extinct porpoise

GENEVA (Switzerland) — Conservationists are urging countries to slap trade sanctions on Mexico over its failure to rein in illegal fishing that could doom the vaquita marina porpoise to extinction within months.

With only around 10 vaquita believed to remain in their sole habitat off northwestern Mexico, environmentalists insist only “drastic measures” can rescue the world’s smallest porpoise from disappearing altogether.

They are appealing to countries attending the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in Geneva to wield the treaty’s harshest sanction in a bid to force Mexico to ensure the vaquita’s survival.

“The parties should sanction Mexico and put a ban on trade of CITES-listed species from Mexico until they get the situation under control,” Zak Smith, Director of International Wildlife Conservation for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), told AFP.

CITES, which regulates trade in more than 35,000 species of plants and animals, has the power to sanction countries that break the rules or fail to rein in illegal trade in species protected under the treaty.

Known as “the panda of the sea” for the distinctive black circles around its eyes, the vaquita has been decimated by gillnets used in the Gulf of California to fish for another endangered species, the totoaba fish.

‘Cocaine of the Sea’

The totoaba’s swim bladder is considered a delicacy in China and can fetch up to \$20,000 on the black market. The lucrative market for the swim bladders has turned the Gulf of California into a battleground, as armed poachers use drug cartel-like tactics to get hold of the “cocaine of the sea”. Policymakers from more than 180 countries attending the 12-day CITES meeting are due to discuss the plight of the vaquita on Monday and could — in theory — heed environmentalists’ calls for sanctions, although such a move is unlikely.

Environmentalists say they hope the parties will at least warn Mexico that sanctions will be on the table if it does not show progress in safeguarding the vaquita.

“If the CITES parties don’t respond at this meeting and take drastic and dramatic action to compel Mexico to do more... this could be the meeting where the final nail is put into the vaquita coffin,” said DJ Schubert, a wildlife biologist with the Animal Wildlife Institute. Mexico, meanwhile, is adamant that it is doing everything possible to save the vaquita, and should not be sanctioned.

“I don’t believe that a simple solution like penalising Mexico will serve the vaquita,” Hesiquio Benitez Diaz, the country’s Director-General of International Cooperation and Implementation, told an event last week on the sidelines of the CITES meeting.

—AFP ■



Only around 10 vaquita are believed to remain in their sole habitat off northwestern Mexico. PHOTO: AFP

Docking aborted for Russia’s first humanoid robot in space

MOSCOW (Russia) — An unmanned spacecraft carrying Russia’s first humanoid robot to be sent into orbit failed to dock automatically at the International Space Station on Saturday, in a new setback for Moscow.

“Russian cosmonauts issued a command to abort the automated approach of an uncrewed Russian Soyuz spacecraft to the International Space Station,” the US space agency NASA said in a statement.

“The craft was unable to lock onto its target at the station,” and “backed a safe distance away from the orbital complex while the Russian flight controllers assess the next steps,” NASA said.

Russian flight controllers had told the ISS crew



A humanoid robot named Fedor is the first Russia has sent into space. PHOTO: AFP

it appeared the problem that prevented automated docking was in the station and not the Soyuz spacecraft, NASA added.

Moscow news agencies quoted the flight centre control as saying the Soyuz craft had to retreat to a “secure distance” from the ISS. The docking had been scheduled for 0530 GMT but a live

broadcast of the event on the website of the Russian space agency Roscosmos was interrupted when the Soyuz approached to about 100 metres (100 yards) off the ISS.

“The Soyuz is on a safe trajectory above and behind the space station that will bring it in the vicinity of the orbital complex again in 24 hours and

48 hours,” NASA said.

“Russian flight controllers have indicated the next earliest docking attempt could be Monday morning.”

TASS news agency quoted the head of the Russian side of ISS, Vladimir Soloviov saying “telemetry analysis showed there were failings with radio equipment” on the station.

“It can be corrected,” he said, adding that part of the equipment would be replaced and another attempt at docking made between 0500 GMT and 0600 GMT on Monday.

“There is no threat to the station and its crew,” a Roscosmos statement said. Russia’s space industry has suffered a series of setbacks from accidents and corruption scandals in recent years.—AFP ■

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A new highway express bus terminal for Yangon in the pipeline

By Moe Myint Lin Let

WHENEVER a highway express bus enters Yangon at Aung Mingalar Express Bus Terminal it faces at least 20 minutes of traffic congestion. Sometime the congestion can extend up to 30 minutes making it a stressful period for anyone on that particular stretch of road. Those who had made the journey fully understand this. There's now a plan to construct a new highway express bus terminal that would reduce and ease these traffic congestions.

At a recent meeting with the press at Yangon City Hall Yangon City Development Committee Joint Secretary U Than told of a plan to construct a new highway express bus terminal near Shan Te Gyi on No. 2 Main Road.

Congestion of highway express buses

Aung Mingalar Express Bus Terminal in Yangon is where highway express bus from central, south and upper Myanmar converges. As many express bus lines starts and stops there to load and discharge passengers and goods the terminal was always full of express buses.

In addition to these more express buses entering Yangon from Yangon-Mandalay Highway (old road) and No. 3 Main Road also causes traffic congestion along the way to Aung Mingalar Express Bus Terminal.



Aung Mingalar highway bus station. PHOTO: K ZIN

New highway express bus terminal

Due to the above mentioned reasons a new express bus terminal was planned for express buses from Bago Region, Mon State and Taninthayi Region. The new express bus terminal is on No. 2 Main Road near Shan Te Gyi.

This was not a relocation of Aung Mingalar Express Bus Terminal. It was building a new express bus terminal for express buses from Bago, Mon and Taninthayi. The arrangement was for the convenience of both the express buses as well as the passengers.

At the moment there were two highway express bus ter-

minals in Yangon. The two were Aung Mingalar Express Bus Terminal and Dagon-Ayar Express Bus Terminal in Hlinethaya Township. Dagon-Ayar Express Bus Terminal was where express buses to/from Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine States ends or starts its trips. 34 express bus lines with 423 express buses operate out of Dagon-Ayar Express Bus Terminal. Buses and taxis were used for a passenger to go on to downtown Yangon or other places.

Relocating highway express buses

Aung Mingalar Express Bus Terminal in North Okkal-

apa Township had 116 express bus lines with 1,765 express buses operating out of it. Of these 116 express bus lines, the express bus lines from Bago, Taninthayi and Mon were now being arranged to be relocated to the new highway express bus terminal on No. 2 Main Road.

Local travellers travel a lot whenever there is a long holidays of 3 to 4 days. This trend will continue to rise and if a new arrangement of relocating express bus lines to new highway express bus terminal was not made there will be huge traffic congestions in the current highway bus terminals. Arrangements were also

being made for easy transfer between the respective bus terminals for travellers from Mon, Bago and Taninthayi regions travelling to upper and central Myanmar or to Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State via Yangon and for travellers from the other end travelling to Mon, Bago and Taninthayi via Yangon.

Convenient arrangement for all

The arrangements made for the new express bus terminal will surely reduce inconveniences faced by all.

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A new town springing up near Yangon

By Zin Lin Myint

As more and more local and foreign investments flow into Yangon, more businesses, industrial zones, housing projects etc. were in the pipeline as well as plan for new or satellite town. The new or satellite town is in Dala, on the other side of Yangon River. It is learnt that preliminary surveys were being conducted.

On 13 August Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said a new town was planned on Dala side in cooperation with Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and preliminary survey was already completed.

Detailed study

As a first step, KOICA had made a submission to Ministry of Construction after conducting the preliminary survey. A detailed study will now be conducted and once the steps are completed and permission granted, a new town project will be implemented systematically.

Once this project and the



Workers being seen at the construction site of Yangon-Dala bridge. PHOTO: MAUNG YIN OO(DALA)

Yangon-Dala Bridge were completed, Dala region will develop rapidly. Now the construction of Yangon-Dala Bridge, also known as Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge, had started on the Dala side. Bore pile works, approach roads and foundation work of the bridge were started. On Yangon side, preparations were underway to start work. The bridge will connect Kamakasit Ward, Bo Min Yang Street in Dala side with

Lanmadaw Township Phonegyi Street in Yangon side.

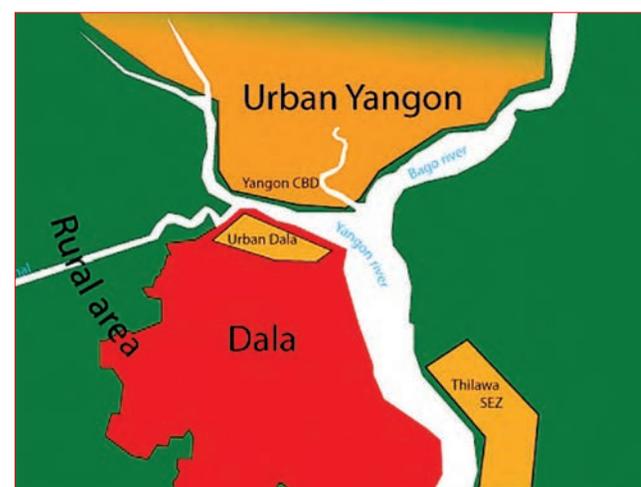
The four-lane Yangon-Dala Bridge is a cable suspension bridge with a length of 6,144 ft. and is 49 meter high. The construction period will be 41 months.

Once the bridge is completed travel between Yangon and Dala can be made round the clock and Dala Township lagging behind in development for long will develop rapidly. Road

communication plays a main role for a region's development.

Developing new Dala Town

While this basic infrastructure Yangon-Dala Bridge project was implemented, efforts were made toward developing a new Dala Town. For Dala Township, nearest to Yangon to reach the same development stage as Yangon, preliminary studies were conducted instead of waiting for the bridge con-



struction to be completed.

Ministry of Construction, Yangon Region Government and KOICA were cooperating for the new Dala Town project said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein.

Furthermore, there's a plan to establish an industrial zone in Dala Township. This will create job opportunities for people and youth from Dala Township. The new town will also become a magnet to attract work force to the industrial zone.

Just like Hlinethaya Township that now had the highest numbers of workers in Yangon Region, the new Dala Town and Dala Township will also become a town and township with highest numbers of workers.

Upon completion of Yangon-Dala Bridge in 2023 and the new Dala Town project was implemented, development of Dala in tandem with Yangon can be seen.

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Scale model of Yangon-Dala bridge. PHOTO: MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION

Myanmar wins another gold medal at 14th World Dragon Boat Championship

MYANMAR won a gold, silver and two bronze medals in yesterday's 14th World Dragon Boat Racing Championship at Pattaya, Thailand yesterday.

After earning two gold medals at the previous days' events, Myanmar was awarded one more medal yesterday.

In the the Under-24 Women's 200 Meter Boat Race, Myanmar won a gold medal with a remarkable record of 1 minutes and 154.4 seconds, while host Thailand won a silver medal and United States team received the bronze medal.

In the Under-24 Men's 200 Meter Boat Race Event, the My-

anmar team won a silver medal, while host Thailand won the gold medal and Hong Kong won a bronze medal.

In the Premier Men's and Women's mixed 200 Meter Boat Race Event, Myanmar won the bronze medal, while Canada won the gold medal and Thailand team won a silver medal.

Myanmar has won three gold medals, three silver medals and five bronze medals. Myanmar hopes to win another gold medal in the 500 Meter boat race on 25 August, said officials from Myanmar Rowing and Canoeing Federation. —Ar Kar Soe ■
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Myanmar team celebrates victory after winning a gold medal at the Under-24 Women's 200 Meter Boat Race Event at yesterday's 14th World Dragon Boat Racing Championship at Pattaya, Thailand. **PHOTO: KYAW KHAING (ISPE)**



Myanmar's veteran player Yi Yi Oo (No 20) celebrates victory after scoring her goal over the Indonesia team in the group B match at the AFF Women's Championship 2019. **PHOTO: MFF**

AFF Women's Championship Semifinal: Myanmar to play Thailand today

THE Myanmar national women football team will play a decisive semifinal match in the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Women's Championship 2019 at the Institute of Physical Education Stadium in Chonburi, Thailand today.

Myanmar is the group B runner up, with two wins over Indonesia and Cambodia and one loss to the strong Viet Nam team, while Thailand, the Group A winner, has collected their full points, with all four wins over the Philippines, Malaysia, Timor-Leste and Singapore.

The match will be difficult for both teams, as the skills of the players are similar between the Myanmar and Thailand teams.

Currently, Myanmar's Yi Yi Oo leads the top scorers' list, having scored seven goals during the tourney.

After the three matches in Group B, Yi Yi Oo sits at the top of the scorers' list, followed by Viet Nam's Pham Hai Yen with six goals, and Viet Nam's Huynh Nhu and Nguyen Thi Bich Thuy with five goals each.

Meanwhile, Thailand's

Boothduang Wilaiporn and Philippines' Rodriguez Kathleen Muldong each scored four goals.

In the Group A, the Philippines, the Group A runner up, will play against Viet Nam, Group B winner in the other semifinal match at the IPE stadium in Chonburi.

The Myanmar vs Thailand match will be played at 5:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time, while the Philippines vs Viet Nam will play at 2:30 pm, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

MFF seeks youth volunteers to serve at round two qualifier for World Cup, AFC Cup

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) is seeking youths to serve as volunteers at the Preliminary Joint Qualification Round Two match to be played between Myanmar and Japan at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 and AFC Asian Cup China 2023, according to the federation website.

The requirements for the youths are listed by the federation.

Both boys and girls are welcome and should be interested in football, plus social works. Vol-

unteers should be between 18 to 25 years old and possess good communication skills. Volunteers should be students or graduates.

The youths will also take part in the Marketing and Media sector, plus reception duties, and they will also help the tourney in other essential tasks, the Myanmar Football Federation stated.

Interested youths need to contact the Myanmar Football Federation via Email: media@mffma.com by 3 September.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Nadal, Federer, Djokovic remain ones to beat at US Open

NEW YORK (United States) — While a host of young rivals hope to disrupt the dominance of the "Big Three" in men's tennis, Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer remain the US Open favorites.

The year's final Grand Slam showdown starts Monday on the Flushing Meadows hardcourts with top-ranked Djokovic, 20-time Grand Slam champion Federer and Spanish superstar Nadal having combined to win the past 11 Grand Slam titles.

Federer, 38, doesn't see a problem with the dominance by the sport's elder statesmen, who together own 54 of the past 65 Slam titles.

"I don't think it's a problem, per se," Federer said. "Now that Novak, Rafa and me are healthy again, Andy (Murray) also slowly coming back again, has made it much harder for young guys to come through.

"They are definitely knocking on the door big-time now. I think that's very encouraging for those who want to see somebody else win. I think also Novak's domination, Rafa's domination is also not normal for the game of tennis.

"I think there's going to be chances moving forward, but it's not surprising with the type of tennis they've been playing in recent years."—AFP ■

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Please do not make our pleasant surroundings dirty and ugly

NOWADAYS, there are many things that are threatening the human beings in the world. Some are threatening from somewhat distance but some, very close to us. Among the close harmful ones, betel quid is the most dangerous one. At the moment, it is being consumed by any age including the teenagers.

The distinctive habit of consuming betel has been existing for long in Myanmar. Even in the royal ceremonies, there were the habits of consuming it. It can be seen in the historical witnesses of books and ancient utensils. The betel box based on the dragon image, the betel box gilded with gold, the gold lime box and the silver lime box are the ancient utensils used in the royal ceremonies of a palace. In addition, the staff associated with the betel such as the proffer betel to the king, the person holding his betel juice etc. were appointed by the kings.

The durable habit of chewing betel quid could be seen not only in the royal palace but in

the atmosphere of ordinary people. As a tradition, Myanmar people have been entertaining the others who come to the social occasions of joy or grief with the betel box containing the betel, tobacco, lime and areca nut up to now. In many villages, the hosts often entertain the visitors who get to the house with the betel box, the plain tea, the pickled tea leaves with other ingredients and served as delicacy etc. Therefore, the betel box is the proof of Myanmar traditional entertaining thing.

Selling betel quid in a small or big shop everywhere in Myanmar can be seen today. Both the young and the old are consuming it. We can see even the students who are chewing the betel quid.

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- 1. I (go) to bed when the telephone rang.
2. They (pick) the flowers when the gardener saw them.
3. She (turn) on the radio when an old friend of hers called on her.
4. The boy (go) home when someone called out "Lar-bar-ohn!"
5. The girl (write) something on the blackboard when the teacher came in.

Answers (အဖြေများ)

- 1. I was about to go to bed when the telephone rang.
2. They were about to pick the flowers when the gardner saw them.
3. She was about to turn on the radio when an old friend of hers called on her.
4. The boy was about to go home when someone called out "Lar-bar-ohn".
5. The girl was about to write something on the blackboard when the teacher came in.

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- 1. You must work hard or you will fail.
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If you do not work hard, you will fail.
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If he does not go quickly, he will miss the train.
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3. She must write carefully or she will make mistakes.
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If she does not write carefully, she will make mistakes.
4. They must be healthy or they will not be able to work hard.
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5. He must not be late or he will be punished.
သူနောက်မကျရ။ သို့မဟုတ်ပါက သူအပြစ်ပေးခံရလိမ့်မည်။
If he is late, he will be punished.
သူနောက်ကျလျှင် သူအပြစ်ပေးခံရလိမ့်မည်။ (မှတ်ချက် - Not မပါလျှင် ထည့်ပေး၍ ပါလျှင် ဖြုတ်ပစ်ရမည်။ ဆန့်ကျင်ဘက် အဓိပ္ပာယ်ယူရသည်ကို သတိပြုပါ။)

Exercises လေ့ကျင့်ခန်း

အောက်ပါတို့ကို if-pattern အဖြစ်သို့ ပြောင်းပေးပါ။

- 1. You must play well or you will not be selected.
2. They must leave early or they will be late.
3. He must help her or she will never forgive him.
4. She must rest well or her health wil break down.
5. We must be united or we shall never reach our goal.

Answers (အဖြေများ)

- 1. If you do not play well, you will not be selected.
သင်ကောင်းကောင်းမကစားလျှင် သင်အရွေးခံရလိမ့်မည်မဟုတ်။
2. If they do not leave early, they will be late.
သူတို့စောစောမထွက်ခွာလျှင် သူတို့နောက်ကျလိမ့်မည်။
3. If he does not help her, she will never forgive him.
သူ သူမကို မကူညီလျှင် သူမ သူ့ကို ဘယ်တော့မှ ခွင့်လွှတ်လိမ့်မည်မဟုတ်။
4. If she does not rest well, her health will break down.
သူမ ကောင်းစွာမနားလျှင် သူမကျန်းမာရေးပျက်ပြားသွားလိမ့်မည်။
5. If we are not united, we shall never reach our goal.
ငါတို့မညီညွတ်လျှင် ငါတို့ ပန်းတိုင်ကို မည်သည့်အခါမျှ ရောက်မည်မဟုတ်။

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SUMMER

Summer has come round once again. Days are getting hotter and hotter. Old leaves begin to fall. New leaves begin to come out. It is a sorrowful scene. The cuckoo has come announcing the arrival of summer. Its sweet song can be heard everywhere.

The examinations are over. The schools have been closed. The summer vacation has begun. All students are free. Some join the voluntary services camps. Some attend various training courses. Some are making preparations for the Thingyan. Many people take part in the Thinygan. Water-throwing goes on for three days. It falls in April. You will be soaked in cool water during the festival. It is a pleasure. However, we must be careful. Fires often break out in summer.

I like summer best. We are free. I spend most of my time eating, reading and swimming. I intend to go on a visit to Pagan in April. I shall enjoy the Thingyan in Mandalay.

- once again နောက်တစ်ကြိမ်
old leaves ရွက်ဟောင်း
a sorrowful scene ဝမ်းနည်းဖွယ်ရှုခင်း
announce d d ကြေညာသည်
are over ပြီးဆုံးသည်
vacation အားလပ်ရက်
free လွတ်လပ်သော၊ အားလပ်သော
voluntary services လုပ်အားပေးစခန်းများ
camps သင်တန်းများ
training courses ပြင်ဆင်မှုများပြုလုပ်နေ
making preparations ပါဝင်ဆင်နွှဲ
take part in ရေပက်ခြင်း
water-throwing စွတ်စို
soaks အေးမြသော
cool ပျော်ရွှင်မှု
pleasure

- intend ed ed ရည်ရွယ်သည်
spend spent spent သုံးသည်၊ ကုန်ဆုံးစေသည်။

MYSELF

I am a student. My name is Min Lwin Oo. I am son of U Than Oo and Daw Phyu. We live in Insein. I am reading in the BEHS class. I have one elder brother and two younger sisters. My elder brother is married. The younger sister are Mie Mie and Thi Thi. They are in the 8th standard. Father is a trader. Mother is a nurse.

I am five-foot seven. I have broad shoulders. I have a fine build. I am a sportsman. I play football and basketball. I also swim every morning. My complexion is fair. My hair is dark and wavy. It is neither too short nor too long. I am handsome because Mother was once an actress. I am friendly. I have many friends. I work hard at my studies. I am good at Burmese and Maths. I attend my classes regularly. I obey the teachers. I do my homework. I am sure to pass the BEHS examination. I am on the school football team. The teachers love me. Boys and girls like me because I am helpful. My hobby is swimming.

I want to be a writer. I read a lot of books. I work hard at Burmese. I have begun writing short stories. I shall try to be a good writer one day.

- married အိမ်ထောင်ကျပြီးသော
trader ကုန်သည်
broad ကျယ်ပြန့်သော
shoulders ပခုံးများ
sportsman အားကစားသမား
build ကိုယ်လုံးကိုယ်ထည်
complexion အသားအရေ
wavy လှိုင်းထသော
handsome ရုပ်ချောသော
good at တော်သော
regularly မှန်မှန်
obey obeyed obeyed နာခံသည်
hobby ဝါသနာ
short stories ဝတ္ထုတိုများ

MY AMBITION

Everybody has an ambition. Some want to be doctors. Some want to be engineers. Some want to be scientists and some want to be pilots. My ambition is to be an artist.

I am now sitting for my BEHS examination. I have worked hard and I am sure to pass. I shall not join a college next year. I shall go to the State School of Fine Arts. I shall study there for three years. I love drawing and painting. I attend art classes every summer. I do a lot of drawing in my spare time. I have read many books on painting. I shall try to be a famous artist like U Ngwe Gaing. I admire him. An artist is an independent man. He does not need to go to office. He can work at any time he likes. His studio is his home. He work with his brushes, paints, palettes, easels and canvases. He spends most of his time painting. He works in his studio. But, sometimes he works outdoors. He paints scenes. He must read a lot. He must also travel a lot. He must have imagination.

When I become a painter, I shall earn my living by selling my paintings. I shall work hard. I shall always try to improve my skill. I shall try to be a world-famous artist one day.

- ambition ဘဝရည်မှန်းချက်
artist ပန်းချီဆရာ
sit for an examination စာမေးပွဲဖြေသည်။
State school of Fine Arts နိုင်ငံတော် အနုပညာကျောင်း
drawing ပုံဆွဲခြင်း (ခဲဖြင့်)
painting ပန်းချီဆွဲခြင်း (စုတ်ဖြင့်)
art class ပန်းချီပန်းပုသင်တန်း
admire d d ကြည်ညိုသည်၊ မြတ်နိုးသည်
independent လွတ်လပ်သော

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

PRIORITY: *Putting others before us*



By Kyaw Khin

IT was about 1pm on Sunday. I was taking a bus to eighth mile from Tarmwe. The bus was too crowded. I am standing holding a handrail. The speakers on the bus were sounding, “what the next bus stop is and those who get off at the bus stop be ready.”

On the bus all the seats

were occupied, some passengers were standing carrying something on their hands and some were moving to the back not to block the newly get-on passengers by them.

The driver often shouted to move back, and not to block the way of those who get off and newly get on.

The bus was too crowded at that time and most passengers were immovable so a woman was shouting back at the driver, “Oh driver! There is no space to move back so drive fast and don’t take any passengers at next few bus stops to come.”

When the bus stopped at a bus-stop in Yankin Township, a woman of around fifty and her ailing son of around ten got on the bus. The boy was noticeable that he was very weak and feeble.

On that time all the seats are occupied and the aisle was also filled with standing passengers. The very front seat of the bus was occupied by a young monk and besides two seats by two aged man of around 70. When young monk saw the ailing boy, he stood up and gave his seat to the boy to sit. The boy first

refused and hesitated to sit, but then he sat as the monk asks him to sit, saying “you are very weak, please sit.”

I’m moved to see the young monk’s kind manner, and then my thinking flew back to the last month’s Facebook video clip which I saw in which a middle-aged monk with tattoos, chewing betel quid was shouting at an old woman in a house in downtown for not giving alms to him.

Then, I also recalled a Facebook post that I have read a few weeks ago. Being asked, a monk answered in the post the question on why does monk get a priority, for example, on the bus and is there anyone worthier of priority than a monk.

According to the post, there are many circumstances and situations when a monk should give suitable priority to the layperson such as those who are aged, sick, disabled and suffered from other serious diseases. A monk is mostly worthier of giving priority than a layperson because he is keeping many disciplinary rules which are worthier priority than a layperson.

Suddenly, my thinking was disturbed by a shout of complaint

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Hand woven straw hats popular from Tharkyin Village, Nganzun Tsp

Tin Zar Hlaing (IPRD)

VILLAGERS from Tharkyin in Nganzun Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region, have been selling traditional hand woven hats made of wheat straw for over 20 years.

The raw material for the hats comes from wheat fields after the harvest, and the production reaches its peak from February through May.

Sold at affordable prices and resistant to heat, the hand-woven hats are popular in upper Myanmar, especially in Nganzun, Myingyan, Bhamo and Mandalay.

The village produces over 70,000 hats per year.

But, the price of raw materials for the hats is spiralling upwards, as the number of farmers who grow wheat is declining.

"The cost for wheat straw has doubled, from K60,000 and K70,000 per acre to K100,000 and K120,00," said Ko Than Soe, a hat maker from the village, "Therefore, our profits are low."

The village produces seven types of wheat straw hand woven hats, with prices ranging from K1,100 to K2,000. As long as farmers grow wheat, the village will produce their hand-made hats made from wheat straw.

Translated by Nat Ye Hla



Producers offer a great selection of straw hats at very affordable prices.



Women are producing straw hats at their workplace.



Women weaving hats with wheat straws in Tharkyin Village, Nganzun township.



Model cars are seen at the workshop. PHOTO: XINHUA/ U AUNG



Zay Yar initiated his model making hobby in 2016. PHOTO: XINHUA/ U AUNG

Myanmar craftsman makes wooden miniatures of vehicles from bygone era

By Khin Zar Thwe

YANGON (Xinhua)—Zay Yar is a craftsman who has been making wooden miniatures of vehicles dated back to bygone era in Myanmar's largest city Yangon for three years.

Being into old generations' vehicles produced around World War II and were broadly used as public transports in Myanmar, Zay Yar initiated his model making hobby in 2016 after working at an auto body shop for a decade.

"My crafts are mainly made of timber woods



Craftsman Zay Yar presents handicrafts at his workshop in Yangon. PHOTO: XINHUA/ U AUNG

which are easy to carve. Model making is not that difficult for me as I am familiar with automobiles since my childhood days," Zay Yar told Xinhua.

"My father was a driver and most of my childhood was spent on cars. My love on vehicles blossomed since that time and I decided to create mini-versions of models that I grew up with," Zay Yar said.

Three years on, compulsive collectors are chasing after his crafts which are well-known for detailedness, making him often booked for next two months.

Models of the miniatures handcrafted by him range from Mazda K360, B 360, B 600, three-

wheeled vehicle to Hino's BM, TE and Chevrolet buses and old Dodge trucks which are disappearing from the market in Myanmar, with prices ranging from at least 70,000 kyats (46.7 U.S. dollars) to 200,000 kyats (133.3 U.S. dollars).

Collecting miniatures by adults is not uncommon and so his clients include those who want to preserve old memories of public transports which are fading away from Myanmar these days.

"I'm fond of old generations' models, especially those in 1932-35, but I'm not into the latest generations of these days," said Zay Yar.

About 90 percent of his miniature models are made of wood and some parts including steering wheels are made of iron plates and bronze.

"It takes at least about five days to make one model as some of the orders need to be precise-detailed with working steering and opening doors," he said.

Every part of miniature cars are designed and handcrafted by him, even wheels, and real car color spray is used to paint his models.

Zay Yar's efforts have been paid off as customers admire his craftsmanship. "The quality of his latest products reflects the improvements of his skills and his model cars look closest to the real ones," Zwe Ko Ko Myint, one of the customers of craftsman Zay Yar, told Xinhua.

"I have six or seven models of his products since 2017 and of them, the most expensive one cost around 180,000 kyats (120 U.S. dollars)," he added.

The 39-year-old Zay Yar has his daily working schedule -- from early morning till 5 p.m. "I stop working at night as I'm afraid if my neighbours are disturbed by sounds from my machines," he said.

Despite having orders from many collectors, Zay Yar has no intention of expanding this business, accepting at most 10 orders and producing no more than four miniatures in a month.



Craftsman Zay Yar assembles a model car at his workshop. PHOTO: XINHUA/ U AUNG

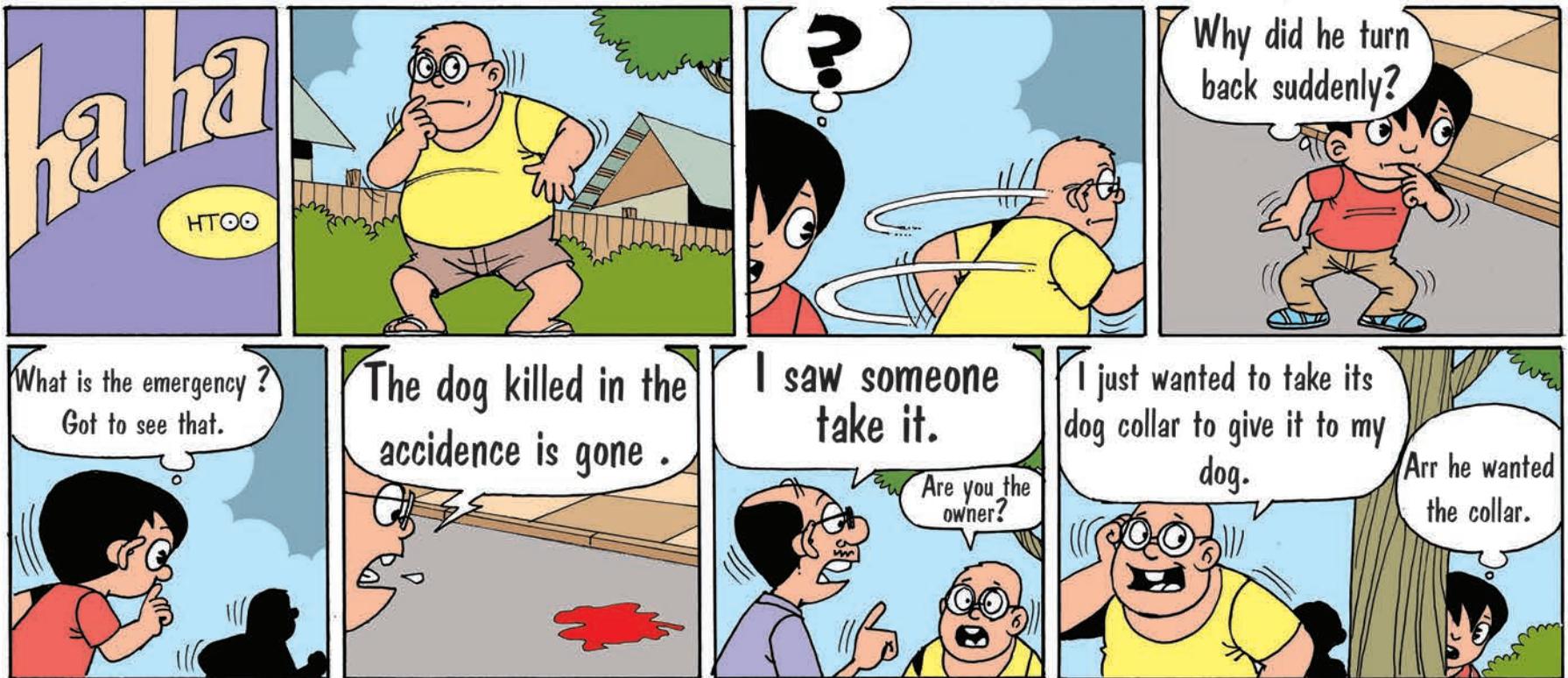


Craftsman assembles a model car at his workshop. PHOTO: XINHUA/ U AUNG



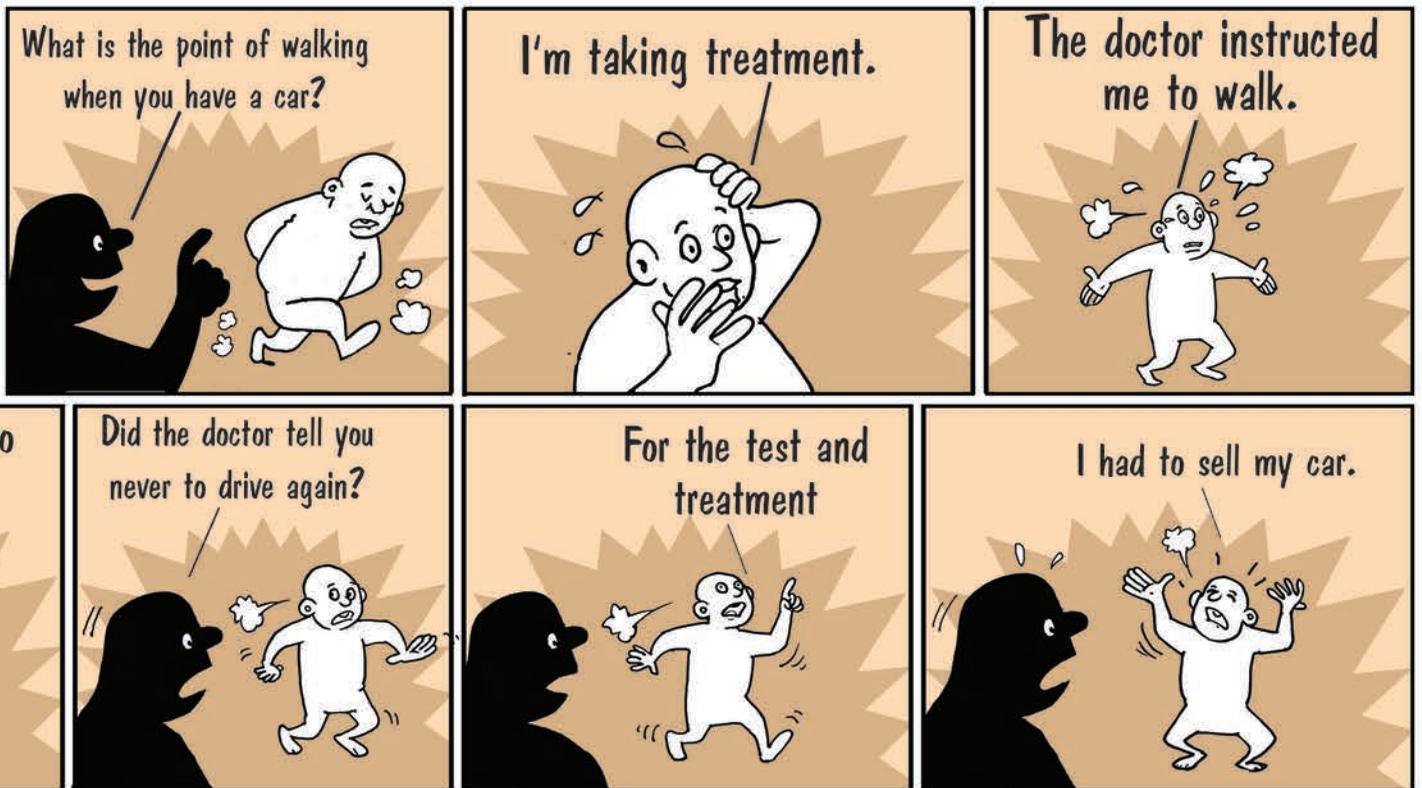
Wooden miniatures of vehicles. PHOTO: XINHUA/ U AUNG

SUNDAY COMICS



PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

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Though young like a little Skylark



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THERE are many birds – big or small, beautiful or ugly, low or high etc., that we have seen. We may have seen them in the wild or in the zoo or in a while we are going about. Only a few people will take notice with care they see. However, there are many interesting birds in nature. The characteristic features of them are very imitative for

bird. Their association can be seen in the wide field if the time of harvest comes near. It may be their nests in the middle of the paddy fields. Therefore, they are used to flying up and down between the paddy plants and the sky. Though its size is just an inch, their sounds are loud.

Their strength can be heard in their sounds. They continuously make a noise even while they are flying. The speed of flight is also vast.

That sound with strength and that flight with power seem to break through the sky.

In mum and quiet nature, we are lost in his sound and his music. His melody can bewitch me much enough up to forget myself whether I am in

the heaven or on earth. Among other birds, the little skylark is just a small one.

How big are our sizes in human society too?

Sometimes, we are small creatures... once and once we may be the monsters.

Nevertheless, like the skylarks, we are travelling on in our life journey which we are caught in and in our dwelling place. Then... How are we moving in our surroundings? Are we going forward with courage or are we performing it in hesitation? But if one happens to take notice of the unique features of the skylark, one will surely see the way how to endure stoically the nature. May we go through our respective worlds with the mind that the little skylark happens to break and pass through the sky.



man, I think. Among them, the following one is unique and has got the interesting features. The skylark is just a little

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What is more, even the women consume the betel quid. As chewing betel quid is not a queer one in Myanmar, it is not amazing that even the children can be able to consume it as a snack. Betel quid can be bought from the cost of one hundred kyat up to above a thousand kyat as the consumer's content of his heart. They chew it as a snack or appeasing one's hunger. For most highway drivers, it is impossible if there is no betel quid along with them while they are driving. Their sleepy feeling can be replaced by chewing betel quid on the way. They chew it one after another until their cars get to the respective destination.

Chewing the betel quid continuously without pause cannot be a traditional habit. It will surely give adverse side effects. There is an old noteworthy saying, "Proper amount is medicinal; exceeding amount, harmful". Those who are over consuming are affected with the cancer of oral organs and pharynx. Although the consuming betel quid with respective discipline was a traditional habit of a home before, consuming it with no discipline today is seen without choosing any place

or any time. The more widespread it becomes in consuming by all age including the women, the wider the market of betel quid. Therefore, the numbers of the daily consumers of betel quid get bigger and bigger and it is really frightening.

There is an another important effect of chewing betel quid. It makes the pleasant surroundings dirty and ugly due to the undisciplined spitting of the juice of betel quid everywhere slovenly. It is quite despising for everyone to see the juice of betel quid spitted everywhere such as on the walls of the public buildings or hospitals, on the roads, in the toilet rooms, etc. Even in the universities, the juice of betel quid spitted by the betel quid consumers can be seen in the corners of the lecture rooms and theatres. In fact, betel quid consumers must specially take notice not to be dirty and ugly to the surroundings because of them. When one hears about narcotic drugs, one visualizes marijuana, opium, stimulants etc. However, the things that are within their reach happen not to be taken notice. They can be named as the legal narcotic drugs. They are treated from tobacco and used in the betel quid. Their well-known names are "Signal, 92,

Parajet, Saga, Baba, etc." In addition, alcohol and cigar are also the legal narcotic drugs. Although people consume them daily, they do not happen to take notice the dangerous effects of them. Therefore, the diseases obtained from the betel quid, alcohol and cigar happen not to be taken notice by many people.

Some ingredients of the betel quid are imported legally but most of them are not. They come into the country illegally and cheaply and some of them are artificial. What is more, they contain the queer chemicals that may take hold one's mind. Therefore, betel quid makes a consumer seriously addicted like alcohol and narcotic drugs. Those who consistently consume betel quid are like the ones who are collecting the diseases prolonging the time. I would not like to tell the adverse effects of consuming betel quid to the consumers of them by force since I know they can endure the effects of it. But I have to tell them about the juice of betel quid spitted from their mouth, which make our surroundings dirty, ugly and unpleasant. "Please do not make our surroundings dirty and ugly".

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from the driver to the passengers who are blocking the way of others who want to get back's space of the car emptied by get-off passengers. I moved the car's back, looking outside the windows and noticed that the next bus stop was where I have to get off. The speakers from the bus also announced that the passengers who get off at the eighth mile bus stop be ready. When I stepped on the platform from the bus, I felt fresh air through my nostrils.

After taking some steps, I looked at the sky which was gloomy. Soon, it rained, and thought that the priority was given to rains from the sun by nature for the greenness of trees on the planet. According to nature of change, priority has no exact persons or things and groups of people or things always given. It should go and be given in order to show respect, love, kindness and other better acts. So, let's us put others before us to show our nobility, respect, love, kindness and other better acts.

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YANGON TO BANGKOK

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG706	5:50	8:10	Daily
8M335	7:40	9:25	Daily
UB-019	7:45	9:40	Daily
TG2304	9:50	11:45	Daily
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily
TG2302	11:30	13:25	3,4,5,7
PG708	15:20	17:20	Daily
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily
UB-017	17:25	19:20	Daily
PG704	18:20	20:20	Daily
TG306	19:45	21:40	Daily

BANGKOK TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
TG2303	7:55	8:50	Daily
PG701	8:50	9:40	Daily
TG2301	9:35	10:30	3,4,5,7
8M336	10:40	11:25	Daily
UB020	11:00	11:55	1,3,5,6,7
PG707	13:45	14:45	Daily
PG703	16:45	17:35	Daily
TG305	17:50	18:45	Daily
8M332	19:15	20:00	Daily
PG705	20:40	22:00	Daily
UB018	20:20	21:15	Daily

YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK505	8:25	12:40	Daily
MH741	11:30	15:50	Daily
OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7
MH743	16:15	20:30	1,4,6,7
OD553	23:55	4:20+1	2,3,5,6

KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK504	6:45	7:55	Daily
MH740	9:10	10:25	Daily
OD550	10:15	11:30	1,4,7
MH742	13:55	15:05	1,4,6,7
OD552	21:45	22:55	2,3,5,6

YANGON TO SHANGHAI

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2099	22:15	1:35+1	2,4,6

SHANGHAI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2100	2:35	8:50	3,5,7

YANGON TO DON MUEANG

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
DD4231	8:05	9:50	Daily
FD252	8:30	10:15	Daily
SL201	9:25	11:15	Daily
FD254	17:30	19:15	Daily
FD258	19:25	21:15	Daily
SL207	20:45	22:45	Daily
DD4239	21:00	22:45	Daily

DON MUEANG TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
DD4230	6:20	7:05	Daily
FD251	7:15	8:00	Daily
SL200	7:35	8:25	Daily
FD253	16:10	17:00	Daily
FD257	18:05	18:55	Daily
SL206	18:55	19:45	Daily
DD4238	19:30	20:15	Daily

YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KE472	23:30	7:15	Daily

SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KE471	18:15	22:10	Daily

YANGON TO DUBAI

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
EK389	2:20	5:40	5,7

DUBAI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
EK388	9:15	17:25	1,3,5,7

YANGON TO GUANGZHOU

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
8M711	8:40	13:15	2,4,5,7
CZ3056	11:25	15:55	3,6
CZ8472	17:30	22:00	1,5

GUANGZHOU TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CZ3055	8:30	10:20	3,6
8M712	14:15	15:50	2,4,5,7
CZ8471	14:40	16:30	1,5

YANGON TO HANOI

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN956	15:25	17:55	Daily
VJ918	18:55	21:20	Daily

HANOI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN957	00:00	17:55	Daily
VJ917	16:30	17:55	Daily

MANDALAY TO BANGKOK

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG710	14:05	16:30	Daily
PG714	19:10	21:35	1,3,5,7

BANGKOK TO MANDALAY

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG709	11:55	13:20	Daily
PG713	17:00	18:25	1,3,5,7

YANGON TO SINGAPORE

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
UB001	7:30	12:00	Daily
8M231	8:20	12:50	Daily
SQ997	10:35	15:10	Daily
3K582	11:15	15:50	1,3,4,5,7
UB003	16:15	20:45	Daily
MI519	17:35	22:10	1,2,3,4
SQ995	17:35	22:10	5,6,7
MI521	18:30	22:55	3,4
3K584	19:15	23:50	1,2,5,6,7

SINGAPORE TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
SQ998	7:55	09:20	Daily
3K581	8:55	10:25	1,2,5,6,7
UB002	13:15	14:45	Daily
8M232	13:50	15:20	Daily
MI518	15:15	16:40	1,2,3,4
SQ996	15:15	16:40	5,6,7
MI520	16:10	17:35	3,4
3K583	16:55	18:35	1,3,4,5,7
UB004	21:45	23:15	Daily

YANGON TO HO CHI MINH

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN942	13:00	14:25	1,3,4,5,7

HO CHI MINH TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN943	9:30	11:05	1,3,4,5,7

MANDALAY TO DON MUEONG

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
FD245	12:45	15:00	Daily

DON MUEONG TO MANDALAY

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
FD244	11:00	12:15	Daily

YANGON TO CHIANG MAI

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG724	13:10	15:05	Daily

CHIANG MAI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG723	10:40	12:35	Daily

YANGON TO TOKYO

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
NH814	21:45	6:50+1	Daily

TOKYO TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
NH813	11:15	16:05	Daily

YANGON TO DOHA

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
QR919	7:40	11:55	1,3,4,6,7

DOHA TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
QR918	20:00	5:30	2,3,5,6,7

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CI = China Airlines	SL = Thai Lion Air
CZ = China Southern	SQ = Singapore Airways
DD = Nok Airline	TG = Thai Airways
FD = Air Asia	TR = Tiger Airlines
KA = Dragonair	UB = Myanmar National Airlines
KE = Korea Airlines	VN = Vietnam Airlines

DATE

1 = Monday	4 = Thursday
2 = Tuesday	5 = Friday
3 = Wednesday	6 = Saturday
	7 = Sunday

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