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President U Win Myint receives State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC Mr Wang Yi at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

PRESIDENT U Win Myint received a delegation from the People's Republic of China led by State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC Mr. Wang Yi at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 4.30 pm yesterday.

At the call, cordial discussions cen-

tered on further promotion of Myanmar-China friendly relations and cooperation, broader bilateral cooperation in the development programs of both countries based on the Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership,

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC Mr Wang Yi at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received a delegation from the People's Republic of China led by State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC Mr. Wang Yi at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 5.10 pm yesterday.

At the call, both sides cordially

discussed further promotion of fraternal relations and cooperation, closer cooperation in the regional and international arenas and cementing of people-to-people relations between the two countries.

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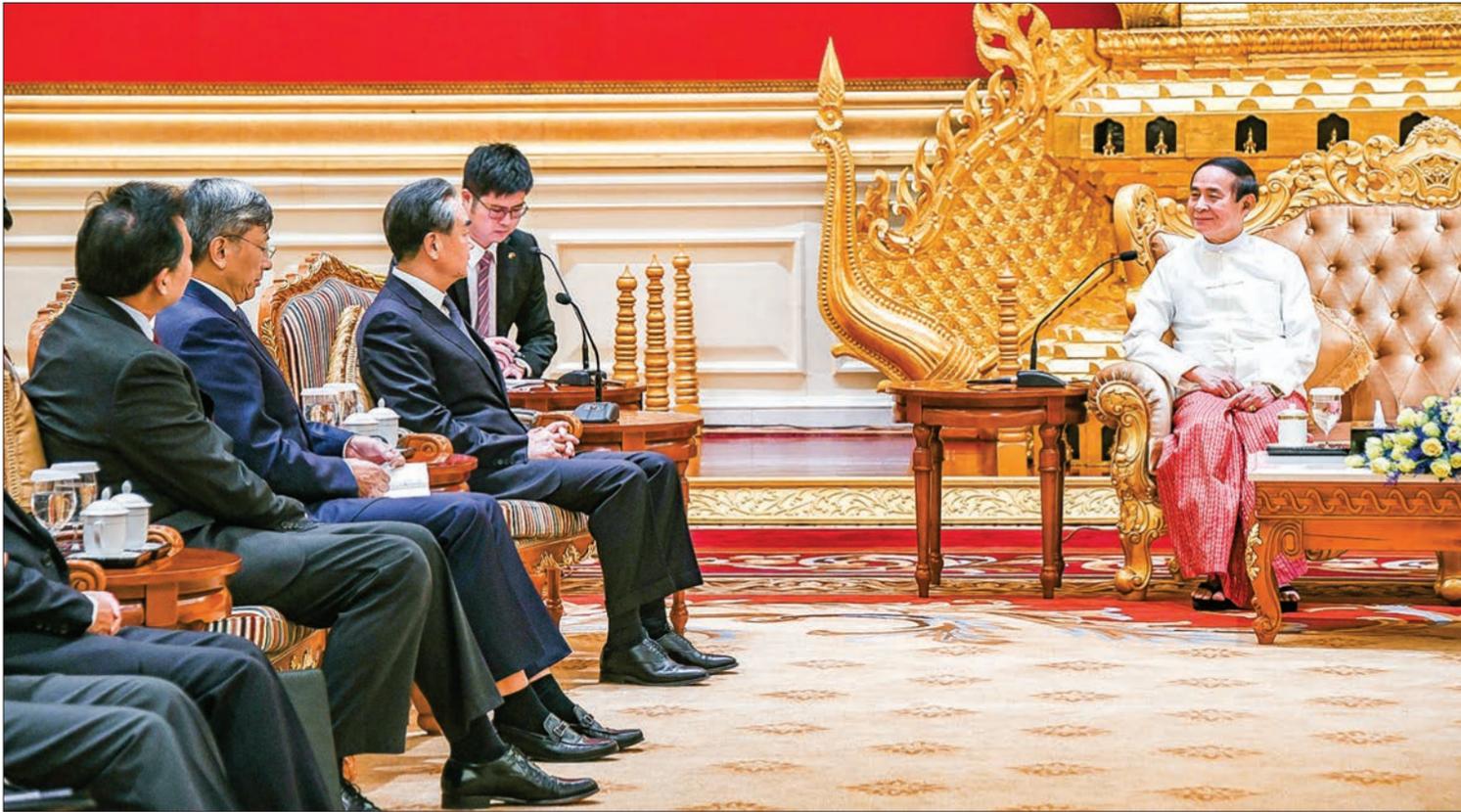
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President U Win Myint holds talk with the delegation led by State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of People's Republic of China Mr Wang Yi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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holding of the 70th anniversary diplomatic relations between the two countries which falls in 2020 on a grand-scale, relaxation of trade policies in the interest of the peoples of both countries, increase in volume and number of items in bilateral trade, greater effectiveness in implementing the projects in connection with Myanmar-China economic corridor and border cooperation zone under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and closer bilateral cooperation in regional and global affairs.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Thaug Tun, U Han Zaw and U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo and officials. The Chinese Foreign Minister was accompanied by the vice foreign minister, the Chinese ambassador, and high-level officials.—MNA

(Translated by TMT)

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe hosts dinner for Chinese delegation led by FM Mr Wang Yi

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe hosted a dinner for the delegation led by State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of People's Republic of China Mr Wang Yi at the Shwesanein Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaug Tun, Union Min-

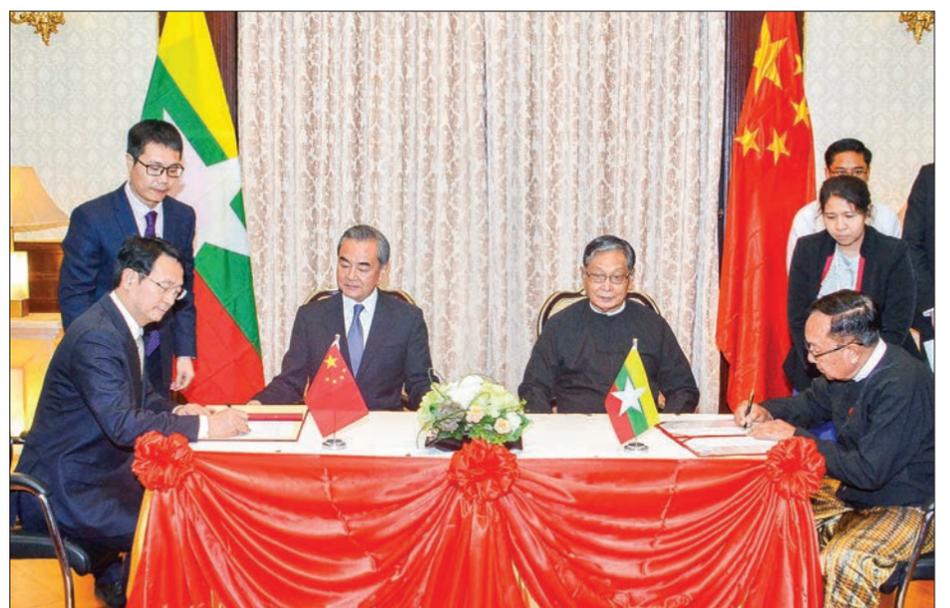
ister for Construction U Han Zaw, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and officials of MOFA attended the dinner.

The Chinese delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai.

Before the dinner, Union Minister U Han Zaw and Vice Chairman of the Interna-

tional Development Cooperation Agency Mr Deng Boqing signed an MoU to donate 1000 prefabricated homes for Rakhine State by China and exchanged the documents in the presence of Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe and State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of People's Republic of China Mr Wang Yi.

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Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe hosts dinner for delegation led by State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC Mr Wang Yi at Shwesanein Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Also present at the call were Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe and Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai.

After the call, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Wang Yi took part in the Myanmar-China bilateral talks.

At the meeting discussions focused on the observance of the 70th anniversary diplomatic relations and establishment of comprehensive strategic relations, soonest implementation of Myanmar-China economic corridor, implementation of border

economic cooperation zone projects through effective means and multi-sectoral cooperation involving cultural, transport and electricity sectors.

Also present at the bilateral talks were Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Min Thu, U Thaung Tun, U Han Zaw and U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Myo and U Aung Htoo and officials. The State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China was accompanied by the vice foreign minister of China, the Chinese ambassador and high-level officials. —MNA ■

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talk with State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Yi. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe observes the vaccine management at National Cold Chain and Vaccine Management Resource Centre in New Delhi on 3 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe attends Gavi Board meeting in India

GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance Board Retreat Meeting was held in New Delhi, India on 4 and 5 December, attended by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, a member of the Board.

Speaking at the meeting, the Union Minister discussed the review of financial aid policy of Gavi and future funds, test injection of anti-malarial drugs in African countries, tactics and strategies to be imple-

mented in the mid-income level countries, anti-Ebola programme in African countries and means for the greater effectiveness of tactics and strategies to be adopted for developing countries during the period from 2021 to 2025.

On 3 December, he studied vaccines cold chain and vaccine management at National Cold Chain and Vaccine Management Resource Centre at National Institute of Health and

Welfare.

Gavi provided over UD\$ 116 million for vaccination program of the Ministry of health and Sports from 2012 to 2017. It has already allotted an aid of over US\$ 123 million for providing vaccines, giving new types of vaccines, mass vaccination campaigns, vaccines cold chain optimization platform and health system promotion.—MNA ■

(Translated by TMT)

Vice President U Myint Swe addresses Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019

PPRIVATE Sector Development Committee Chairman Vice President U Myint Swe who is in Taninthayi Region Myeik Town attended the opening ceremony of the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 Exhibition and addressed the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019.

He attended the opening ceremony of the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 Exhibition held at Sea View Condo, Myeik yesterday morning.

The ceremony was opened by the Vice President, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myint Maung, Deputy Ministers U Sett Aung and U Kyaw Lin, Region minister for planning and finance Daw Yi Yi Cho cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

Next, the Vice President took commemorative photos with attendees and inspected the exhibits in the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 Exhibition.

He then attended the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 held at the Pearl Thanda Hotel. Dance entertainments were first performed and Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 was started with the Vice President striking the Mingala Golden Gong three times.

In addressing the forum the Vice President said investment forums had been held in states and regions and the day's investment forum was the first to be held in Taninthayi Region.

Holding investment forums states and regions wise exposes the specific economic benefit and strength of the respective state and region. State/region products



Vice President U Myint Swe opens the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 at the Sea View Condo in Myeik yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

were promoted and investors get to know the investment opportunities in the state/region.

Furthermore the forum would create opportunities for the region's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and interested investors to establish contact.

Taninthayi Region is at the southern most part of Myanmar covering 43,328 sq. km. and according to the 2014 Census, had a population of more than 1.4 million. On the east and south is Thailand, north is Mon State and the west is Andaman Sea placing the region in an economically im-

portant location.

The main products of Taninthayi Region were natural pearl, cultured pearl, aquatic products, rubber, palm oil and bird nest. Mining was also a major business or work in the region. Furthermore, it had numerous beaches and islands and nature based travel business was playing a main and important role in the region's development.

There were also many possibilities of producing high-value and value-added products in Taninthayi Region.

As of October 2019, 44 foreign investors had invested US\$ 2,385

million in Taninthayi Region. 71 local investments had invested US\$ 233.96 million (K 282,326.163 million). Most investments were in the energy, hotel and tourism, building construction and agriculture sector.

Myanmar as a member country of ASEAN had pledged to implement the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC-2025) and had to strive towards establishing regional integration through inter-personal and basic infrastructure connectivity.

Taninthayi Region being the western most gate of Greater Mekong was situated in an important position to connect to the Southern Economic Corridor (SEC).

Taking an example from coastal region development of the countries of the world, Dawei Special Economic Zone was being established for development along Taninthayi Region's coastal areas. By establishing a deep sea port and industrial zones in the Dawei Special Economic Zone, it would link markets of the Greater Mekong, Southern Economic Corridor, Middle East and India. Private sector and development partner organizations are urged to firmly grasp these opportunities, cooperate and work hand in hand with Myanmar for socio economic development of Taninthayi Region. In World Bank Ease of Doing Business Ranking for 2020,

Myanmar had risen to 165 from last year's ranking of 171. Aims to increase Myanmar's Ease of Doing Business Ranking were included in the Myanmar Investment Promotion Plan (MIPP).

Of the 10 indices set to measure Ease of Doing Business, Myanmar had progressed significantly in Dealing with Construction Permits, Protecting Minority Investors, Registering Property and Enforcing Contracts and was included in the 20 most progressive countries. Relevant ministerial departments and organizations were cooperating for significant progress in other indices.

The Myanmar Investment Law and the Myanmar Company Law are the foundations in creating a business environment that supports investors. The Myanmar Investment Law can be seen as including enactments that were important for responsible investment. The Myanmar Investment Commission aims to invite and permit responsible investments that would not affect the natural and social environment. Establishment of the electronic company registration system known as MyCO allows effective and fast company registration via online as well as using digital system for all works related to a company.

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Vice President U Myint Swe delivers the opening speech at the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

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The ministry was also amending procedures that were causing difficulties for investors to do business while stages or levels to do things were being amended and reduced step by step. The government was drawing up and implementing MIPP for the country's development. MIPP was drawn up with the aim of achieving an equal and prosperous social environment and a balanced development by promoting responsible investments. MIPP will be reviewed every five years to be in line with the country's economic aims and policies.

The Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) has been drawn up with the aim of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The plan places emphasis on the importance of the private sector in creating responsible investment through the cooperation of government entities and the private sector. The government was working towards a balanced socio-economic development and

natural environment development.

In addition to this Myanmar Private Sector Development Framework an Action Plan has been drawn up for private sector development in Myanmar. The framework and action plan encompasses "improving legal and procedural environment," "works for obtaining financing," "support and increase trade and investment," "redrawing the State's role in trade and service sector," and "creating basic human resources."

"While relaxation and reforms were conducted to ease procedures for investment countrywide, Taninthayi Region, located in an economically strategic location with improved roads and communications, had enabled investors to easily invest in this region," said Vice President U Myint Swe.

Much thanks is owed to the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, the Myanmar Investment Commission, Taninthayi Region government, Taninthayi Region Investment

Commission, and Directorate of Investment and Company Administration for successfully organizing the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 and Myanmar Investors Development Association (MIDA) and DaNa

delivered a speech on Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019 and Deputy Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Sett Aung explained about the Taninthayi Region Investment Forum 2019. MIDA Chairman U

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Facility for support and assistance provided by them.

Businesses are urged to cooperate and work together in regional development by investing in Taninthayi Region that had great economic potential. In the coming years, it is believed that investment would increase in Taninthayi Region, said the Vice President.

Next, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myint Maung

Khin Maung Aye also explained about the aims of holding this investment forum.

The morning session of the forum was concluded after the Vice President and forum attendees have taken a commemorative group photo.

In the afternoon session discussions on strategic investment status and works conducted toward increasing investment in Taninthayi Region, all inclusive

businesses, responsible investment, sector wise investment opportunities, economic corridors, regional connectivity and sector wise investment opportunities, MIDA projects in Taninthayi Region, economic environment and investment opportunities in Taninthayi Region were held and business matching was conducted. This forum will be held until 8 December. Later in the evening Vice President U Myint Swe left Myeik for Yangon by air.

The forum was attended by Peace Commission Chairman Dr Tin Myo Win, Region Chief Minister U Myint Maung, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Maung Aye, Region Chief Justice U Tin Aung, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu, Dr Tun Naing, U Sett Aung and U Kyaw Lin, Region ministers, Region Advocate, Region Auditor, Region Hluttaw representatives, ambassadors and diplomats, Permanent Secretaries, directors general, economists, local and foreign business persons, invited guests and officials. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Myanmar-Thailand bilateral trade drops \$14.3 mln this FY

Myanmar-Thailand bilateral trade, as of 22 November in fiscal 2019-2020, reached US\$479.3 million, down \$14.35 million from the corresponding period in 2018-2019, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

From 1 October to 22 November, the country's exports to Thailand totaled \$316.8 million, while imports were recorded at \$162.5 million. From the same period last FY, bilateral trade totalled \$493.7 million, with \$355.6 million in exports and \$138.05 million in imports.

Myanmar conducts trade with neighboring Thailand via maritime routes, as well as border points of entry. In border trade, goods are delivered mainly through seven border gates, including Tachileik, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Htikhee, Mawtaung, and Maese.

Myanmar's main export

items are fishery products, such as crab, fish and shrimp, as well as onions, sesame, dry tea leaves, coconut and turmeric. Consumer goods, including cosmetic machinery, food products, agricultural equipment and trucks are imported into the country from Thailand.

The country is also trading with its neighbouring countries, China, India and Bangladesh. Sino-Myanmar border trade is through the Muse, Lweje, Kanpiketee, Chinshwehaw and Kengtung gates, while Myanmar is carrying out border trade with India via Tamu and Reed. The country's border trade gates with Bangladesh are Sittway and Maungtau.

Trade through the border gates, as of 22 November this FY, totalled over \$1.42 billion, which increased by \$312.8 million more than last year.—Zwe

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Wang Yi arrives in Nay Pyi Taw



State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC Mr Wang Yi being welcomed by Union Minister U Kyaw Tin, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai and officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. PHOTO: MNA

A delegation from the People's Republic of China led by State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC Mr Wang Yi arrived in Nay Pyi Taw at 2.50 pm yesterday by special flight.

The delegation was wel-

comed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai and officials.

Later, the delegation led

by the State Councilor and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of PRC arrived at Kempinski Hotel where they will stay during the visit. —MNA

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Yangon Bus card payment systems to be installed on buses this month

BY NYEIN NYEIN

A card payment system will be installed on Yangon Bus Service buses this month, said U Hla Aung, the joint secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

“Under the supervision of the Yangon region government, about 1500 card payment systems have been made ready to be installed on buses. Five days ago, coordinations were held between the bus companies and Asia Starmer. We are to enter into contracts within a week, if it is possible. Then, we will implement the project,” said U Hla Aung.

More than 1,500 buses will receive e-ticketing machines in the initial stage, he added.

Payment card (YPS) machines will be installed on 500 buses from the Yangon Urban Public Transport Company, on 500 buses of the Yangon Bus Public Company, on 300 buses from Bandoola Company and on over 80 buses from Shwe Taungbaing Company.

Currently, Asia Starmer



More than 1,500 buses will receive card payment machines in Yangon very soon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

Transport Intelligent Company, selected as the tender winner, has checked nearly all buses, prior to installing the machines.

“After installing the machines, the towers have to be set up for communication. Then, the wires have to be installed. The tender winner will take all the responsibility. So, they are

taking all necessary measures for Yangon Bus Service buses to have the systems installed. Now, we heard from the company that those machines have already arrived in Yangon,” said U Hla Aung.

To improve the transport facilities in Yangon, the Yangon Bus Service was launched on

16 January, 2017, during the incumbent government’s term. At present, over 100 bus lines are operating 4,600 buses on about 133 routes, along with the Airport Shuttle. The number of daily commuters has been estimated at 1.8 million.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Mega Ace opens royal class Cineplex at Times City in Yangon

MEGA Ace company opened a royal class Cineplex at Times City in Kamayut in the western sector of Yangon on 7 December.

The royal class Cineplex guarantees international level images, sound system and cinematic effects for the audience alongside the quality services for their satisfaction. It will screen both Myanmar and foreign movies during the time between 10 am and 8 pm. Till now, Mega Ace has opened nine cinemas with a total of 23 screens in Yangon and other towns. It will open more modern cinemas in the future.

Officials after formally opening the Cineplex watched a movie. Over five years ago in 2014, Myanmar produced only nine movies. But the number of yearly



Officials open the royal class Cineplex of Mega Ace at Times City in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MIN THIT (MNA)**

released movies increased to 32 in 2015 and 98 in 2016. The number jumped to 158 in 2017, but slightly fell back to 133 in

2018. As for 2019, the country has released 94 movies till now.

Myanmar now has 171 cinemas, with a total of 195

screens, up from 19 cinemas and 19 screens in 2013.—Min Thit (MNA)

(Translated by TMT)

10 killed, 29 injured in Yangon bus accidents in two months of 2019

TEN people were killed, while 29 others were injured, in 38 Yangon Bus Service accidents in October and November 2019, said U Hla Aung, the joint secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

In October, there were 17 traffic accidents involving the Yangon Bus Service, leaving two dead and 22 injuries, while 21

Yangon Bus Service accidents occurred in November, killing eight and injuring seven others.

“We think we should increase the amount of fines and penalties to prevent accidents and enforce traffic rules. Drivers play an important role in the Yangon Bus Service system. Most of the road accidents were caused by drivers’ negligence,”

he added.

In order to reduce the number of road accidents and enforce traffic rules, the Road Transport Department is conducting special driving courses for Yangon Bus Service drivers, in cooperation with RTAD.

Moreover, smart cards are being issued to Yangon Bus Service drivers to provide the

public with information about their personal details.

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(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Myanmar Council of Churches leads special prayer service for Myanmar



Dr. Shwe Hlun, wife of Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and officials attend the special prayer service for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MYANMAR Council of Churches held a special prayer service for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Bogoyoke Aung San Street in Pabedan in downtown Yangon at 9 am yesterday.

Dr. Shwe Hlun, wife of Vice President U Henry Van Thio,

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and officials, Daw Lwin Lun Hman, wife of Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Archbishop of Church of the Province of Myanmar (Anglican) Steven Than Myint Oo, the chair of Myanmar Interfaith



Friendship and Unity Group and members, bishops and Christians attended the service.

The prayer service was opened with hymns. Vicar/Dean, the Very Rev'd Reginald Bennett, of Holy Trinity Cathedral and Archbishop Steven Than Myint Oo said the opening

prayers.

In his greetings, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko said all the citizens living in Myanmar are brought up on a single landmass, relying on the same source of water while holding the four cardinal virtues. I wish Myanmar moving towards peace

through unity. So all should be under their respective religious teachings, and should avoid the two extremes while serving the national interest. I wish unity and inclusiveness in partaking in the endeavours for national peace, prosperity and modernization. And then the Union Minister prayed for eternal peace of the nation.

Chair of the Myanmar Interfaith Friendship and Unity Group U Thaung Htaik made wishes for the special prayer service. Archbishops and bishops of Christian Churches said prayers for Myanmar. Students of Holy Cross Theological College sang hymns. Bishops then presented Christmas gifts to Dr. Shwe Hlun, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and officials. —MNA

(Translated by TMT)

Black cumin being grown in Magway villages due to high demand from abroad

BLACK cumin (black sesame) is being grown in many villages in Natmauk, Yenangyoung, and Salin townships of Magway region on account of strong demand from abroad.

"This time last year, farmers began cultivating some crops on their land. This year, we will grow black cumin instead of other crops because it is highly demanded abroad, and it sells well in the local market, too," said a local grower from Yenangyoung Township.

"We are growing more black cumin this year because it can be exported to China and Japan. Moreover, black cumin is being used as an edible crop at oil mills and as a raw product to make traditional medicines. So, it has

a good market both locally and abroad," said Kyi Khine, a local grower.

The price of black cumin ranges between K70,000 and K80,000 per basket, according to the local edible oil market.

"Sesame is usually grown in the monsoon and winter seasons in Yenangyoung. Now, the price of sesame has increased because of high demand in both local and foreign markets. There are a total of 43,977 acres under monsoon sesame, 747 acres under winter sesame, and 1,061 acres under summer sesame in Yenangyoung Township," according to the Township Agriculture Department.—Hsan Nyount (Yenangyoung) (Translated by Hay Mar)



Local farmers grow black cumin instead of other crops as it is highly demanded from abroad. **PHOTO: HSAN NYOUNT (YENANGYOUNG)**

NRPC meets AGIPP in Yangon



Officials of the NRPC meeting with the members of the Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: PHO HTAUNG**

OFFICIALS of the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) met with members of the Alliance for Gender Inclusion in the Peace Process (AGIPP) at the NRPC in Yangon at 2 pm yesterday. Director-General of Ministry of the State Counsellor's Office U Zaw Htay, member of the Advisory Committee of the Peace Commission U Moe Zaw Oo, Leader of the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST) U Aye Lwin, member of PPST U Maung Maung Aye and officials attended the meeting. Chairwoman of AGIPP Daw May Sabe Phyu and members

Nan Phyu Phyu Lin, Nan Pu, Daw Thanda Oo, Mi Cherry Soe, Bansai Bu, U Min Thura and U Kyaw Min Aung also took part in the meeting. At the meeting, AGIPP presented suggestions on matters relating to children, women, peace and security, and NRPC gave back constructive response.

As regards the discussions, AGIPP Daw May Sabe Phyu said, "Here, we expressed our worries for the homecoming displaced persons and the suggestions for the national strategy approved by the government in office. Another point is our sugges-

tions for the challenges and problems resulting from sexual violence in the conflicts and the government responses. As regards the point, we have had frank discussions with the officials." Founded in 2014, AGIPP has partner organizations including Gender and Development Institute (GDI), Gender Equality Network (GEN), Kachin State Women's Network (KSWN), Mon Women's Network (MWN), Nyein Foundation, Women's Organizations Network (WON) and Women's Peace Activity Network (WAPAN).—Ye Khaung Nyunt

(Translated by TMT)

Always look to the future, for Myanmar's best days lie ahead

MYANMAR has witnessed extraordinary economic and social development during the past few years. GDP growth is forecast at 6.8 per cent for 2020, placing us amongst the fastest growing economies in the region and, by extension, the world.

GDP per capita has also witnessed strong growth, as our country becomes more productive, and as our people's living standards continue to improve.

Despite this progress, it is evident that substantial challenges remain. Studies show that one-third of our people remain highly vulnerable to falling back into poverty. Six in every ten children who begin first-grade, drop out before the end of middle school, while three in ten lack year-round access to safe drinking water.

We are thus faced with the moral imperative to act, and there is much to be done. We realize we have miles to go before we can rest.

Development effectiveness principles are often considered as being 'over theorized and under applied' - easy to identify but difficult to implement.

None of these principles would have been possible working in isolation. Indeed, none of us can afford to think we can address the challenges of our time alone.

The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness - and our Development Assistance Policy, in turn, reinforces the need for strong and resilient partnerships, undeterred by the politics of the day.

The integration of voices from civil society and private sector into our development efforts will be crucial to implementing our MSDP, to achieving the SDGs, and to leaving no one behind, as we do so.

Development assistance can only be truly effective when it is well-coordinated, with mutual accountability mechanisms in place.

With our National Indicator Framework and Project Bank, we have the tools to reinvigorate and recalibrate sectoral coordination mechanisms to ensure their continued relevance, coherence, and alignment with MSDP. Now is the time to act.

For the next chapter of Myanmar's development journey, ODA will continue to have a vital role to play, but, if used wisely, ODA can also draw additional private sector financing for sustainable development.

Hence, much greater focus should be placed on the use of ODA to leverage smart private financing through the use of blending, de-risking and other innovative instruments.

Financing Myanmar's development also means mobilizing domestic resources, including the restructuring of our State-Owned Economic Enterprise. It requires targeted efforts to reduce illicit financial flows too.

With our MSDP, a new and updated Development Assistance Policy, our DACU, our Aid Information Management System, the Project Bank, the Land Bank, and a revitalized set of Strategic Coordination Groups, we are confident that Myanmar has in place strong and solid foundations that will well serve Myanmar and its partners in development.

The integration of voices from civil society and private sector into our development efforts will be crucial to implementing our MSDP, to achieving the SDGs, and to leaving no one behind, as we do so.

Certificate for filing from the Registrar on Alteration of company constitution.

By Win Sein

IN case, we want to amend any part or in whole any of the constitution of a company, we may apply article no-17 of the Myanmar Companies Law. This article is most convenient for the company to add, to deduct and to substitute any part or in whole of a section of the constitution of a company may do so with a Special resolution of the company, so that the company which after its alteration of its constitution, it would be in accordance with the desires of all shareholders of the company.

In the procedure of alteration, the company must follow the format of rules and regulations lay down by the Myanmar Companies Law and the company must not forget to file this alteration document with the Registrar of Companies Administration Office within 28-days from the date of passing of the Special resolution to amend the said part of the constitution. And the Registrar shall register the same and a certificate shall be given as a conclusive evidence that all the requirements to the alteration have been carried out by the company in conformity with the Myanmar Companies Law. Until and unless this certificate that is issued by the Registrar is

being received by the company, then can the company be able to adopt the altered constitution as enforceable by law at last.

If, when an alteration has been made to the constitution of the company, it shall at any time after the date of alteration must issue any copies of the constitution which are in accordance with the altered constitution. Failing it, it shall be liable to a fine of kyats 1.00.000 /- for every copy so issued, and every director or other officer of the company knowingly and wilfully in default shall be liable to the same penalty.

Nowadays, Myanmar has opened up its economy to foreigners to come to Myanmar to invest in the recently established economic zones, which provide favourable incentives to foreign investors. Likewise local companies are also attracted to the new prospects of the economic zones and followed suit, so that the number of total companies have risen up to the vicinity of about 60.000 in all. With this big number of companies operating in the different spheres of Myanmar business sectors, there bound to be difficulty for the Directorate of Companies Administration to keep all the Companies in a



On the initiative of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA), the information event on "Myanmar Companies Law, Myanmar Investment Law, Rules and Procedures" was held on 14th September 2018 at the Ngwe Moe Hotel, Mawlamyine, Mon State, with the support of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ).

fairly good order, more or less of unfinished company cases which are not in conformity with the Myanmar Companies Law, this would certainly create a problem of big magnitude in future and shall waste the unnecessary time to race against time to make good the mistakes.

Green Village Project

For the expansion of the Green Village Project to 80 additional villages in Financial Year 2018-2019, the formation of supervisory committees for funds, the transfer of funds, organizing training and disbursement of loans have been completed.



Provision of Loans to Fund the Green Villages Project in Thandwe Township



Loans to Fund the Green Villages Project in Yathaytaung Township

Village Development Project

A Village Development Project is being implemented with the village people themselves identifying the needs of the village and the sectoral development programmes being integrated systematically into a multi-sector village development project.

- The development work has been completed in 141 villages in 12 townships. As for the additional work in 8 villages of Man Aung, Thandwe, Taunggok and Myaybon Townships implemented with Kyat 20 million for each village, the construction of 7 roads and bridges, and 1 water supply system is 58% completed.



Construction of Concrete Road in Hmyaw Wun Village in Thandwe

- In 30 villages in 12 townships, the construction of 300 rural houses is being implemented, with 166 houses completed, 107 houses more than 90% completed, 20 houses more than 80% completed, and 7 more than 40% completed.



Construction of Village Housing in Sabai Hla Village in Kyauktaw

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

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Bay and a few cloud to partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 08th December, 2019: Weather will be partly cloudy in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong easterly winds may reach (30-35)m.p.h. Sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (3-5) feet off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Decrease of night temperatures in Naypyitaw, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin, Shan and Chin States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 08th December, 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 08th December, 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 08th December, 2019: Generally fair weather.

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Marine life under threat from plummeting oxygen levels

MADRID (Spain) — The loss of oxygen from the ocean due to climate change risks “dire effects” on sea life, fisheries and coastal communities, a global conservation body said Saturday.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) said that around 700 sites had been identified globally with low oxygen levels — up from only 45 in the 1960s.

In the same period, the group warned, the volume of anoxic waters — areas totally devoid of oxygen — have quadrupled.

The ocean absorbs around a quarter of all fossil fuel emissions, but as global energy demand continues to grow there are fears that the world’s seas will eventually reach saturation point.

Oceans are expected on current trends to lose 3.0-4.0 per cent of their oxygen globally by 2100.

However, most of that loss is predicted to be in the upper 1,000 metres, that is the richest part of the ocean for biodiversity.

“With this report, the scale of damage climate change is wreaking upon the ocean comes into stark focus,” said IUCN acting director Grethel Aguilar.

“As the warming ocean loses oxygen, the delicate balance of marine life is thrown into disarray.”

The largest peer-reviewed study to date on ocean oxygen loss concluded that deoxygenation is already altering the balance of marine life to the detriment of species that need more of the life-giving gas.

Species such as tuna, mar-



Coral reefs are home to a vast range of marine life. PHOTO: AFP

lin and sharks — many of which are already endangered — are particularly sensitive to low oxygen levels due to their large size and energy demands.

But loss of oxygen is affecting species across the food chain. The biomes that support around a fifth of the world’s current fish catch are formed by

ocean currents that bring oxygen-poor water in to coastlines.

These areas are especially vulnerable to even tiny variations in oxygen levels.

“Impacts here will ultimately ripple out and affect hundreds of millions of people,” the IUCN said.

The group this year issued a landmark assessment of the world’s natural habitats, concluding starkly that human activity was threatening up to one million species with extinction.

Ocean life is already battling warmer temperatures, rampant overfishing and plastic pollution.

The World Meteorological Organization this week said that due to man-made emissions growth, the ocean is now 26 per cent more acidic than before the Industrial Revolution. —AFP ■

Australia braces for heatwave as more than 100 fires burn

SYDNEY (Australia) — Out of control bushfires forced residents in eastern Australia to flee their homes on Saturday, as other parts of the country braced for a heatwave due next week.

Bushfires are common in the country but scientists say this year’s season has come earlier and with more intensity due to a prolonged drought and climatic conditions fuelled by global warming.

Scorching temperatures have tipped above 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) close to where a fire was burning on the outskirts of Brisbane in Queensland state, with residents in three suburbs told to “leave immediately”. “Conditions are now very dangerous and firefighters may soon be unable to prevent the fire advancing,” the Queensland Fire Authorities warned. “The fire may pose a threat to all lives directly in its path.”

A shipping container full of fireworks exploded as the fire raged, authorities said. There were no immediate reports of injuries from the explosion.

More than 100 fires were burning across Australia’s east Saturday, including a “mega fire” burning north of Sydney.

After combining with other bushfires Friday the huge blaze is now under control but continued to burn across 250,000 hectares



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within an hour’s drive of Australia’s largest city. Sydney has been engulfed in toxic smoke for weeks and occasionally sprinkled with snow-like embers. The pilot of a helicopter supporting the fire efforts was lucky to escape with just minor injuries after crashing about 200 kilometres north of the city Saturday.

Easing conditions overnight provided brief respite in New South Wales state and allowed for controlled burning to prevent future damage during the anticipated heatwave. But firefighters remained on high alert as blustery winds threatened to fan unpredictable flames.

Authorities Saturday were bracing for more dire conditions next week when temperatures in parts of the state are expected to tip over 40 degrees Celsius.

“So a lot of work ahead over the coming days, particularly in anticipation of what is expected to be another heatwave coming into Tuesday,” state fire service commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons told national broadcaster ABC.

A drought has left much of eastern Australia tinder-dry and spot fires have raged every day for the past three months.

More than 600 homes have been destroyed and six people have died since the crisis began in September. That is many fewer than Australia’s deadliest recent fire season in 2009 when almost 200 people died, but 2019’s toll so far belies the scale of devastation.

An estimated two million hectares have burned — the size of some small countries — across a region spanning hundreds of kilometres (miles). —AFP ■

Sonny Bill Williams heads fundraiser for families of Samoa epidemic

APIA (Samoa) — New Zealand sports star Sonny Bill Williams is heading a public fund-raising effort for families affected by the Samoan measles epidemic, as the death toll rose Saturday to 65.

The Samoan Ministry of Health said there were two further fatalities in the past 24 hours amid signs that the infection rate was slowing. Williams — a double rugby union World Cup winner with the All Blacks, and a former rugby league international and New Zealand boxing champion — has teamed up with other prominent sportsmen to promote the “Alofa mo Samoa” Givealittle page. “Our hearts are heavy and hurting at this time for our people in Samoa,” says the givealittle page set up by the group of past and present All Blacks including

Williams, Jerome Kaino, Ardie Savea, Michael Jones and former Wallaby Quade Cooper. “Please join us in donating money that will go straight to the immediate families who have suffered loss of a loved one as a result of this terrible measles outbreak”.

Williams separately tweeted that the group had started the fund with a NZ\$30,000 donation (US\$20,000).

There had been 4,460 confirmed measles cases in Samoa since the outbreak began in mid-October, and 57 of the 65 deaths were children under the age of five. The Ministry of Health said 103 new measles cases were reported over the past 24 hours which was 37 fewer than the previous day and down from 165 the day before that. —AFP ■



New Zealand sports star Sonny Bill Williams. PHOTO: AFP

Stock markets power ahead on strong US jobs data

NEW YORK (United States) — Strong US jobs numbers gave global stock markets a shot in the arm on Friday, providing fresh evidence for the rude health of the world's top economy.

The Labor Department reported that the US economy added 266,000 net new jobs in November, vastly higher than market expectations of around 190,000, taking the unemployment rate to 3.5 per cent.

In addition, the previous month's numbers were revised up. "It's not only hard to find any weakness but hard to find

anything that isn't strong," XTB analyst David Cheetham said of the jobs report which he called "all around stellar."

European equity markets promptly extended earlier gains, with some up well over one per cent at the close, as the news of American economic strength outweighed concerns about a plunge in German October industrial output. Major US indices gained about one per cent, finishing higher for the third session in a row.

The dollar also powered ahead against the euro and pound. — AFP ■

China CITIC Bank approved to set up wealth management company

BEIJING — China CITIC Bank, a major commercial lender, has gained approval from China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CBIRC) to set up a wealth management company.

The wealth management unit will be established with a registered capital of no more than 5 billion yuan (about 711.2 million U.S. dollars), the company said in a statement. In Decem-

ber last year, the CBIRC released guidelines for commercial banks to conduct wealth management businesses to offer more financial products to meet the demands of the real economy. Commercial banks could either set up separate units to conduct wealth management businesses or include such operations within the framework of other business units, according to the guidelines. — Xinhua ■

China's PV product exports up 32.3 pct in first 10 months

BEIJING — China posed strong growth in exports of photovoltaic (PV) products in the first 10 months of this year, up 32.3 per cent year on year.

Exports of PV products amounted to 17.74 billion U.S. dollars, surpassing the whole volume of 2018, according to the China Photovoltaic Industry Association.

Total PV installations surpassed 190 gigawatts in the first three quarters, while the figure is expected to exceed 200 gigawatts by the end of this year, said Wang Bohua, secretary-general of the association.

China is taking the lead in PV development globally, with an internationally competitive and complete industrial chain.

By the end of 2020, renewable energy will supply 1.9 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity, which is 27 per cent of total power generation, according to the government's 2016-2020 plan for renewable energy. — Xinhua ■

Saudi Aramco shares to start trading on 11 December



A Saudi man monitors stock prices at Tadawul Saudi bourse in Riyadh on 3 November 2019. PHOTO: AFP

RIYADH (Saudi Arabia) — Saudi Aramco shares will start trading domestically next Wednesday, the Riyadh stock exchange said, after the energy giant raised \$25.6 billion in the world's biggest IPO.

Aramco on Thursday priced its initial public offering at 32 riyals (\$8.53) per share, the high end of the target range, surpassing the \$25 billion raised by Chinese retail giant Alibaba in its 2014 Wall Street debut.

"The Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul) announces that the listing and trading of the Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Ara-

mco) will start on Wednesday," the bourse said in a statement Friday.

Aramco shares will trade within a fluctuation limit of plus or minus 10 per cent, the statement added. Aramco said the sale of 1.5 per cent of the firm, the bedrock of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's ambitious strategy to overhaul the oil-reliant economy, was oversubscribed nearly 4.7 times.

Aramco will sell three billion shares, and the company said Friday it could exercise a "green shoe" option, selling additional shares to bring the total raised

up to \$29.4 billion.

The market launch puts the oil behemoth's value at \$1.7 trillion, far ahead of other firms in the trillion-dollar club, including Apple and Microsoft. But the scaled-down IPO is still a far cry from the blockbuster originally planned by Prince Mohammed.

The much-delayed stock sale, first announced in 2016, was initially expected to raise as much as \$100 billion from the sale of up to five percent of the company.

Its plans to raise additional funds by listing on a major international market are also on hold.

The IPO is a crucial part of Prince Mohammed's plan to wean the economy away from oil by pumping funds into megaprojects and non-energy industries such as tourism and entertainment.

But sceptics say the IPO's proceeds would barely cover the kingdom's budget deficit for a year. The IPO was heavily focused on Saudi and other Gulf traders. International investors have remained sceptical about the secretive company's targeted valuation, even though it fell short of Prince Mohammed's desired figure of \$2 trillion.—AFP ■

Mitsubishi Electric worker investigated over suicide of recruit

KOBE (Japan) — An employee of Mitsubishi Electric Corp. has been referred to prosecutors for allegedly abetting suicide after one of the company's recruits killed himself in August, company and other sources said Saturday.

The Nov. 14 referral of the man, in his 30s, came as police questioned him over information that he had regularly subjected the new employee, in his 20s, to verbal abuse.

The man started training the recruit after he joined the company in April and was stationed to work at a manufacturing technology center in Amagasaki, Hyogo Prefecture, in July.

The trainee killed himself in late August, and a note making reference to his office relations was left at the scene, the sources said.

The trainer told an internal investigation that he did not tell the trainee to go die, but may have said something similar, according to the sources.

Other colleagues have testified the trainee had been verbally abused.

The company declined to give details on the man's death, citing ongoing investigations.

Mitsubishi Electric has seen a number of work-related deaths in recent years. Labor authorities awarded workers' compensation to five employees at the company between 2014 and 2017, of whom two had committed suicide.

It has also been sued for 118 million yen (\$1.1 million) in damages by the parents of a 25-year-old recruit who killed himself after allegedly being bullied by his boss and colleagues in 2017.

In addition, company officials recently revealed that a labor standards office has concluded the 2017 suicide of an employee at its unit was also work-related, recognizing he did more than 100 hours of overtime per month while in a supervisory position. —Kyodo News ■



The building housing the Tokyo headquarters of Mitsubishi Electric Corp. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

No let-up in French strikes as fresh turmoil hits weekend

PARIS (France) — The most serious nationwide strike to hit France in years caused new weekend travel turmoil on Saturday, with unions warning the walkouts would last well into next week.

The challenge thrown to President Emmanuel Macron over his plans for radical pension reform has seen hundreds of thousands take to the streets and key transport services brought to a standstill.

The strikes, which began on Thursday, have recalled the winter of 1995, when three weeks of huge stoppages forced a social policy U-turn by the then-government.

Unions have vowed a second series of mass demonstrations nationwide on Tuesday after big rallies on Thursday and there is expected to be little easing of the transport

freezes over the coming days.

The strikes could prove to be the biggest domestic challenge yet for Macron, who came to power in 2017 on the back of promises to radically reform France and has sought a prominent place on the international stage as Europe's number one statesman.

Macron was widely believed to have ridden out the challenge posed by the "yellow vests" whose weekly Saturday protests against inequality in France had shaken the government over the last year.

But the yellow vests have also sought to utilise the momentum of the strike movement and are expected to hold protests across France this Saturday.

Government stands firm
With Macron seeking for



Hundreds of thousands have taken to the streets in France over Macron's plans for radical pension reforms. PHOTO: AFP

now to rise above the fray, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe insisted that the government would not abandon the plan even if it was prepared to bring it in more gradually.

He said the government would work with trade unions to introduce a single points-

based pension scheme that would require the French to "work a bit longer" and replace dozens of more advantageous plans currently enjoyed by public-sector workers.

But the premier emphasised that the changes, which he said would be unveiled on

Wednesday, were going to be introduced "progressively, without harshness".

The SNCF rail operator has warned that disruption at the weekend will be at the same level as the last two days with just 10-15 percent of high-speed and regional trains running.

The Paris metro will remain severely disrupted with nine lines entirely shut, five only partially and just the driverless 1 and 14 lines working normally.

Many cancellations are also expected on the international Eurostar and Thalys services.

Air travel, which has been less impacted by the strikes, was returning closer to normal with air traffic restrictions now dropped by civil aviation authorities. — AFP ■

US resumes talks with Taliban in Doha: US source

DOHA (Qatar) — Washington resumed talks with the Taliban in Qatar Saturday, a US source said, three months after President Donald Trump abruptly halted diplomatic efforts that could end America's longest war.

In September, the United States and the Taliban had appeared on the verge of signing a deal that would have seen Washington begin withdrawing thousands of troops in return for security guarantees.

It was also expected to pave the way towards direct talks between the Taliban and the government in Kabul and, ultimately, a possible peace agreement after more than 18 years of war.

But that same month, Trump abruptly called the year-long effort "dead" and withdrew an invitation to the insurgents to join secret talks at his US retreat at Camp David after the killing of an American soldier.

"The US rejoined talks today in Doha. The focus of discussion will be reduction of violence that leads to intra-Afghan negotiations and a ceasefire," said the US source briefed on efforts to end almost two decades of war in Afghanistan.

During a surprise visit to a US military base in Afghan-



US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad has in recent weeks made a whistle-stop tour of countries with a stake in Afghan peace, including Pakistan. PHOTO: AFP

stan last week, Trump said the Taliban "wants to make a deal."

Even during the stall in talks, US negotiator Zalmay Khalilzad has in recent weeks made a whistle-stop tour of nations with a stake in Afghan peace, including Pakistan.

Thorny issues

He recently arranged a captive swap in which the Taliban released an American and an Australian academic whom they had held hostage for three years.

The Taliban have until now refused to negotiate with the Afghan government, which they consider an illegitimate regime.

In a nod to concerns raised

by Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, the State Department voiced support for a ceasefire — a key priority for Kabul before it enters negotiations with the Islamist insurgents.

"Ambassador Khalilzad will rejoin talks with the Taliban to discuss steps that could lead to intra-Afghan negotiations and a peaceful settlement of the war, specifically a reduction in violence that leads to a ceasefire," the State Department said on Wednesday as it announced the resumption of efforts to end the conflict.

Washington had sought to seal a political deal with the Taliban ahead of September's elections in Afghanistan. — AFP ■

Protesters clash with police as Chile unrest enters 50th day

SANTIAGO (Chile) — Protesters clashed with police as thousands took to the streets of Chile's capital Friday for a demonstration that marked 50 days since the outbreak of the country's worst civil unrest in decades.

Furious Chileans have for weeks been protesting social and economic inequality, and against an entrenched political elite that comes from a small number of the wealthiest families in the country, among other issues.

The crisis is the worst in three decades of Chilean democracy and has led to 26 deaths and more than 12,000 injuries, according to the Organization of American States, with another 20,600 people detained.

As with every Friday since protests began on October 18,

thousands gathered at Plaza Italia in the center of Santiago to wave flags, sing and dance in a show of opposition President Sebastian Pinera's conservative government.

Protesters held up a huge Chilean flag with a closed eye, a symbol of the 300 people who have suffered optical injuries during confrontations with police.

Some demonstrators armed with stones and Molotov cocktails clashed with police, who scattered them with tear gas and water cannon. Officers erected barricades around the square later in the evening.

Chile's unrest began with a demonstration against a price hike on metro tickets in Santiago, which spiraled into violent protests across the country. — AFP ■



Furious Chileans have for weeks been protesting social and economic inequality, and against an entrenched political elite that comes from a small number of the wealthiest families in the country. PHOTO: AFP

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Smart car parking system to be implemented in Yangon

By Maung Maung Myint Swe

RECENTLY went to downtown Yangon with a friend's car. Cars were parked full on both sides of the road on Bogyoke Road. We turn into Pansodan Street and the scene was the same with cars parked full on both side of the street. We then took a turn onto Merchant Road and luckily found a space that was vacated by car that went off as we approach it. Parking space is a difficulty faced by any car drivers driving to Yangon's central business district in downtown area. Yangon Region Government had announced since 2018 of its intention to implement a smart car parking system.

Arrangement for smart car parking system

"To reduce traffic congestion in downtown Yangon and for vehicles to park systematically, a smart car parking system will be implemented," said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein. Smart car parking system aims to prevent unnecessary long duration parking of vehicles



and reduce congestion of roads in six downtown townships of Yangon. The six were Pabedan, Latha, Landmadaw, Kyauktada, Pazundaung and Botahtaung townships.

Tenders were issued for applications to establish a smart car parking system and the last date for tender submission had passed. Six companies were found to have passed the first qualification stage and one will be selected out of the six to implement the system.

"As per the word 'smart car parking' it will use smart technology to collect parking fees and Yangon Region government will provide necessary cooperation" said Yangon Region Development Committee road and bridge works group secretary U Lin Naing on 18 November.

Systematic selection of tender

One of the six companies that had passed the first qualification stage will be selected and permitted to implement the smart car parking system. As the tender assessment group will transparently and systematically select the tender winning company, Yangon soon will have a smart car parking that had technical support different from a person manually collecting parking fees as done in the past. Officials from Yangon City Development Committee strongly believed that the smart car parking system will resolve road congestion in six downtown townships of Yangon.

There were verbal arguments for car parking in downtown Yangon and even physical fights that had tragically resulted in death and the smart car parking system had become a work that must be implemented as soon as possible and without fail. Yangon Region Government was not allowing YRTA and YBS buses to enter into many downtown areas and making all to start/ends their trips to/from downtown Yangon at Thakin Mya Park. This causes considerable reduction in congestion of downtown roads. But the lack of parking place remains a huge problem that need to be resolved.

Road congestions in downtown Yangon was due to illegal parking and zones where restrictions were imposed on car parking. Cars that park for long duration in downtown Yangon were



Cars in traffic jam in downtown Yangon. PHOTOS: YE HTUT TIN



cars whose owners live in downtown Yangon and cars of companies and shops.

Ko Hla Maung who lived in 29th Street said "I lived in 29th Street. As far as I know, if car parking fees were collected according to the duration of car being parked, it would not be convenient for us. I wonder how this will be resolved as paying daily car parking fee is not feasible for people like us."

More car parking in downtown side roads

Smart car parking system will collect parking fees automatically. This system was implemented in Mandalay Region Mandalay town already. The system was planned to be implemented on the main roads and there's a possibility that more cars will park in downtown side roads. At the moment, side roads were now full of parked cars almost day and night. However, there was no issue of road congestions blocking up the full length of the road as on the main roads.

About 600,000 cars in Yangon

Before 2010, Yangon had 160,000 cars. Due to auto policy changes in 2010, by 2018 October the number of passenger or saloon cars in-



creased to more than a million. Cars registered in Yangon were about 600,000. Due to this, parking space was becoming fewer and fewer not only in downtown Yangon but also in almost all the other townships of Yangon too.

According to a new building construction policy, a building had to have adequate parking space for it. If public transport system was upgraded and long term plans were setup and implemented to reduce the numbers of vehicles, road congestion and subsequent problems will be significantly reduced.

According to research conducted by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the main reason for road congestion in Yangon was due to haphazardly and unsystematically parked cars. Whether the smart car parking system could support systematic parking of cars and reduce road congestion remains to be seen. According to preliminary studies conducted, it would definitely reduce road congestions. When high-rise buildings were constructed, multi-story car parks need to be constructed as well. This would be convenient for all the car drivers.



Inclusion of car parking in high-rise buildings

Of the high-rise building constructed, the 23 story Sule Square was unique with car parking space for 550 cars. Junction City also had parking space for 150 cars. Emergence or construction of such buildings will definitely reduce to a certain extent the shortage of car parking space.

Smart car parking system parking fee rates

The smart car parking system to be implemented in Yangon by 2020 will have three types of parking fees. The parking fees will be colour coded into red, green and yellow ranging from K 500 and K 300 to K 200 according to Yangon City Development Committee Engineering Department (Road/Bridge).

Cooperation of the people is required for smart car parking system to reduce the rising road congestion problem in downtown Yangon.

Translated by Handytips



Myanmar wins gold medal in traditional boat race in SEA Games

TEAM Myanmar won a gold medal in the 200 Meter women's traditional boat race at the 30th South East Asian Games, held yesterday at the Subic Nrdku Malawaan Park in Philippines.

There were women athletes participating on the team, and Myanmar won first place with 54.947 seconds, while Indonesia took the silver medal with 54.945 seconds. Meanwhile, Thailand grabbed the bronze medal in the tourney.

In the Taekwondo competition in Rizal Memorial Sports Complex Court-1, Myanmar athlete Sun Shine took the bronze medal, while Myanmar's Phone Thet Naing took another

bronze medal in the Free Style Poomsae event in Taekwondo.

Also, in the men's individual canoe competition in Subic Nrdku Malawaan Park, Myanmar's Myo Hlaing Win earned the silver medal, while Indonesia won the gold medal and Thailand secured the bronze medal.

Also in the women's double 1000 Meter Rowing competition at the same venue, Ni Lar Win and Shwe Zin Latt took the bronze medals. Currently, Myanmar had already won 3 gold medals, 11 silver medals and 33 bronze medals in the 30th SEA Games.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Myanmar boat race team displays their gold medal at the 30th SEA Games. PHOTO: SPED

SEA Games Men's Football Semifinal: Myanmar out of final with loss to Indonesia



Myanmar striker Win Naing Tun scoring the second goal for team Myanmar during the semifinal match against Indonesia, played yesterday at Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila. PHOTO: MFF

THE Myanmar U-22 national football team suffered a 2-4 loss to the Indonesia U-22 men's team at the crucial semifinal match of the men's football competition at the 30th South East Asian Games held at Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila, the Philippines, yesterday.

Myanmar started the match with almost all midfielders, as Myanmar head coach Velizar Popov relied on their attacking style throughout the first half.

Team Myanmar played with one touch style, stayed strong in the midfield and attacked frequently, while Indonesia relied on its open attack.

The first half ended with a

0-0 draw, as both teams could not convert their chances into goals.

The second half saw better playing by team Indonesia, with continuous attacks over Myanmar. Indonesia scored the ice-breaker by Evan Dimas Darmono at 57 minutes.

The second goal for Indonesia was at 72 minutes, scored by Egi Maulana Vikri.

But Indonesia's domination did not last, as team Myanmar scored equalizers within eight minutes.

Myanmar's substituted striker Aung Kaung Mann, who scored the first goal for Myanmar at 79 minutes, while another substitute striker, Win Naing Tun, scored at

80 minutes, making the score 2-2.

The 2-2 draw ended the ninety minutes play, as extra time was played.

In extra time, Osvaldo Ardiles Haay scored the third goal for Indonesia at 102 minutes, and again Evan Dimas Darmono scored the final and fourth goal for Indonesia at 113 minutes, breaking the heart of team Myanmar, as Indonesia secured a spot in the final match.

As for the win, Indonesia will meet Viet Nam in the final match, while Myanmar will play Cambodia in the third place match after another semifinal match saw a 4-0 win by team Viet Nam over Cambodia.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

2019 Southeast Asian Games medal tally updated

| COUNTRY | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE | TOTAL |
|-------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| PHILIPPINES | 89 | 67 | 65 | 221 |
| INDONESIA | 50 | 49 | 58 | 157 |
| VIETNAM | 45 | 50 | 64 | 159 |
| THAILAND | 41 | 55 | 60 | 156 |
| SINGAPORE | 37 | 30 | 41 | 108 |
| MALAYSIA | 36 | 28 | 42 | 106 |
| MYANMAR | 3 | 11 | 33 | 47 |
| CAMBODIA | 2 | 4 | 18 | 24 |
| BRUNEI DARUSSALAM | 1 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| LAO PDR | 0 | 3 | 13 | 16 |
| TIMOR-LESTE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Thet Htar Thuzar fails to reach Semifinal

MYANMAR'S badminton star, Thet Htar Thuzar, lost to Indonesian Badminton player Ruselli Hurtawan in the Quarterfinal of the 30th South East Asian Games in the Philippines yesterday.

Thet Htar Thuzar suffered a 0-2 loss over the Indonesian player, with a score of 11-21 and 17-21.

There was a difference in skills between the two players, as Thet Htar Thuzar is currently 61st in the badminton world ranking, while Indonesian player Ruselli Hurtawan is ranked 37th worldwide. The first match was easi-

ly dominated by the Indonesian player Hurtawan, as Thet Htar Thuzar lost many shots. But the second match saw more efforts by Thet Htar Thuzar, though four more shots by Indonesian Ruselli resulted in the loss for Thet Htar Thuzar. Following the loss, Thet Htar Thuzar told fans on her social media page that she was sorry to have not won medals at the SEA Games, though she had tried her best. And Thet Htar Thuzar also said that she will try harder in upcoming tourneys by learning from her mistakes.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

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The Global New Light of Myanmar

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THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

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An enemy may be anything that harms or prevents us from being successful. For example, poverty and ignorance are enemies of progress. There are enemies in different sectors around youths today. Some of the enemies are visible. Some are invisible. All of them can prevent youths from being successful in life. Most of youths are trying to find a place to fit in. The fear of being alone is most common among the youths. In this way, they tend to get into a certain community of people who are not good in character. The youths follow their ways, smoke, drink alcohol, take drugs and abuse social media to interact with them. In fact, smoking, drinking alcohol, taking drugs and abusing social media are enemies of youths today.

Smoking is the biggest enemy of youths today. It appears that more and more people are smoking day by day, either cheroots or cigars or cigarettes. As cigarettes are available everywhere and not expensive, smoking is very easy for young children and adults. The beginning of drug abuse is smoking. From

the beginning of smoking, the youths happen to smoke cigarettes containing heroin powder and they are addicted to drugs. Step by step, some take amphetamine and inject heroin solution in their veins. Starting with cigarettes, they continue to use narcotic drugs.

Another enemy is drinking alcohol and taking narcotic drugs. Nowadays, various kinds of alcohol and drugs are readily available everywhere. There are so many beer stations everywhere. In some quarters, the number of beer stations is more than the number of tea shops. They are persuading young people. We often see girls and young women in some beer stations. Beginning with not so strong beer, they finally become drunkards. Their health begins to break down. Finally, they die at a young age. They are victims of drugs and alcohol. It is an important issue for parents and teachers to warn the youths to stay away from bad people and not to drink alcohol and use drugs. The youths should be explained about

the disadvantages of drinking alcohol and abusing drugs. These things can prevent youths from being successful.

Other enemies of youths are using the Internet too much, playing computer games excessively, watching TV the whole night and going to stage shows too often. The worst enemy is abusing social media. The effects of social media consist of two parts: positive and negative sides. On the positive side, social networks are an invaluable source for the youths because they can help the youths to improve their skills and knowledge. On the negative side, the internet is full of bad social websites associated with certain community who are bad in character. They chat the girls through the net and persuade them into prostitution. Some websites feature hate mails and violence to

instigate racial violence. Therefore, it is very important for youths not to abuse social media. Some websites are harmful to them.

In conclusion, many enemies are around today's youths in different forms. As seen, in these explanations and examples, smoking, drinking alcohol and taking drugs, and abusing social media are enemies of youths today. They can bring nothing but destruction. Therefore, I would like to advise youths to avoid smoking, drinking alcohol, taking drugs and abusing social media because they are the enemies that can destroy the future and the lives of youths today.





By C. T. O

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

- 70. Gone are the days when my heart was young and gay.
71. Life is a winding road.
72. We take the middle way in all that we do.
73. Rome was not built in a day.
74. When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
75. Prevention is better than cure.
76. Necessity is the mother of invention.
77. Work while you work and play while you play.
78. When a tiger kills a man, we call it "ferocity".
79. A little knowledge is dangerous.
80. Honesty is the best policy.
81. A burnt child dreads the fire.
82. What we fear is fear.
83. If you cannot get what you like, you should try to like what you get.
84. Patience is a virtue.
85. What cannot be secured must be endured.
86. The nearer to the bone, the sweeter the meat.
87. Ideas move the world.
88. Everything goes wrong if you care too much.
89. I can resist everything except temptation.
90. Facts are stranger than fiction.
91. Yesterday was only a dream tomorrow is only a vision. Today is life.
92. East is east and west is west and the twain shall never meet.
93. Delay means death in love and war.

- 94. Fortune favours the brave.
95. The brave win the fair.
96. They don't know what they want but they know they don't want what they have.
97. We always like those who admire us but we do not always like those whom we admire.
98. We live not as we wish to but as we can.
99. I am not a devil. I am a man therefore I have all the devils in my mind.
100. The ripest fruit first falls.
101. The blind cannot lead the blind.
102. When we grow old and do not grow, it is bad.
103. As you sow so shall you reap.
104. We eat that we may live.
105. A cheerful wife is a gift of life.
106. There is no place like home.
107. The most beautiful things in the world are the most useless—peacocks and lilies, for example.
108. There is no gathering the rose without being pricked by the thorns.
109. Ask and learn.
110. You cannot please everybody.
111. Women weep before the marriage and men after.
112. A woman worries about the future until she gets married whereas a man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.
113. The best ideas are common property.
114. What's in a name? That what we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.
115. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

- 116. Oh Liberty! How many crimes have been committed in they name?
117. The best mirror is an old friend.
118. Poverty is no sin.
119. There is no indispensable man.
120. There is always someone worse off than yourself.
121. It is rough road that leads to the height of greatness.
122. To travel hopefully is better than to arrive.
123. When want comes in at the door, love flies out of the window.
124. Love truth but pardon error.
125. The young man who has not wept is a savage and the old man who will not laugh is a fool.
126. It is a great loss to a man that he cannot laugh.
127. Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed.
128. Everybody is brave in time of peace.
129. I laughed till I cried.
130. Love is like fire; it needs feeding and watching.
131. Hitherto the philosophers have tried to interpret the world; the point is to change it.
132. Across the field of yesterday.
133. I've been married 18 years
134. We pardon in the degree we love.
135. Being in a ship is being in a jail with the chance of being drowned.
136. Life begins at 40.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)



let's help Youths possess vigorous youthfulness



By **Khin Moh Moh Aung**
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Who will you be considered as youngsters? According to the consideration of some people, youngsters are the ones between childhood and adulthood. Undoubtedly, youngsters would like to do what they think of and what they see newly due to their nature of mind. At the time of life when they are young, they would like to try something new, something special and something popular. As the world is made up of different people from different layers, youngsters may be different in lifestyle. Some of the youngsters cannot get their parents' care and admonish. So, they do whatever they want without deciding what is right and what is wrong.

Those above ones become the victims of badness because they lack consciousness. They may smoke, they may drink liquor, they may use the drug and they may rob because they do not know what is wrong and what is right. There are so many youngsters who have to fall prey to evil doings. Actually, their original attitudes are not really bad. They become lousy just because of their

neighbourhood and lack of caring for them.

When the youngsters in the age of under 18 do an illegal thing, they cannot be sentenced to jail. They have to be sent to a centre where youngsters are kept. There are some places where the youngsters under 18 are kept off. In Mandalay, there is a place where the young boys are kept because of their illegal doing. This is the Community Rehabilitation Centre. The young boys who have committed illegal doings have to stay in this center.

This center is not like a jail. The above ones just have to follow the rules and regulations of the center. They are not closed in a room. Actually, they are sent to a new environment. In this center, they have to learn some vocational education such as motorbike repairing, gardening, and some kinds of sports like football, boxing, and sepaktakraw. Whilst they are being kept in the center, they can change not only their attitude but also their physical appearance.

There are some people who think that those boys are the bad guys and they cannot mend their

minds and actions. Not there only have pessimistic persons but there also have optimistic ones. They are the volunteer teachers of the centre. They are trying to change the lives of the youngsters who are living in the center as much as they can. They are like the parents of the youngsters because they admonish them what is right and what is wrong. Actually, volunteers for those youngsters should have throughout the country. The reason; the youngsters cannot receive the caring of parents or their guardians. They just receive love and the words of the volunteer teachers and in the same way, the volunteers will receive good merits because of their good deeds.

"Youth is just a moment," some people utter. That is right. As the period of the youth is short, the life of youth is absolutely precious. Most of the people say that youths are the future leaders of the country. So, if the life of a youth destroys, the country's future can be affected. Thus, we all need to participate in helping the disadvantaged youngsters not to be the victims of evil things to make our society better.





The Mass Walking activity in Yangon yesterday.



The Mass Walking activity in Kyaukpyu yesterday.



The Mass Walking activity in Magwe yesterday.

December Mass Walk and Sports Week launches nationwide

By Nat Ye Hla

Beginning in this year's winter season, which has brought lower temperature than previous years, December Mass Walking Week and Sports Activities launched yesterday nationwide.

To promote the standard of Myanmar Sports World, the Ministry of Health and Sports designated December as a Sports Month, and mass walking activities are to be conducted every week in December.

With a healthy and educated population, a nation can overcome all challenges. Thus an educated and healthy people are the best guarantee for a country's future.

With the efforts of the government, the MOHS is trying to improve the public's health system. Also, the National Health Plan promotes the public's health, which can contribute to the country's development.

The National Health Plan is crucial for Myanmar, and healthcare professionals should acknowledge the fact that everyone can potentially contribute to the country, as health care is everyone's responsibility.

If citizens have faith in our health-care system and believe that the nation will take care of them, whether they are rich or poor, then this is the greatest gift for the country.

The National Health Plan is the first step towards Universal Health Coverage 2030, which guarantees accessible health care for every citizen.



Children in Mongsat taking part in a sport activity on 7th December.



Children in Mongsat taking part in a sport activity on 7th December.



Local people doing physical exercise after the mass walk in Pyin Oo Lwin yesterday.



Children taking part in the sport of tug of war in Mongsat on 7th December.



Students and civil servants taking part in the mass walking in Taunggyi on 7th December.



Students and civil servants taking part in the mass walking in Kyaukpyu. (Photos are contributed by local IPRD offices).

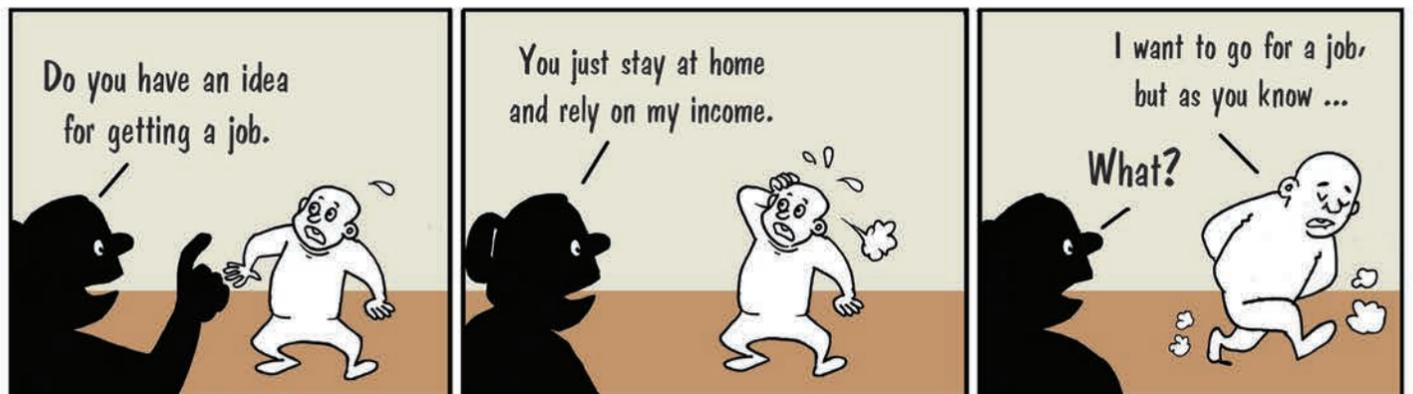


Students doing physical exercise following the mass walking in Sittway, Rakhine State.

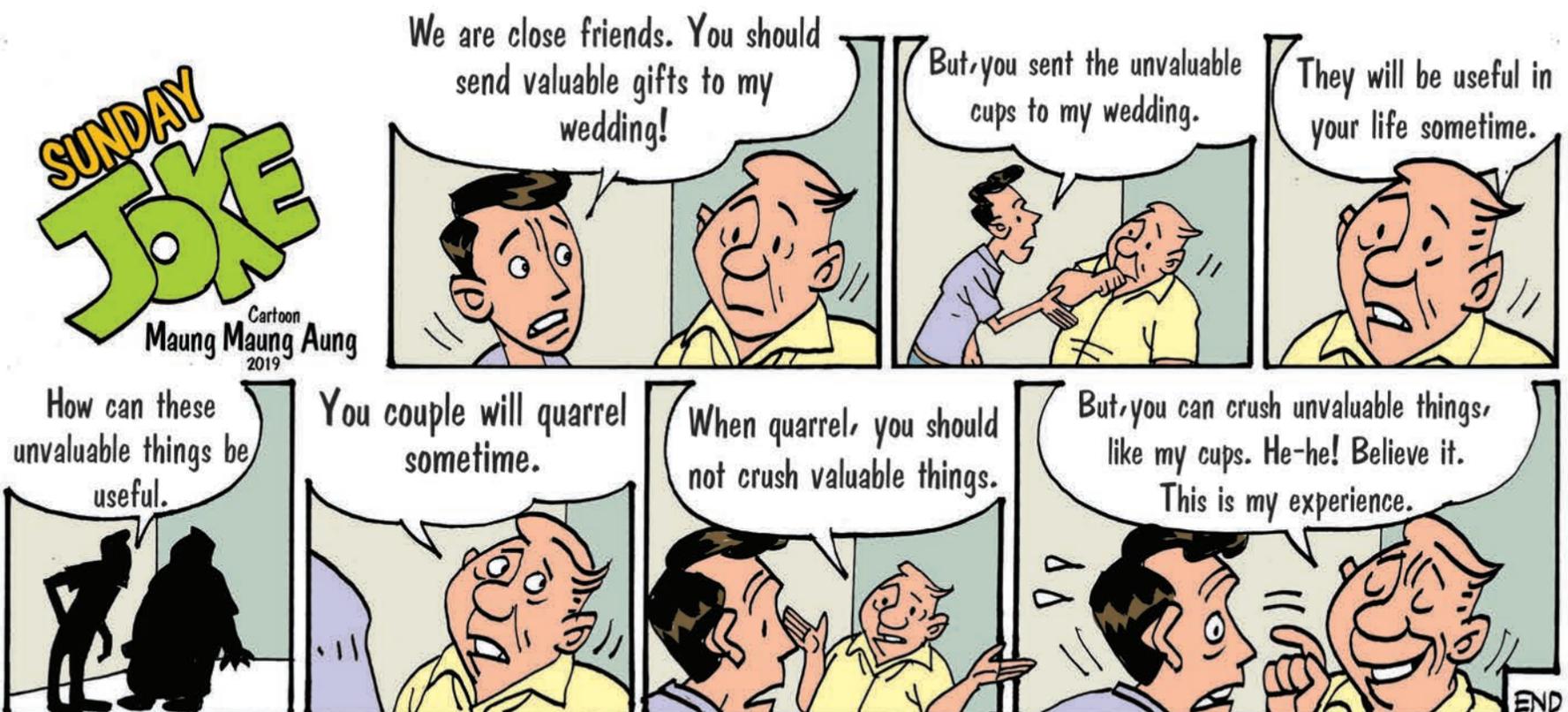
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Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE
Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
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“SEA Games” for Supreme Happiness



Super Effective Approach for Supreme Happiness



By Kyaw Twain

With the news of two Myanmar football team advancing to semifinals, I come

to know that the 30th SEA Games is in progress at present in the Philippines.

SEA Games is a multi-level sport event in Southeast Asia region. Sports are very important for human beings to keep themselves healthy and fit. By organizing such a multi-sports event, people are more interested in sports that can give them physical fitness.

Like physical fitness, mental fitness also plays an important role for human being. People organize meditation and prayer events so that they can get mental well-being by training their minds.

Both body and mind are the sources of our happiness.

A man who is under a shady tree on a hot summer day gets happy because his body feels cold, relax and peaceful. That is the happiness that comes from the body.

By thinking back their past happy memories or future happy events to come, some people get happiness. That is also a sort of happiness that comes from the mind.

If happiness is categorized, there are three levels -- the happiness related to sensual pleasure, the happiness related to renouncing sensual pleasure and the happiness that is beyond these two and called “supreme happiness.” The first two are impermanent, while the third is permanent.

The first happiness related to

sensual pleasure can get from our six senses organs - eyes, ears, noses, tongue, body and mind.

By eyes, a guy can be happy watching stage show. By ears, a boy can be happy listening pop music. By nose, a girl can be happy smelling the pleasant scent of a flower.

By tongue, a gourmet can be happy enjoying the foods that they like. By body, a man can feel happiness using luxurious items. By mind, an old man can be happy thinking his younger days together with his wife.

These are the basic level of happiness related to sensual pleasures.

The intermediate level of happiness can get by renouncing these sensual pleasures.

Being asked, an old man said he is happy while “in meditation and giving charity.” This is a sort of happiness that comes from renouncing sensual pleasures.

There is a quote “Life is a game.” According to the quote, people are playing different kinds of games to achieve the goals that they want. Most of people like happiness and even if say that there is no one who doesn't like “happiness.” It is true. Different people are playing different kinds of games to gain the same goal of “happiness.”

Among the games, some games bring happiness while some fail to bring. Some games are effective while some aren't. Some have fruitful results, while some have opposite results.

Here is a game called “Super Effective Approach” Games or “SEA Games.” It is testable. It gives “supreme happiness” permanently to those who win.

It has eight episodes in three levels -- morality, concentration and wisdom. Each level can give different states of happiness.

By telling right speech, doing right action and via right livelihood, the basic level of the games “morality” can win, while the intermediate level of the games “concentration” can win via right concentration, right effort and right mindfulness.

The advanced level of the game “wisdom” can win from right thinking and right understanding.

Whoever plays the games will get “happiness” according to their levels of success in the games.

The owner of the “Super Effective Approach” Games is a superhuman named “Buddha.” He himself gained supreme happiness from this game, and uncountable human beings benefited from His unique teaching since 2500 years.

So those who want to get “supreme happiness” are recommended to play the “Super Effective Approach” Games. May all beings attain “supreme happiness” from this distinctive and unique SEA Games.



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I am still looking at the scene that can be seen through the glass windowpanes. At that moment, I hear the ‘Caw’, ‘Caw’ of the two crows above my roof. The small basket of the beef seller is covered by the old cloth

which seems to be an old longyi. The crows cannot bite and lift the piece of meat up. The clerk who reads the electric meters gradually climbs up the stair. However, the crows cannot bite and lift the paper of the electricity bill up. There is a woman's blouse at the veranda. The

crows cannot be able to bite and lift it up. Therefore, they fly away.

However, my imagination is carried along with the crows. Right! The crows have already bitten and lifted my imagination up...

A Snatch From The Day-dreaming One

It was an event in which I was living in a top flat of a six-storey building downtown. I was looking outside through the window-panes as usual. I leisurely looked at the outer scene that I had known as a bird-eye view. On my table, there was a cup of hot plain tea which was mixed with green tea leaves from Aung Pan. I was somewhat satisfied with the situation of the early morning sipping the plain tea and looking outside through the window-panes.

About a week ago, an earthquake hit our city. Our six-storied building was obviously shaken to and fro. It happened twice and then it was again normal and stable. Although I had a little frightened feeling, I went on staying calm bearing in mind that only fate is my dad or my mom. The scene I was seeing was some roofs of the buildings, the upper parts of some trees with dark-greenish color, the upper parts of some lamp-posts which were on at night and a mountain range.

The place where I live is in the center of the town. I can vividly hear the traffic and the voice of the vendors who are selling their goods around the city. I sometimes see the clouds and hear the thunder. I sometimes hear the pleasing melodic songs from the small vehicles which sell lottery. I also hear the reciting of Paritta and sharing merit from the common hall for religious purposes nearby. I also hear the faint sound of the reading Bible from the Church which is situated somewhat distant on Sun-

days.

Looking between the two glass window-panes, I see the two crows flying and coming towards the building. They are not rural crows but urban ones. They possess things such as wings to fly where they want and beaks to bite and lift up what they want, which are similar to be regulated by nature. It is a sunny day and all are clear and bright. There is the blue sky but some blackish rain clouds are scattered at the edge of the horizon.

I have seen a female beef seller getting to the room on the ground floor. I have also seen a clerk who reads the used units from the electric meters. I have also seen a young but well-known writer getting to the room next to mine. The cup of hot plain tea seems to be in a certain state to drink, I think, but it is still warm.

Last night, I read a short story written by O Henry before I went to sleep. The story was 'The last leaf' that was written about two young female artists and an old man who was also an artist. I like short stories especially the ones by O Henry. The plots of the short stories constructed by O Henry are very interesting indeed. The readers never know the end of the story unless they read it up to the end. I think he was a clever writer who could totally occupy the interest of the readers. I also think if I read and understand O Henry's structures of stories a lot, I can be able to guess the twists of human society.

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| YANGON TO BANGKOK | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| PG706 | 5:50 | 8:10 | Daily | |
| 8M335 | 7:30 | 9:15 | Daily | |
| UB-019 | 7:25 | 9:20 | Daily | |
| TG2304 | 9:35 | 11:30 | Daily | |
| PG702 | 10:30 | 12:30 | 1,2,3,4,6,7 | |
| TG2302 | 11:20 | 13:15 | Daily | |
| PG708 | 15:35 | 17:35 | Daily | |
| 8M331 | 16:30 | 18:15 | Daily | |
| UB-017 | 17:35 | 19:30 | Daily | |
| PG704 | 18:35 | 20:35 | Daily | |
| TG306 | 19:50 | 21:45 | Daily | |

| YANGON TO DON MUEANG | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|--|
| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| DD4231 | 8:05 | 9:50 | Daily | |
| FD252 | 8:45 | 10:30 | Daily | |
| SL201 | 8:30 | 10:20 | 1,3,4,5,7 | |
| FD254 | 17:40 | 19:25 | Daily | |
| FD258 | 21:40 | 23:30 | Daily | |
| SL207 | 19:35 | 21:25 | 1,2,4,6,7 | |
| DD4239 | 21:00 | 22:45 | Daily | |

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

| YANGON TO SINGAPORE | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| UB001 | 7:15 | 23:45 | Daily | |
| 8M231 | 8:20 | 12:40 | Daily | |
| SQ997 | 10:25 | 15:10 | Daily | |
| 3K582 | 11:30 | 16:05 | 1,4,5,7 | |
| UB003 | 16:00 | 20:30 | Daily | |
| MI519 | 17:35 | 22:10 | 1,2,4,5,7 | |
| MI521 | 18:30 | 22:55 | 3,4,5,6 | |
| 3K584 | 19:40 | 00:10 | 1,2,3,5,6,7 | |

| YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| KE472 | 23:30 | 7:25 | Daily | |

| YANGON TO TAIPEI | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| C17916 | 10:45 | 16:20 | Daily | |

| BANGKOK TO YANGON | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| TG2303 | 7:50 | 8:45 | Daily | |
| PG701 | 8:45 | 9:40 | 1,2,3,4,6,7 | |
| TG2301 | 9:35 | 10:30 | Daily | |
| 8M336 | 10:40 | 11:25 | Daily | |
| UB020 | 10:20 | 11:15 | Daily | |
| PG707 | 13:45 | 14:40 | Daily | |
| PG703 | 16:50 | 17:45 | Daily | |
| TG305 | 18:05 | 18:50 | Daily | |
| 8M332 | 19:15 | 20:00 | Daily | |
| PG705 | 20:30 | 21:55 | Daily | |
| UB018 | 20:30 | 21:25 | Daily | |

| DON MUEANG TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| DD4230 | 6:20 | 7:05 | Daily | |
| FD251 | 7:30 | 8:15 | Daily | |
| SL200 | 6:45 | 7:35 | 1,3,4,5,7 | |
| FD253 | 16:25 | 17:05 | Daily | |
| FD257 | 20:30 | 21:10 | Daily | |
| SL206 | 18:55 | 19:45 | 1,2,4,6,7 | |
| DD4238 | 19:30 | 20:15 | Daily | |

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

| SINGAPORE TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| SQ998 | 7:55 | 09:20 | Daily | |
| 3K581 | 9:10 | 10:35 | 1,2,3,5,6,7 | |
| UB002 | 13:00 | 14:30 | Daily | |
| 8M232 | 13:45 | 15:15 | Daily | |
| MI518 | 15:15 | 16:40 | 1,2,4,6,7 | |
| MI520 | 14:10 | 17:35 | 3,4,5,6 | |
| 3K583 | 17:30 | 18:45 | 1,4,5,7 | |
| UB004 | 21:15 | 22:45 | Daily | |

| SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| KE471 | 18:15 | 22:10 | Daily | |

| TAIPEI TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| C17915 | 7:00 | 9:50 | Daily | |

| YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| AK505 | 8:25 | 12:40 | Daily | |
| MH741 | 11:15 | 15:45 | Daily | |
| OD551 | 12:25 | 16:45 | 1,4,7 | |
| MH743 | 16:10 | 20:30 | 1,4,6,7 | |
| AK503 | 19:10 | 23:30 | Daily | |
| OD553 | 23:55 | 4:20+1 | 2,3,5,6 | |

| YANGON TO HONG KONG | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| KA251 | 1:25 | 6:00 | 1,2,3,4,6,7 | |
| UB8027 | 7:05 | 11:45 | 3,5,7 | |
| KA275 | 17:05 | 21:50 | 1,3,5,7 | |

| YANGON TO DHAKA | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| BG061 | 14:15 | 16:00 | 1,3,6 | |

| YANGON TO DUBAI | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| EK389 | 2:00 | 5:45 | 1,2,4,6 | |

| YANGON TO BEIJING | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| CA906 | 23:50 | 5:50+1 | 1,3,4,5,7 | |

| YANGON TO HANOI | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| VN956 | 19:00 | 21:30 | Daily | |
| VJ918 | 18:55 | 21:20 | Daily | |

| YANGON TO HO CHI MINH | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| VN942 | 12:10 | 15:05 | 1,3,4,6,7 | |

| YANGON TO TOKYO | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| NH814 | 21:45 | 6:45+1 | Daily | |

| YANGON TO DOHA | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| QR919 | 1:05 | 4:55 | 1,3,4,6,7 | |

| YANGON TO CHIANG MAI | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| PG724 | 13:40 | 15:30 | 1,3,4,7 | |

| 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 | |
| AK502 | 17:20 | 18:30 | Daily | |
| OD552 | 21:45 | 22:55 | 2,3,5,6 | |

| HONG KONG TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| UB8028 | 12:45 | 14:30 | 3,5,7 | |
| KA250 | 21:50 | 23:35 | 1,2,3,5,6,7 | |
| KA254 | 14:20 | 16:10 | 1,3,5,7 | |

| DHAKA TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| BG060 | 10:45 | 13:30 | 1,3,6 | |

| DUBAI TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| EK388 | 10:30 | 16:15 | 1,3,5,7 | |

| BEIJING TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| CA905 | 19:00 | 22:55 | 1,3,4,5,7 | |

| HANOI TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| VN957 | 16:40 | 18:05 | Daily | |
| VJ917 | 16:30 | 17:55 | Daily | |

| HO CHI MINH TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| VN943 | 9:30 | 11:05 | 1,3,4,6,7 | |

| TOKYO TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| NH813 | 11:00 | 16:25 | Daily | |

| DOHA TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| QR918 | 8:25 | 17:50 | 2,3,5,6,7 | |

| CHIANG MAI TO YANGON | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| PG723 | 12:05 | 12:55 | 1,3,5,7 | |

| YANGON TO KUNMING | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| MU2580 | 10:55 | 14:35 | 2,4,6 | |
| MU2012 | 13:40 | 20:50 | 3 | |
| MU9750 | 15:55 | 19:35 | 2,4,6 | |
| MU9758 | 15:55 | 19:35 | 1,3,5,7 | |

| MANDALAY TO BANGKOK | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| PG710 | 14:30 | 16:55 | Daily | |
| PG714 | 19:15 | 21:40 | Daily | |

| MANDALAY TO DON MUEONG | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| FD245 | 12:45 | 15:00 | Daily | |

| MANDALAY TO KUNMING | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| MU2568 | 12:55 | 15:30 | Daily | |
| MU2568 | 9:25 | 15:25 | Daily | |
| MU2040 | 15:20 | 18:25 | 1,3,7 | |
| MU9742 | 15:20 | 18:25 | 2,4,6 | |
| MU9748 | 21:20 | 00:25 | 2,4 | |

| NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| PG722 | 20:00 | 22:50 | 1,2,3,4,5,7 | |

| BANGKOK TO NAY PYI TAW | | | | |
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| FLIGHT | DEP | ARV | DATE | |
| PG721 | 17:25 | 19:20 | 1,2,3,4,5,7 | |

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| 8M = Myanmar Airways International | MI = Silk Air | | | |
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| AK = Air Asia | NH = All Nippon Airways | | | |
| BG = Biman Bangladesh Airlines | SQ = Singapore Airways | | | |
| CA = Air China | QR = Qatar Airways | | | |
| 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 | |
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| 2 = Tuesday | 5 = Friday |
| 3 = Wednesday | 6 = Saturday |
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