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## Excerpts from Message Sent by Chairman of State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing to World Teachers' Day



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing sent message to mark World Teachers' Day that falls on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The excerpts from the message sent by the SAC Chairman Prime Minister are as follows:

- In Myanmar, the tradition of paying respects to teachers by appreciating their gratitude, has been ingrained for eons and is still true the same up to now.
- Only when teachers are actually able to instill wisdom and knowledge in their pupils, will be they able to overcome problems and challenges and win victories in their lives.
- Only when there are good teachers, will youths who have to shoulder their duties of the future of the country be educated with high morality and can they serve the interests of the State and its nationals, beautifying the State and uplifting prestige.
- Depending on the quality of the country's human resources rather than the size of a country, big or small, the country with a high level of education is more developed.
- In order to establish a peaceful society, it need for a growing number of future

generations of well-versed youths.

- The country requires many well-rounded teachers to produce educated youths with obedience to discipline and morale in accord with the saying: **“School is the birthplace of national moral standards”**.

Therefore, in accordance with the 2023 World Teachers’ Day theme, **“The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage”**, we need to work together to have the teachers needed for our educational goals.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (5-10-2023)

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### **Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Delivers an Addresses at Gathering to Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Myanmar Coast Guard**

The second anniversary of the founding of the Myanmar Coast Guard, established on 6 October 2021 with the aim of safeguarding Myanmar seas and maritime interest and blue sea economic businesses, preventing threats against maritime security, enforcing rule of law at sea and carrying out humanitarian activities, and supporting the Tatmadaw (Navy) during emergency times, was held on 6 October with an address delivered by the Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of

Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

In the address delivered by the Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the stressed the following points –

- Myanmar has long and wide territorial waters, dotted with numerous islands, rich in natural resources and economic opportunities along the coast



- Hence, a coast guard is required to totally safeguard the country's territorial seas and coastal areas in addition to the Navy. The country took time to make preparations and study the structures of the coast guards of other countries.
  - Normally, a coast guard has the duty to enforce the rule of law along the coast and at the territorial seas and provide humanitarian assistance.
  - The MCG's primary duty is the enforcement of the maritime rule of law and the provision of humanitarian aid. It is also responsible for protecting maritime interests, search and rescue operations, and environment conservation at sea.
  - Members of the Coast Guard must know the local and international maritime laws and rules, and only then will they be able to streamline their tasks and widen their scope of international relations.
  - In connection with administrative affairs, it is necessary to show good governance of the units by maintaining proper hierarchy and taking systematic measures.
  - In connection with welfare, individual personnel are required to take care of one's welfare while units are providing welfare for personnel as much as possible.
  - It is the second anniversary of the Myanmar Coast Guard and the rule of law and defence duties performed by the Coast Guard in the maritime territory during the two years have been appreciated. Coast Guard personnel are urged to show higher capabilities.
  - The Senior General also urged the personnel to make the Coast Guard a model force and to strive to continue to stand as a capable force.
- After that, the Chairman of the State Administration Council the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing conducted the following activities –
- The Senior General presented honorary prizes to officers and other ranks who carried out duties relentlessly for the rule of law and search and rescue operations at sea during the two-year period of the

Coast Guard.

- Then, the Senior General presented an emblem of honour for the Coast Guard to the director general of the Coast Guard, who presented a commemorative emblem marking the second anniversary of the Coast Guard to the Senior General.
- After the ceremony, the Senior General cordially spoke words of encouragement to officers and the other ranks of the Coast Guard who attended the ceremony.
- Afterwards, the Senior General and party inspected the performance of duties in the headquarters by collecting real-time information about weather conditions and activities in the territorial waters of the country, an exhibition about the Coast Guard and a library.
- Then, the Senior General and party in-

spected the vessels used by the Coast Guard.

- After that, the Senior General and party inspected the Naung Yoe drinking water factory for officers, other ranks and families of the Coast Guard, agriculture and livestock breeding tasks and staff quarters and gave necessary instructions.

Also present together with the Senior General were SAC members Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San, Lt-Gen Nyo Saw, Union level officials, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Forces, the Yangon Command commander, Director General of Myanmar Coast Guard Rear-Admiral Ko Ko Kyaw, and officers and other ranks of Tatmadaw (Navy) and Myanmar Coast Guard, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (7-10-2023)

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SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services hearing reports on missions carried out by the coast guard presented by the Director General of Myanmar Coast Guard



SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services receiving a commemorative emblem marking the second anniversary of the coast guard presented by the Director General of Myanmar Coast Guard



SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presenting honorary prizes to officers and other ranks who carried out duties relentlessly at sea during the two-year period of the coast guard



## SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Inspecting round MCG HQs



SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspecting performance of duties in the headquarters by collecting real-time information about weather conditions and activities in the territorial waters of the country



SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services taking the salute of officers and other ranks aboard the vessels

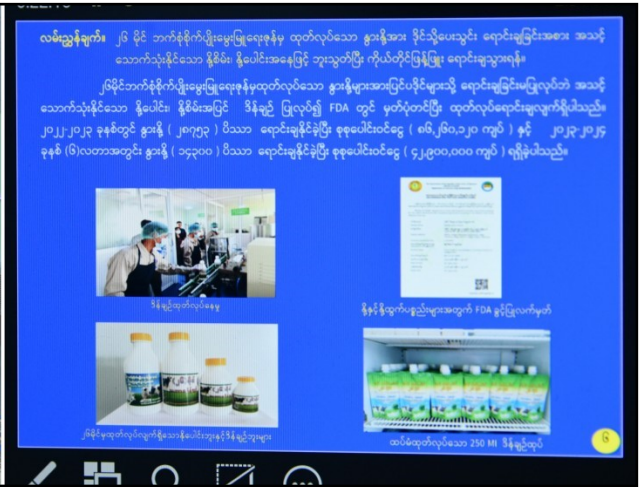


SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspecting the vessels used by the MCG

SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Inspecting round MCG HQs



# Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Implementation of Thilawa Multi-agriculture and Livestock Zone



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his entourage inspected the implementation of the Thilawa multi-agriculture and livestock zone of Myanmar Economic Corporation between Yangon River and Hmawwun Creek in Kyauktan Township of Yangon region on 6 October.

At the briefing hall of the zone, Chairman of Myanmar Economic Corporation Lt-Gen Nyo Saw, Chairman of Myanmar Economic Holding Public Co Ltd Lt-Gen Hsan Oo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin and officials reported on Thilawa multi-agriculture and livestock zone, 26th-mile multi-agriculture and livestock zone, Shwemuyin fish farm in Twantay Township, undertakings of Ngwepinle livestock and fishery farm, establishment of multi-agriculture and livestock zones, work operation and analysis on cultivation of maize in Myanmar and other countries.

In his response, the Senior General highlighted the points as follows:

- Implementing the agriculture and livestock farms in Yangon region aims to ensure sufficiency of meaty, fish and seasonal crops in the region.
- Production of meat, fish and seasonal crops are being increased in the region to ensure balance of supply and demand chains in the region, and control of prices for basic foodstuffs.
- High prices are based on high labour charges and high prices of inputs. If production can be manufactured efficiently for local consumption with reduction of production charges, commodity prices can be reduced.
- It is necessary to systematically calculate the egg laying rate and period for breeding layers and duck farming tasks.
- As the country is plentiful of land resources for production of proper species of crops with systematic measures, it is necessary to consider production of suitable agricultural produce.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister giving instructions to officials in progress

- Applying the experiences and techniques obtained in foreign trips to observe the agriculture and livestock tasks, it is necessary to strive for development of agriculture and livestock tasks in the country.
- in the zone and breeding of fingerlings and gave necessary guidance to officials, it is reported.

The Senior General and party viewed the sample fish, chicken eggs, duck eggs and dairy products from the Thilawa multi-agriculture and livestock farm and the Senior General viewed hatching of fingerlings

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (7-10-2023)

- **Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister inspected the implementation of the Thilawa multi-agriculture and livestock zone.**
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## SAC Chairman Prime Minister Inspecting Implementation of Thilawa Multi-agriculture and Livestock Zone



**Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Factories at Mahlwagon Yard of Myanmar Railways and Gyoungwaing Dock**



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by officials, inspected the factories and workshops at Mahlwagon Yard of Myanmar Railways in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon Region and Gyoungwaing Dock in Gyoungwaing Village in Kyimyindine Township of Yangon Region on 7 October.

At the Diesel Locomotive Factory (Mahlwagon), the SAC Chairman Prime Minister instructed the officials as follows:

- The rail transport among various kinds of transport systems such as land, water and air transports is cheaper.
- Therefore, it can directly contribute to the welfare tasks for the daily socio-economic life of the people and it is im-
- portant for the economic development of the State. As such, it is necessary to improve the rail transport system.
- The country should also be able to assemble electric trains. Preparations should be made to introduce electric trains.
- Fitness of locomotives and coaches depends on the quality of rails. Systematic and standard maintenance procedures must be applied in ensuring fitness of the rails such as installing railway sleepers and ballasts at the track. Official supervision is also needed for the methodization of the rails.
- Trains must run in accordance with their schedules.

Then, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister made inspection as follows:

- The Senior General inspected the functions of the Diesel Locomotive Factory (Mahlwagon) and looked into the requirements.
- He then inspected 30 RBEs donated to Myanmar Railways by West Corporation of Japan to Myanma Railways and checked the interior layouts and engines of the RBEs at the factory.
- The Senior General and party viewed the display of steam locomotives that Myanma Railways had used long ago. The Senior General spoke of the need to properly maintain the steam engines to use them again. He then presented honorary cash awards for the employees of factories and workshops in the yard through an official.

After hearing the reports presented by the officials at the parlour of the

Gyoungwaing Dock, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister instructed the officials as follows:

- As the dockyard halted its functions for many years, it must be repaired in conformity with the current era and facilitated with the necessary machinery.
- It is necessary to take measures to build and repair ships as well as to construct staff quarters and other buildings to facilitate administrative tasks and gave necessary instructions.

Later, the Senior General and party inspected round the docking workshop, dry dock and dock tracts, the entrance to the dock and the jetty. The Senior General gave necessary instructions to officials on the preparations for resumption of operations at dockyard.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (8-10-2023)

- **The SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party inspected the factories and workshops at Mahlwagon Yard of Myanma Railways in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon Region and the preparations for resumption of operations at Gyoungwaing Dock in Kyimyindine Township of Yangon Region.**
- **Cheap transportation can directly contribute to the welfare tasks for the daily socioeconomic life of the people and it is important for the economic development of the State. As such, it is necessary to improve the rail transport system.**



SAC Chairman Prime Minister hearing reports on the functions of each factory and workshop presented by an official



SAC Chairman Prime Minister inspecting the interior layouts and engines of the RBEs at the factory

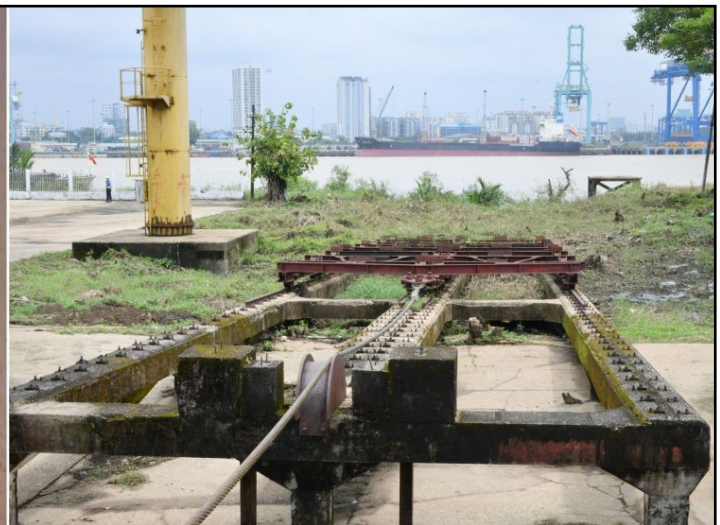


SAC Chairman Prime Minister presenting honorary cash awards for the employees of factories and workshops in the yard through the officials





SAC Chairman Prime Minister hearing reports on the functions of the Gyoungwaing Dock presented by an official



SAC Chairman Prime Minister inspecting round the Gyoungwaing Dock

**Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win Attends Choice of Arms for 26<sup>th</sup> Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy**



The Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, together with Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and officials, attended the choice of arms for cadets of the 26<sup>th</sup> Intake of the Defence Services Technological Academy (DSTA) which was held at the DSTA in PyinOoLwin on 4 September.

The SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Com-

mander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and party met cadets individually and chose suitable corps of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) for the cadets depending on their outstanding performances in technologies and training every year, following disciplines, industry and keen efforts.

In the afternoon, the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) and party had lunch together with the cadets at the Pyinnya Tazaung cadet mess hall, cordially greeting and encouraging them. After that, choice of arms for cadets continued there.

**SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Having Lunch together with Cadets**



- **The SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and officials attended the choice of arms for cadets of the 26<sup>th</sup> Intake of the DSTA, and they met cadets individually and chose suitable corps of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) for the cadets depending on their outstanding performances in technologies and training every year, following disciplines, industry and keen efforts.**

## Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win Delivers an Address at Coordination Meeting of Steering Committee for Building National Database System



The Steering Committee for the National Database Building System held its first work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 October, with an address delivered by the Steering Committee Chairman Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

In his speech,

- The Vice-Senior General said to undergo a transition to the digital system in the country and implement the e-government system more successfully, the National Database System Building Steering Committee was established by the State Administration Council in May 2022 with Notification No. 87/2022 dated May 22, and it was reconstituted with the Notification No. 159/2023 dated August 19.
- The functions of the Committee are to establish, guide and supervise policies to implement the e-ID system and guide and have links with the union ministries, to assist G to G to get the necessary methods for the e-ID system, to make supervisions to prevent direct intervention by foreign companies, organizations and governments in terms of national security and to provide technically skilled human resources.
- The Ministry of Immigration and Population has been assigned as the focal ministry, and an e-ID system working committee, comprising 29 members, was formed on 23 September 2021.
- Under the working committee, the implementation supervisory sub-committee, the planning sub-committee, the legal drafting sub-committee, the technical and tender



drawing sub-committee, the financial sub-committee, and the information committee totalling six have been formed.

- In implementing the e-ID system, five steps will be carried out: collecting Biographic Data and inserting it into Database; collecting Biometric Data, analyzing, and issuing Unique ID (UID); issuing and producing blank card formats in accordance with international standards; installing personal information in blank card formats; and overseeing the e-ID system process.
- The national integration system is concerned not with citizenship or non-citizenship but with the personal data of all citizens, associate citizens and naturalized citizens who reside in the country. Based on technologies, databases from government ministries and all walks of life will have to be linked. The Ministry of Immigration and Population will scrutinize whether one is a

citizen, noncitizen, associate or naturalized citizen based on personal data for the e-ID database.

- In phase 1 of the implementation of the e-ID system, personal data (N-4) of more than 52 million citizens and over 13 million household lists (66/6) have been fully entered into the e-ID database
- Field data collection was carried out on the ground by forming committees in the entire country from 9 to 31 January to verify data in the e-ID database.
- Under phase 2 of the implementation of the e-ID database, biometric data were collected from government employees in the union territory as a pilot project in November, 2022 and at present, biometric data are being collected in the entire country.
- The e-ID system and the collected data are big data and it is important to

keep them safe as personal information, as well as, the national database is important for the State.

- The databases maintained by the ministry, including the National Database, included in the e-ID, are databases that can be disclosed to the public, as well as, databases that cannot be disclosed due to the security of the state and the ministry. Therefore, cyber security systems have been put in place network monitoring systems should be installed, and the Myanmar Computer Emergency Response Team should be strengthened and network security should be increased.

Then, those who attended the meeting discussed and presented suggestions re-

garding the process of building the national database system according to the relevant sectors. After that, the Chairman of the National Database System Steering Committee, the Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council made necessary coordination with them to fulfil the needs.

Present at the meeting were union ministers, the Union Auditor General, the chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory, deputy ministers, departmental officials, and chairpersons and officials from various organizations, while the chief ministers of the regions and states attended it via videoconferencing.

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## Ceremony to Mark World Teachers' Day for 2023 Celebrated



Message sent by the SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Thadde Maha Thray Sithu Thadde Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing read out by the Union Minister Dr. Nyunt Pe

A commemorative ceremony for 2023 World Teachers' Day took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Education on 5 October under theme of this year **“The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage”**.

During the ceremony, Union Minister Dr. Nyunt Pe read the message sent by the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Thadde Maha Thray Sithu Thadde Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing. Then, Secretary-General of the Myanmar UNESCO National Commission Dr. Kyi Shwin read the message sent by the heads of five UN agencies.

Then, the SAC members, Union Ministers, deputy ministers and officials presented certificates of honour and cash awards to honorary persons and outstanding teachers of the 2023 World Teachers' Day, winning teachers and students in the commemorative article and essay contests. Then, Union

Minister Dr. Nyunt Pe presented cash awards to the students who performed songs. Then, he paid respects to 12 retired faculty members of the Botany Department, National Curriculum Committee Dr. Myint Swe and Vice-President of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences Dr. Maung Kyaw.

The ceremony was attended by the SAC members Dr. Hmu Thang and Dr. Ba Shwe, Union Ministers, deputy ministers, permanent-secretary, directors-general and officials, honorary persons and outstanding teachers, winning teachers and students in the contests.

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SAC members presenting certificates of honour and cash awards to honorary persons and outstanding teachers of the 2023 World Teachers' Day

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- During the ceremony, the message sent by the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Thadde Maha Thray Sithu Thadde Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing, and the message sent by the heads of five UN agencies were read out.
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### Holding of Ceremony to Mark World Teachers' Day for 2023



## State Administration Council Member Khun San Lwin Meets with Township-level Departmental officials, Local Elders, Indigenous Cultural Groups, and Pa-O Entrepreneurs in the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone



State Administration Council Member Khun San Lwin, accompanied by Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Zaw Aye, state ministers, the state attorney-general, Chairman U Aung San Oo of the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone administration body, and state-level officials, conducted regional development activities in Hsihseng township, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone.

- On 3 October, they met with township-level departmental officials, local elders, Indigenous Cultural Groups, and Pa-O entrepreneurs at the Hsaikawkang Border Area Ethnic Development Youth Training School in Hsihseng township. They also provided cash awards.
- They also attended the inauguration of the new school building at Kantan Basic Education Post-Primary School in Hsaikawkang village.
- The SAC member and party inspected the construction progress of the Kyuntaung-Kyauktalongyi-Nungyasain-

Saikhao-Pon Creek-Maukmae road, and provided necessary instructions.

- On 5 October, they met with departmental personnel, ethnic literature and culture organizations, township elders and businessmen at the multi-sector hall in Pinlaung township and gave them presents.
- Moreover, they met with departmental personnel, ethnic literature and culture organizations, township elders and businessmen at Naung Taya Pariyati Sarthintaik in Naung Taya and provided them cash rewards.
- They then visited Sekhaung village in Tikyit to inspect a model plantation, where they distributed sunflower seeds and fertilizer.

The township elders, ethnic literature and culture organizations, and businessmen presented their requirements, and the Chief Minister coordinated efforts to meet them, it is reported.



- SAC member and party conducted regional development activities in Hsihseng township, Pinlaung township and Naung Taya township of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone.

## Union Chief Justice U Thar Htay virtually Joins 12<sup>th</sup> International Legal Forum of the Asia-Pacific Region



The 12<sup>th</sup> International Legal Forum of the Asia-Pacific Region was organized by the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation through videoconferencing on 5 October, joined by Chief Justice of the Union U Thar Htay from the Supreme Court of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the forum, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation Mr. Vyacheslav Lebedev delivered opening speech and then, Union Chief Justice U Thar Htay and Chief Justices from the countries of Asia-Pacific Region and representa-

tives delivered opening speeches.

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Thaung Naing also gave a talk at the forum, under the title of “**Protection of Business Rights in Myanmar and the Judicial Sector**”. The forum was joined by Union Chief Justice together with Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union and officials.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (6-10-2023)

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## Union Ministers Meet with the Resident Representative of UNHCR Ms. Noriko Takagi and the Delegation



**Union Minister for Border Affairs receiving Resident Representative of UNHCR**

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement Dr. Soe Win met with the Resident Representative of UNHCR Ms. Noriko Takagi and delegation at their respective ministries on 6 October.

- **During the meeting with the Union Minister for Border Affairs**, they frankly discussed matters of the completion of preparations for re-examination, acceptance and resettlement of displaced persons in line with the Myanmar-Bangladesh bilateral agreement, the implementation of enhancing stability and peace in Rakhine State while improving the socioeconomic conditions of its residents, activities of the National Committee on Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons and the Closure of Tem-

porary Shelters and humanitarian aid.

- **During the meeting with the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement**, they discussed various matters, including the arrangements for signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ministry and UNHCR, travel permission for foreign staff and entry visas, coordination for releasing data on needy persons for humanitarian assistance and displaced persons, sharing information, and further cooperation efforts.

Also present at the meeting along with the Union Ministers were deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, director generals from relevant departments and officials.



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement receiving Resident Representative of UNHCR

- **Union Ministers met with the Resident Representative of UNHCR Ms. Noriko Takagi and the delegation and discussed the matters pertaining to activities of the National Committee on Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons and the Closure of Temporary Shelters and humanitarian aid and travel permission for foreign staff and entry visas.**

### **Union Minister U Min Naung Participates in 45<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting**

The opening ceremony of the 45<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting took place on 4 October, and it was virtually attended by Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung.

At the virtual meeting, Union Minister U Min Naung discussed as follows:

- He recognized relevant cooperation work of dialogue partners such as Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, India, Germany and Italy, European Union (EU), and Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)

for advancing sustainable development in the food, agriculture and forestry sectors of ASEAN countries.

- The report and recommendation submitted by the chairperson of the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting were approved, and he pledged that Myanmar would work together with ASEAN countries.

The meeting also discussed on the outcomes of the ASEAN Summit and ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting and the progress report on the implementation of the ASEAN Food, Agriculture, and Forestry



Cooperation Policy Framework, and reaffirmed the commitment on the promotion of cooperation in food, agriculture and forest sectors.

after issuing the joint statement of the 45<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting.

The meeting was successfully concluded

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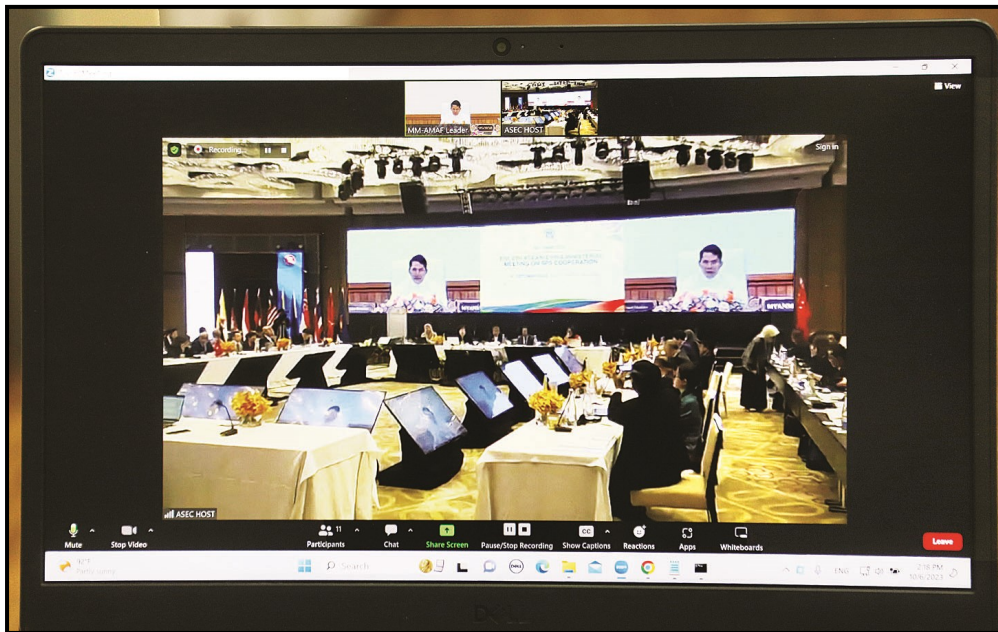
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### **Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation U Min Naung Participated in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three and the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting on SPS Cooperation**

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During the meeting, the Union Minister stressed the following points –

- Union Minister U Min Naung highlighted that Myanmar has already deposited funds for operations from 2023 to 2027 under the ASEAN Plus



Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement.

- Currently, negotiations are in progress through the ASEAN Secretariat for signing an MOU between the Myanmar Rice Federation and the Philippines for the sale of 14,000 tons of rice as an activity of distributing rice by economic means under the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement.
- The Union Minister pledged to further enhance cooperation with ASEAN Plus Three countries in the food, agriculture, and forestry sectors because the cooperation of the ASEAN and Plus Three countries in the agricultural and rural area development is found effective.
- The Union Minister stressed that he was very pleased to see the progress of the work done in the 2022-2023 de-

scribed in the report of report of the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Contact Persons Meeting on SPS Cooperation and also recognized the contact persons on SPS cooperation for their remarkable efforts to achieve the successful implementation of the tasks.

The meetings emphasized the discussions regarding guidance on food sufficiency, development of biomass energy, management for the sustainability of the forestry sector, reducing climate changes and flexibility, prevention of animal-related diseases and plant insects, human resource development, promoting the manufacturing of agricultural products, increasing the quality of the products and exploring markets for them, exchange of information, research and development activities, technical assistance from the Plus Three countries in meetings, workshops and training and contributions to the agricultural sector development. The



meetings then approved the Joint Declaration of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three and the joint declaration of

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### **Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi Attends Trans-Himalaya Forum for International Cooperation**

Aiming to foster cooperation and development among Himalayan region countries, promote the correlation of humans and nature, and environmental conservation, the Third Trans-Himalaya Forum for International Cooperation was held in Nyingchi, China's Xizang Autonomous Region from 4 to 6 October. The event was attended by Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi together with Deputy Prime Ministers and Ministers from 13 countries, and officials and representatives from various organizations.

During the opening ceremony, Union

Minister delivered remarks as follows:

- Myanmar prioritizes forest conservation and the protection of ecosystems and biodiversity.
- He suggested drafting practical and solid policies and procedures in implementing forest and environment conservation, investment and nature-based industries.
- Myanmar would actively cooperate in relevant sectors among the countries of the Himalayan Mountains region and the Silk Road.
- He replied to the questions raised by media agencies in Nyingchi and visited the Tibetan Cultural Heritage Museum.



- On 5 October, the Union minister and party observed the functions of community-based tourism in Zashigan Tibet Village of Loulan city.
- In the morning of 6 October, he visited the Loulan nature reserve spanning over 43,00 hectares.
- In the afternoon, they proceeded to Yani National Wetland Park (8,737 hectares) at an altitudes higher than 3,000 metres.
- In the evening, they went to over 100-year-old Lamalin Buddhist Temple and

studied Tibetan architecture, religion and culture.

Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi arrived back in Yangon by air in the evening of 7 October.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (8-10-2023)

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## A Delegation led by Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin Attends the First Energy Forum of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)



A delegation led by Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin attended the First Energy Forum of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 3 to 6 October.

In the forum, the Union Minister highlighted the points as follows:

- Although Myanmar has many energy resources, there are limitations in production capacity. Therefore, it wants to cooperate with "SCO".
- In implementing the current energy sector, it includes projects such as natural gas power plants, coal and hydropower projects, geothermal projects, and solar initiatives. It is also working to increase the production of fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas.
- Investments from partner countries are

needed to meet Myanmar's energy requirements.

- During the trip in Kazakhstan, the Union Minister and party held discussions on energy-related matters with Mr. Vadim Borisovich, Deputy Governor of Karaganda which is a coal production area, Mr. Gani Toksanbaev, Deputy Director from Kaz Phosphate Company which has the largest supply of fertilizers and Strategy and Investment Director from Kaz MunayGas Company.

In the morning of 5 October, the Union Minister met the Minister of Energy of Kazakhstan, Mr. Satkaliyev Almassadam. During the meeting, he emphasized that attempts are being made to generate electricity using coal as the fuel because of the need for electricity in the country.



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In the afternoon of 6 October, the Union Minister held discussions with the Roscongress Investment-RCI delegation, led by Deputy Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation and Deputy Head of the Public Relations Department of the Russian Technology Observatory focusing on energy

-related matters. Topics included the need for a deep-water port to accommodate large oil tankers for a new oil refinery in Myanmar, an invitation for Myanmar officials to attend the 2024 Energy Forum in Vladivostok, and opportunities for mutual development. Regarding the construction of the oil refinery, there will be a discussion regarding the methods that can produce fuel that meets international standards with the improvement of the Refinery Process, it is reported.

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### **Union Minister for Industry Dr. Charlie Than Receives a Delegation from Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) International Ltd.**

Union Minister for Industry Dr. Charlie Than received a delegation led by the General Manager of the Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) International Ltd of India Mr. Y.K. Vaish at the Ministry on 6 October.

During the meeting, they frankly discussed the matters related to the timely opening of Industrial Training Centre (Monywa) and Industrial Training Centre (Thaton), technical training for instructors (Nay Pyi Taw), steel production in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, commercial pro-

duction courses for rubber, technical courses on automobile maintenance, and the development of micro, small, and medium enterprises. Additionally, discussions included capacity-building training for the Ministry of Industry employees, equipment handling and maintenance training, sending scholars to India, and ongoing support events.

The Director General and officials from the Ministry of Industry attended the meeting, it is reported.



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### **Ministry of Science and Technology Signs MoU with the National Research Nuclear University (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute-MEPHI) of the Russian Federation**



Three universities under the Ministry of Science and Technology signed MoU with the National Research Nuclear Univer-

sity (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute-MEPHI) of the Russian Federation on Saturday. It's to cooperate in science, technology

and engineering subjects including nuclear energy and technology subjects, to produce qualified technicians and to promote the development of public benefit research. The MoU signing ceremony was held on 6 October at Yangon Technology University. At this MoU signing ceremony, Deputy Minister Dr. Aung Zeya highlighted the points as follow:

- Today's ceremony is a unique and important new milestone for the strong friendship and scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries.
- Myanmar is happy and proud to cooperate with the prestigious MEPHI university with high ranking. Mutual exchange

and promotion will be carried out for the advancement of the nuclear technology sector.

Deputy Rector of the National Research Nuclear University (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute-MEPHI) gave a speech. And, the MoU was signed between the Yangon Technological University, the University of Information Technology, the Technological University (Kyaukse) and the National Research Nuclear University (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute-MEPHI). Moreover, they watched the documentary song of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the documentary video of the MEPHI University, it is reported.

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### **PDF Members with no Crime Records Returning Legal Fold Entrusted to their Parents**

The ceremonies of entrusting PDF members, who completed trainings in the areas of some EAOs and returned to legal fold without committing any crime, to their respective parents have been holding as follows:

- On 4 October, one female PDF member from Amarapura township of Mandalay at Tangyan station hall of Shan state (North);
- On 5 October, four male PDF members from Kyonpyaw and Yegyí townships of



The officials entrusting a PDF member with no crime records returning legal fold to their parents in Tangyan of Shan State (North)



The officials entrusting a PDF member with no crime records returning legal fold to their parents at the South-West Command HQs

Ayeyarwady region at Ayeyarwady hall of Southwestern Command were entrusted to the care of their parents and guardians after they had signed the document of pledge. Moreover, the officials of the relevant regional government also provided presents and foodstuff to the returnees.

- Ayeyarwady region Chief Minister, the commander of Southwestern command and officials provided cash awards to security personnel who discovered arms and ammunition while taking security measures.

At present, the State’s government has released an announcement stating that organizations or groups including PDFs are welcomed if they want to enter the legal fold for their normal civilian lives by surrendering their weapons following rules and regulations to participate in future work plans of the country. Moreover, cash awards will also be provided for arms and ammunition. Up to 5 October 2023, a total of 667 persons including 518 males and 149 females have already entered the legal fold.



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### Trains Cause Delays Due to Discovery of Mines Planted by Terrorist Insurgents



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Security force members on patrol duties found two plastic pails (apparently IEDs) connected to electric wires near Bridge No. (179) at milepost 120/7-8 between Taw Khwe Ain and Kanyut Kwin railway stations on the Yangon-Mandalay railway road in Phyu township of Bago region at around 8 a.m. on 4 October. Officials from a local Field Engineering Battalion then conducted demining and finished removing the explosives at 10:10 a.m.

As a result of the incident, No. (923)

up-train, No. (904) down-train and No. (902) down-train had to stop at the nearest stations causing unnecessary delays for about one hour.

Such IED attacks by terrorist insurgents are deliberately carried out not only to destroy the passenger trains and travellers but also to harm the projects for upgrading the Yangon-Mandalay rail segment. The above-mentioned incident was totally loathsome and heinous because should the trains stop in time, the consequences might kill

travelling people onboard.

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The State Government is making all-round efforts to extend the number of regu-

lar running passenger and freight trains for the facilitation of public travel and goods flow. However, such gruesome occurrences cause unnecessary delays of trains inflicting casualties of passengers and loss of goods. Therefore, the entire population is denouncing and objecting to the terrorist groups conducting such heinous mine attacks.

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Torrential rain that started in the morning of 8 October in the Bago Region caused the spillways of the Zaungtu Dam and Kadu Kwin Dams to overflow, resulting in flooding on the rail tracks. As a result, the No.4 Down Train from Mandalay made a temporary stop at Pysinpongyi Station, while

the No.82 Up Train from Mawlamyine halted at Waw Station.

As the flood condition is likely to be worse, officials from Myanma Railway provided lunch boxes, drinking water and other convenient arrangements for the stranded passengers. With the assistance of the Bago



Region Government, 225 passengers were transported from Pyinongyi to Yangon Railway Station by five buses. Similarly, plans are underway to transport the remaining 570 passengers from No.82 Up Train to Yangon.

Due to the floods, four up/down passenger trains from Yangon and Mandalay had to cancel their rail trips. Staff from Myanma Railway are currently carrying out rail track maintenance work and will resume operations once the water recedes.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (9-10-2023)

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### **Necessary Relief Activities Conducted in Bago Region**

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lages in Bago township.

Local military personnel under Southern Command, members of the Myanmar Police Force, firefighters and social ci-



vilian associations went to the flood-affected areas. They provided necessary assistance to the flood victims to move to temporary relief camps and conducted necessary relief activities. Moreover, they also provided health services to the victims.

Bago Region Chief Minister and the officials from Bago military station visited and encouraged the flood victims. They pro-

vided the victims with rice boxes and cash assistance and also attended to their needs.

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