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State Counsellor meets Indian PM



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, left, meets Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, in New Delhi on Wednesday. PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, at Hyderabad House, the state guest house, in New Delhi on Wednesday evening.

Discussed at the meeting were matters relating to increased bilateral cooperation, completing ongoing border demarcation works, cooperation to overcome cross-border terrorism, cooperation in building road links and transportation, opening of border gates to increase contact between peoples of both countries and assistance from India for Rakhine State development.

“The two leaders had a productive discussion on intensifying bilateral cooperation, including follow-up on key decisions taken during PM’s visit to Myanmar in September 2017”, said External Affairs Ministry spokesman Ravesh Kumar via Twitter.

The State Counsellor is in India to attend the 25th Anniversary of the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit.—GNLM ■

Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor released the following statement dated 25th January, 2018. Following is the full text of the press release.

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor

PRESS RELEASE

THE Advisory Board to the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State headed by Professor Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, met in Nay Pyi Taw

on 22-23 January 2018.

The Board met with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 22 January and Vice President U Myint Swe on 23 January. The Board was briefed by the Chairman of the Committee for Implementation of

the Recommendations on Rakhine State, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, and Union Ministers concerned on the progress of work to date on 23 January.

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The Board had the opportunity to visit Rakhine State on 24-25 January to observe first hand the situation obtaining on the ground and to interact with local communities.

The Government is committed to implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State to the fullest extent possible and in the shortest time-frame, in accordance with the situation on the ground. It therefore set up the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State and established the Advisory Board comprising experienced personalities to get independent and candid advice.

In the course of the discussions in Nay Pyi Taw on 22 January, it became evident that the intent of Governor Bill Richardson, a member of the board, was not to provide advice based on the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State chaired by Dr. Kofi Annan but to pursue his own agenda. In view of the difference of opinion that developed, the government decided that his continued participation on the Board would not be the best interest of all concerned.

Price of sunflower oil rises in oil market due to increased local consumption

THE price of sunflower oil from NyaungU Township has gone up in the oil market due to increasing local consumption, according to a report yesterday in the Myawady Daily. Sunflower oil is richer in nutrients than other bean and sesame oils. Sunflower oil is mostly used for fried vegetables, and can be less expensive to use when cooking. Therefore, the demand for sunflower oil has increased.

"There are many sunflower oils which were imported from foreign countries. But people only consume local sunflower oil. Local sunflower oil is in high demand in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Yangon regions," said U Sai Naung, an edible oil trader.

Recently, the price of local sunflower oil was Ks 4,300 per viss in the local oil market, while sunflower oil imported from abroad was selling for Ks 9,000 to Ks 12,000 for four viss.—GNLM



Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits seawater prawn breeding plant in Myeik, Taninthayi Region. PHOTO: MNA

Vice President inspects regional development of Taninthayi Region

VICE President U Henry Van Thio departed from Yangon by air yesterday morning and arrived in Myeik township of Taninthayi region.

He and his party were accompanied by Deputy Minister for Defense Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo and other officials.

The group inspected the plot of land selected for the construction of the Modern Fish Auction Market, One Stop Service office, seawater prawn breeding plant, cold-storage factory and plywood factory in Taninthayi Region.

Next, they visited the Modern Fish Auction Market in Myeik, where they were welcomed by U Hla Than, the President of the Thaninthayi Fishery Association. U Hla Than described the set-up of the Myeik Private Company Limited Corporation and the on-going project; the number of fishing boats; the annual fishery-product exports; the number of fish, prawns and soft-shelled crabs being bred and the amount of seaweed grown; details of modern fishery auctions; the road project of Htone Kha-The Phyu-Maung Taw and the Myeik Highway Transport

Station. The Vice President said they should present these details to the departments concerned, according to the standard procedure.

The group then looked around the Myeik One Stop Service and continued to Katalu Village, where they inspected the local fishery industry.

Next, the Chairman of the Pyae Phyo Tun International Co., Ltd., gave a briefing about the 415 acres assigned to the prawn-breeding project and the condition of exports to the Vice President and his party.

Chairman of Pyae Phyo Tun

International Co., Ltd., Dr. Aung Lwin clarified matters relating to the dockyard, plywood industry, fishery exports, palm oil and rubber plantations, sea-view condo construction, the fish auction business, employment for the locals and regional development.

Next, the group inspected the cold storage unit of a 1000-tonne factory, fish and prawn exports and the breeding of soft-shelled crabs.

Later, Vice President U Henry Van Thio and his party inspected the industrial zone from their vehicles. _Myanmar News Agency

Some 200 travellers daily visits Rih lake, Chin State

SOME 200 travellers, both foreigners and locals, have recently visited Rih lake every day.

Rih Lake, also known as Heart Shape Lake, is 2,966 feet above sea level in Chin State, according to the U Zodaar, the manager of Rih Yaykantha hotel in Chin state.

The lake is located in

the north of Reh Khaw Da, a small town that lies near Myanmar's northwest border with India.

The lake receives most of its visitors from India, along with some Myanmar people. But this year, authorities noted that many local travelers have also arrived.

In 2016 and 2017, Rih lake received some 150 visitors per day. But during this New Year season, the lake received some 200 travellers per day. Recently, authorities built the Rih viewing site for travellers to take photos of the area, he added.

The famous Heart Shape Lake is 832 acres wide, 2.5 miles

long and has a 3-mile circumference. It is over 50 feet deep. The lake is full throughout the year and turns a reddish color each December.

Over 20 vehicles per day arrive at the Rih lake area. It has seen increasing visitors this year, compared with last year.—Zo Hay Hsar