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The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister delivering the honourable speech

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony to present National Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement, National Literature Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards for 2020 which was held at Myawady Media Centre in Yankin township of Yangon region on 4 December. The excerpts from the speech delivered by the Chairman of the SAC are as follows:

- The literature is a front part of the culture of a country as well as an important cultural arena in the development of the State and national affairs. Myanmar national and Myanmar literature bilaterally benefit each other in successive eras.
- Myanmar people and Myanmar literature are indivisible throughout the periods, and there are many instances of correlation between literature and people in the national causes and development.
- Myanmar literature has been about 1,000 years from the 12th century of the Bagan

era to today. Myanmar language and literature are the cultural heritage that had been strongly existed in Myanmar history.

- All must honour the writers and literati for their fiction and non-fiction works they created with goodwill for enhancing the wisdom, views and spiritual strength of the nation.
- The first Sarsodaw Day (Literati Day) was observed in 1944. So this year is the 77th anniversary Sarsodaw Day. The nation celebrates the Sarsodaw Day annually on 1st waxing day of Nattaw in honour of literati laypersons across Myanmar. Moreover, the whole country is active with literary activities of men and women of letters.
- During the pre-Sarsodaw Day and post-Sarsodaw Day, there are ceremonies to pay respects to aged literati, literary talks, literary contests, book shows, and also the publication of magazines and special issues honouring the Day.



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister presenting 2020 National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement to Saya Gyi U Maung Maung Latt (Naung)

- With a view to promoting literature, which is the main pillar that spreads out various cultural branches, the Government presents prizes for the national literary awards selected as the best works of literati with the aim of developing the Myanmar literary world.
- The published books on translation to make Myanmar known to the world and books that gave knowledge and wisdom. Moreover, they presented literature awards for the promotion of Myanmar literature.
- “The National Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement” was introduced in 2001 in recognition of the life-long efforts of literati in order to promote Myanmar literature.
- This year, cash awards for the prizes will be increased for honouring the literati and ensuring sufficiency for scholars with the goodwill of the SAC. The cash award for the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement was K5 million in the past, compared with K10 million this year. The National Literary Award winners were presented K2.5 million in the past compared with K3 million. With regard to the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award, the first, second and third prizes were awarded K1 million, K700,000 and K500,000 in the past in comparison with K1.5 million, K1 million and K700,000 for first, second and third prizes.
- This ceremony, a total of 12 of 19 genres for 1,122 books published for the first time in 2020 in the National Literary Award, and 27 manuscripts in 13 genres for 259 entries in the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest will be awarded.
- It can be seen that artiste organizations such as literary, motion picture, music and theatrical drama emphasized the development of the nation depending on the policies of the government in successive eras.
- On 1 November, the Senior General recounted that he met with artistes from literary, film, theatrical and music arenas and presented foodstuffs and K400 million as the fund for them. It showed the



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister presenting the awards to the awardees

goodwill of the State and emphasis to the artistes.

- It is necessary to turn out the outstanding persons and qualified, capable youths in building the Union based on democracy and federalism.
- It is required to the need to raise the reading habits of the new generation youths to be able to develop physical and mental prowess. Only when the youths have high reading habits, will the country have qualified human resources.
- It is necessary to improve libraries for raising the reading habit of the people. Relevant ministries are fulfilling the technical needs of libraries for ensuring the people have access to books and for systematically maintaining the libraries in order to give historical evidence, subject-wise and social knowledge to the people.
- It was vividly found that doyen literati participated in the development of the nation in history.
- It is necessary to steer the people to gain good thoughts and correct knowledge, to have morale and moral characters and develop human resources through “literature”.
- Any country and any national especially

value the literature and culture. It can be seen that religions, economy and cultures can be exchanged between the countries.

- Regarding the literary works of Myanmar writers with patriotic spirit, Myanmar has been standing tall with the improvement of literature and culture among the global countries despite changing the political system in the various eras.
- The current generation and posterities are responsible for preserving noble traditions. So, doyen literati and literary researchers are urged to hand over the stipulations and creation to new generations with goodwill.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presented National Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement on laypersons, National Literature Awards on laypersons and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards on laypersons for 2020. Then, the winners and their family members accepted the prizes. On behalf of the winners, National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement awardee Sayagyi U Sein Hlaing (Thura Zaw) spoke the words of thanks.

The ceremony was attended by the



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister viewing the books and literatures displaying at the exhibition hall

Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister accompanied by the SAC members, Union Ministers, senior military officials as well as the awardees of National Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement, National Litera-

ture Awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards for 2020, and their families, and the guests.

Source: Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (5-12-2021)

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Photos of the Awarding Ceremony of National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for 2020



Taking documentary photo



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister hosting the lunch to writers



On behalf of the winners, National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement awardee Sayargyi U Sein Hlaing speaking words of thanks



Union Ministers presenting awards to the awardees

Coordination Meeting on Reopening University in January 2022 Held



Union Minister for Education Dr. Nyunt Pe held a coordination meeting with Rector, Pro-Rector and Head Professors of Yangon University on 4 December and discussed the matters of reopening universities in coming January 2022.

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

- The needs of the subject departments and administration of Yangon University will be fulfilled. the Union minister pledged to provide budgets for the library for 21 subject departments of the university, including cupboard and bookshelf. The government is arranging to reopen the universities in coming January and the matriculation examination will be held from 30 March to 9 April.
- The universities are also allowed to sign MoU with foreign universities to cooper-

ate in education and research. The University of Yangon and the University of Mandalay should be implemented as role models.

The Union minister also visited the training high school of Yangon University of Education and discussed with relevant officials and fulfilled their needs.

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COVID-19 Prevention, Control, and Treatment Activities Continue in Respective Regions and States



Vaccination processes in respective regions and states

COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities such as opening quarantine centres and vaccinating people against COVID-19 continue in respective regions and states.

- As the vaccination processes continue in respective regions and states, a total of 118,756 people were vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose and 227,479 people as first dose on 4 December.
- A total of 51,281 students aged 12 years and above in respective regions and states were vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose and 4,192 students as first dose on 4 December. A total of 1,351,587 students have been vaccinated against COVID-19 up to 4 December.
- The relevant officials conducted free COVID-19 tests for the local people using RDT test kits in crowded areas in Phalan township of Chin state.
- The officials from Yangon Region Transport Committee conducted public awareness campaigns and 10th distribution of more than 60,000 free masks to commuters in two areas of Yangon region in order to prevent further COVID-

19 infections.

Measures are being taken to import COVID-19 control, containment and treatment medicines and related equipment as follows:

- From 1 to 4 December, a total of 406 tonnes of liquid oxygen carried by the bowzers, six tonnes of oxygen, 10,188 empty oxygen cylinders, 46 oxygen plants, 16 oxygen generators for business use, 962 oxygen concentrators for home use, 83,840 PPE suits, 43 tons of gloves and 830 tons of masks were imported from abroad by 81 companies using 166 vehicles.

As the Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, 374 new cases of COVID-19 were found from testing a total of 19,500 samples and the infected rates are 1.92 percent on 4 December. A total of 524,122 cases were found from testing a total of 5,665,767 samples and death toll reached 19,135 up to 4 December 2021.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (5-12-2021)



Vaccinating students aged 12 years and above against COVID-19 in respective regions and states



The officials from Yangon Region Transport Committee in Yangon region distributing free masks to prevent the COVID-19 infection case



COVID-19 test at Nay Pyi Taw Interrogation and Accommodation centre

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Over 64 Million Earned from Stock Share Trading During a Week



According to the report of the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX), the traded shares of the seven listed companies reached over K64 million for a week from 30 November to 3 December.

It found that the traded shares of the seven listed companies in this week was more than over half of the stock shares traded in previous week.

During a week from 30 November to 3 December, K64,203,600 worth of 17,062 shares were traded by seven YSX listed companies, which are First Myanmar Investment Public Co., Ltd. (FMI),

Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Co., Ltd. (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank Ltd. (MCB), First Private Bank Ltd. (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co., Ltd., Ever Flow River Group Public Co., Ltd, and Amata Holding Public Co., Ltd.

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Officials Welcome Myanmar Returnees at Various Border Crossings



Myanmar nationals returning from abroad were welcomed at border crossings from 1 to 4 December as follows:

- 125 returnees at Kan Pite Tee border crossing located in Kachin state.
- 700 returnees at Myawady border crossing located in Kayin state.
- 775 returnees at Tachileik, Muse and Laukkai border crossings located in Shan state.

Healthcare officials from relevant public hospitals and members of the Tatmadaw Medical Corps systematically conducted necessary measures of taking COVID-19 tests, providing quarantine entry documents to the returnees, explaining instructions released by the Ministry of Health, keeping

the infected people in separate places and providing necessary measures as well as escorting them to their respective places in passenger vehicles provided by township departmental officials.

Myanmar nationals facing problems in abroad have been welcomed through border crossings as per the instruction of the State Administration Council, and 51,990 returnees had returned to Myanmar from abroad from 25 July to 4 December 2021.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (5-12-2021)

- A total of 1,600 Myanmar nationals had returned home from abroad through Kan Pite Tee, Myawady, Tachileik, Muse and Laukkai border crossings from 1 to 4 December 2021.
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Terrorists Sneakily Attacked No (1) Basic Education High School in Kanpetlet Township



The location of the incident place where the terrorists sneakily attacked Basic Education High School in Kanpetlet township using small firearms

The terrorists so-called NUG, CRPH and PDF are doing acts of terrorism such as bomb attacks on schools and opening fire at schools in some areas, aiming at disturbing the school children's rights to education and causing casualties to the people living in peace.

On 3 December, a group of about 50 armed terrorists so-called CDF opened fire at No (1) Basic Education High School located in Kanpetlet township of Chin State with small arms from taking positions near the football field to the south and from residential houses to the north of the school. As security forces retaliated against the attack of terrorists, the latter retreated. In the incident, the windows of a school building were destroyed due to terrorists' attack.

The local people are willing to arrest the terrorist groups so-called CDF in Kanpetlet township and to take punitive actions against them as early as possible because they are blowing up and destroying the public school buildings in order to harass the physical and mental safety of peaceful civilians and school children in the township.

Local military columns joining hands together with people are taking security measures to take actions against the terrorists who sneakily opened fire at the school which is not a military target.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (5-12-2021)

- **Terrorists so-called CDF opened fire at No (1) Basic Education High School in Kanpetlet township for no reason, leaving the windows of a school building destroyed.**