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Politics

- Beijing calls for progress on China-Myanmar Economic Corridor**

Beijing has urged Myanmar to pursue projects related to the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) during a visit to the country. Ning Jizhe, vice chairman of the China National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), visited Myanmar this week and met the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. An article in The Irrawaddy said that discussions had been related to the CMEC, which runs from Kunming into Kyaukphyu, the site of a proposed China-backed deep sea port and SEZ in Rakhine State. Aung San Suu Kyi commented that any Chinese projects in Myanmar would need to be in line with the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan. According to the report, Ning also met with U Phyo Min Thein, chief minister of Yangon Region. China is planning large-scale infrastructure projects as part of its ambitious Belt and Road Initiative.
- Dr. Cynthia Maung given UNDP's N - peace award**

Dr, Cynthia Maung, who runs the Mae Tao Clinic near the Myanmar-Thailand border, is among the winners of this year's N-Peace Awards, organised by the UNDP. The award recognises those working in the Asia-Pacific region to bring peace to communities, and empowering women in conflict zones. She was

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November Highlights

Japanese business leader urged the Myanmar government to recognise how liberalisation, bureaucracy and power supply allowed Thilawa SEZ to attract investments.

DFID, WWF and Dawei Golden Land Co have made a joint investment of over USD 2.4 million to catalyse change in Myanmar's rubber production.

Modulo electric buses will be manufactured under a partnership between the Ministry of Industry with 2 private companies.

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Hot news regarding investments in Myanmar



Yangon to receive much needed new bus stops

Jul 12, 2018

U Maung Aung, secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority, stated this week that FMIDecaux ha



Hello Communications to build train station along Yangon Circular Railway

Jul 12, 2018

Through a joint venture with a local firm, Hello Communications will commence its work at Thamine st

Upcoming Events

- Myanmar Blockchain Forum 2018
July 14, 2018
- Myanmar Supply Chain Summit
August 29, 2018
- Health & Humanitarian Supply Chain Forum
August 30, 2018
- Myanmar Global Investment Forum
September 11, 2018 - September 12, 2018
- Myanmar Connect 2018
September 18, 2018 - September 19, 2018

awarded by UNDP in recognition for her work in providing healthcare in remote areas. "With women particularly affected by a lack of access to healthcare services, her important work has made an incredible impact on hundreds of thousands of people," the statement said. There were nine other winners of the award, from as far afield as Afghanistan, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Cynthia Maung established the Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot, Thailand, shortly after the 1988 anti-government uprising. Today, the clinic treats an estimated 500 patients per day, according to its website.

Economy

■ India provides aid to develop border regions

India provides aid of USD 5 million to Myanmar, as part of a five-year program to bring development to border regions, according to Indian news reports. The assistance is part of the 2012 Border Region Development agreement, which sees USD 5 million annual funding each year for five years. A report in the Business Standard said the funds will be used to construct 21 schools, 17 health centers and eight bridges in Chin State and the Naga Self Administered Zone, two extremely underdeveloped areas near the Indian border. India sees Myanmar as an important component of Act East policy, aiming to connect the sub-continent with the rest of ASEAN.

■ New ministry formed to boost investment

Myanmar's government has announced the formation of a new ministry, aimed at boosting the country's economy. According to the announcement on November 16, the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations will be headed by U Thaug Tun, chair of the Myanmar Investment Commission. Thaug Tun is also the government's security adviser. An article in Frontier said that the new investment ministry will work closely with the Ministry of Planning and Finance, the Ministry of Commerce and the Myanmar Investment Commission. Despite high hopes, the economy in Myanmar has struggled since the National League for Democracy took power, something that is likely to be a key issue in the upcoming 2020 general election.

Companies and Investments

■ Dawei SEZ development project faces more uncertainty

An official revealed that the government is considering removing the main developer from the controversial Dawei SEZ project. The main contractor, Italian-Thai Development (ITD), had fallen out of favor over concerns that its contractual obligations are not met. According to deputy commerce minister U Aung Htoo, "under the current contract, the existing company shall pay off investments if it stops operating, but the contract doesn't clearly state whether another company can replace the existing one". There has been significant local opposition to the project ever since it was first discussed in 2008. Major concerns relate to a lack of transparency, environmental damage and the alleged forced eviction of local residents. The arrest of ITD president, Premchai Kanasu-

Myanmar in Figures

GDP (PPP): \$330.88bn (2017)

GDP (official ex.rate): \$59.5bn (Jan 2018)

GDP growth rate: 7.23% (2017)

Population: 52.92 mn people (Oct 2017)

Inflation: 6.5% (2017)

Foreign trade: \$29.2bn (2016-2017)

FDI: \$75bn (31/12/2017)

International reserves: \$5.2bn (Jan 2018)

CBM rate Kyat/\$ = 1,573K/1\$ (29/11/18)

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ta sparked more concern for the project. He is on trial for alleged involvement in the poaching of endangered animals in areas close to the SEZ site.

■ **New Yangon City developer close to finalising proposal**

The company leading the planned New Yangon City development has said it has nearly finalised its proposal for the first phase of the multi-billion dollar-project. An article in The Irrawaddy said that the China Communications Construction Co., Ltd (CCCC) is in the final stage of negotiations with the New Yangon Development Company (NYDC) regarding the Pre-Project Documents. Technical and financial details of Phase One of the development, and a business model are expected to be included. Phase One will include bridges, new roads as well as infrastructure for an industrial estate, including power distribution and transmission facilities. The initial infrastructure work is expected to cost more than US\$ 1.5 billion, creating potentially millions of jobs.

Events

Name	Details	Organizer/Ministries	Contact Information
Greater Mekong Forum on Water, Food, and Energy	Venue: Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon Date: 4-6 Dec 2018	CGIAR Consortium	contact@cgiar.org +33 4 67 04 75 75
Agri-Livestock Myanmar	Venue: Myanmar EXPO Hall, Yangon Date: 6 Dec-8 Dec 2018	AMB Tarsus Exhibitions Sdn Bhd	darren@ambtarsus.com +95 931496493
Myanmar International Textile & Garment Industry Exhibition	Venue: Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon Date: 4-6 Dec 2018	Chan Chao International Co. Limited Taiwan	overseas@chanchao.com.tw +886-2-2659-6000#166
Vietnam Goods Fair	Venue: Tatmadaw Hall, Yangon Date: 13-16 Dec 2018	Vietnam Trade Promotion Agency	+84 2439362321
Enterprise India Show	Venue: LOTTE Hotels & Serviced Apartments, Yangon Date: 4-6 Dec 2018	Confederation Of Indian Industry	info@cii.in +91 11 45771000 / 24629994-7
6th International Exhibition & Conference on Pharmaceutical & Medical Industry	Venue: Rose Garden Hotel, Yangon Date: 14-16 Dec 2018	Minh Vi Exhibition & Advertisement Services Co., Ltd (VEAS)	info@veas.com.vn +84 28 3848 8561~63
Invest Myanmar Summit 2019	Venue: MICC-II, Nay Pyi Taw Date: 08-09 Jan 2019	Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI)	umfcci@mptmail.net.mm +95 1 231 4344 ~ 49
Myanmar Offshore Summit, Conference and Exhibition	Venue: TBC Date: 24-25 Jan 2019	Organizing Committee of MOSCE	http://www.myanmaroffshore.org/en/Event_Agenda.aspx
Mobile Money & Agent Banking Summit	Venue: Yangon Date: 19-20 Feb 2019	Magenta Global Pte Ltd	enquiry@magenta-global.com.sg +65 6846 2360
International Conference on Future Computer & Communication	Venue: Yangon Date: 27 Feb - 1 Mar 2019	Science and Engineering Institute (SCIEI)	info@sciei.org

Tenders

■ Yangon City Development Committee: Request for Expressions of Interest

1. The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the South East Asia Disaster Risk Management Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds to finance the works for seismic retrofitting of 20 buildings in Yangon and the cost of consulting services.
2. The Yangon City Development Committee with the Engineering Department (Buildings) (EDB) will be implementing the project and now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide specific information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.
3. The consulting services consist of two stages: Stage 1 covering Detailed design; and Stage 2 covering Contract Management and Construction Supervision. A single proposal (technical and financial) covering both stages will be requested. Separate contracts will be awarded for each stage with award of the contract for Stage 2 being conditional on satisfactory performance on Stage 1.
4. The duration of services for Stage 1 and Stage 2 are estimated at about (11) months and (24) months respectively excluding Defects Liability Period. The Defect Liability Period is expected to be 12 months.
5. The budget available for the priority seismic retrofitting works is approximately USD 18 million.
6. Interested consulting firms are requested to provide specific information and past project examples to demonstrate their ability to meet the set criteria. Individual CV's of proposed team members need not be supplied at this stage (individual team members will be evaluated at RFP stage) and will not be taken into consideration. Proven ability to undertake seismic analysis, detailed seismic design (for retrofitting) and project/construction management activities are of critical importance and must be clearly demonstrated. Examples of past experiences (including contract reference and scope undertaken) should be provided. Failure to do so may result in consulting firms not being evaluated.
7. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The association may take the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy. Interested consultant should clearly indicate the structure of their association and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of "in association with" and/ or "in affiliation with" and etc. without indicating the status of the partnership and designation of the lead partner may not be considered for short listing.
8. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines of the World Bank. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.
9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by email) by **Wednesday, 12th December, 2018 before 12:00 p.m.**

Contact Person: Daw Hnin Ei Win, Section Head Engineer

Head Office: Yangon City Development Committee, Engineering Department (Buildings), 4th Floor, 10 Storeyed Office Building, Corner of Sepin Street & 34 Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

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■ Ministry of Transport and Communications: Open Tender

1. The Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Transport and Communications invites open tenders for supply of the following items in Euro:

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description
(1)	12(T)4/MR (YUG) 18-19	Spare Parts for Locomotive (17) Items

(2)	12(T)5/MR (RBE) 18-19	Spare Parts for RBE (256) Items (KIHA 40, Niigata)
(3)	12(T)6/MR (RBE) 18-19	(Transmission Parts DW 10, CDW 14, CDW 15)

2. The tender closing date and time is **Wednesday, 27th December, 2018 at 02:30 p.m.**
3. Tender documents are available at the office starting from **23rd November, 2018** during office hours. Further information can be obtained through Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Corner of 51th Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar under the phone numbers: +95-1-291985, +95-1-291994.

■ **Ministry of Planning and Finance: Invitation for Bids**

1. The government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing towards the cost of Modernization of Public Finance Management Project (MPFMP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments under the agreement (s) resulting from this Invitation for Quotation. The Myanmar Economic Bank serves as an implementing agency for the project now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders.
2. The bid (s) for supply of following goods is (are) invited for the Myanmar Economic Bank.

Reference No.	Lot No.	Description	Quantity
MPFMP-C2-GS551	1.	Passbook Printers	396
	2.	(i) Dot Matrix Printers	32
		(ii) Laser Printers	49

3. Bidders are required to meet the following minimum key qualification criteria and shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following requirements:
 - (a) Have completed within the last 3 years at least one contract of a similar nature of at least 50% of the value of the bid for the lot or have sold similar goods of at least twice the volume/ quantity required for the lot. For combined award of both the lots, the aggregate experience in value or volume will be applied,
 - (b) Have authorized or dealership from the manufacturer to sell the goods,
 - (c) Have shops or offices in Myanmar to provide after sales services,
 - (d) Demonstrate that they are paying taxes to the government and
 - (e) Not be under any notice of suspension or debarment issued by the government, or the World Bank.
4. Bids must be delivered to the address given below at or before **02:00 p.m. of 8th January, 2019**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in public immediately thereafter at the address given below in the presence of the Bidders' representatives and the project's beneficiaries who choose to attend shall be allowed to be present in person.
5. The purchaser shall award the contract to the bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the bidding documents, provided further that the bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.
6. All bids must be accompanied by a bid securing declaration as described in the bidding documents, any bid not accompanied by one will be rejected as non-compliant.
7. The address where the document may be inspected and obtained is:

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