Chainchaung Bridge project in Bago nearly complete

A BRIDGE project in Kyaukdagya Township, Bago region, is nearing completion, with a majority of the development work finished, according to a spokesperson for the project.

Approximately more than 90 per cent of the overall project has been finalised, and it is expected to be opened very soon, according to a project manager.

Organised by the Kyaukdaga Township Development Department, the project has been carried out in Ingon Village-tract by using more than Ks200 million, fully funded by the region government.

Upon completion of the project, the reinforced concrete bridge will be 70 feet long, 20 feet wide and 22 feet high. Bridge engineers and workers are making concerted efforts to meet the target time frame.

A project engineer said the new transport facility will help users cut travel time and ensure the smooth flow of commodities. It will also provide education, health and transport benefits to the town's residents. As part of its plans to raise the socio-economic status of the rural community, the government is building more transport and communication infrastructure each fiscal year.—Khin Ko (Kyaukdaga)

Media conference held over Kyaikhto cable car project

By Khin Zar Li

SKY Asia Company held a media conference on 24 April to clarify the widespread rumours about the Kyaikhto cable car project at Cable Car Main Station in Kyaikhto town. News that the Kyaikhto cable car does not have a life insurance and safety equipment are being spread on social media.

A few reports on social media have mentioned that the Kyaikhto cable cars are unsafe for passengers and the company does not have life insurance. They further reported that a local company involved in the implementation of the cable car project is being sued for more than Ks7,000 million.

The company claimed it would address the matter according to the Myanmar construction procedure and law. Moreover, the company has already signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IKBZ insurance company on 30 March 2018 for life insurance before the cable car started its operations.

Sky Asia Company was jointly established by entrepreneurs from South Korea and Myanmar. The company invested $20 million (Ks27.3 billion) to build a cable car system. French-based POMA Cable Car Company provided technical assistance to construct the cable car, said Cho Ki Hyung, managing director of Sky Asia Company.

The first cable car in Myanmar has made it easy for pilgrims to reach the Kyaikhto pagoda within seven minutes. The mountain bus fare is Ks2,000 per person for one route from Kinpun base camp up to the pagoda platform. However, the cable care fare is Ks4,000 per person for a round trip. More than 3,000 passengers ride the cable car per day. On the first day of the cable car operations on 15 December 2017, more than 350,000 pilgrims took the cable cars.

“I am riding the cable car for the first time. I heard it is dangerous to ride the cable car. However, going to the pagoda on the mountain in a car can be dangerous because the road is too narrow. Riding the cable car is more comfortable,” said U Myin Shwe from Paypintaung village, Pantanaw township.

Myanmar launches new sites for ASEAN cities Getting to Zero Initiative on HIV

UNAIDS commended the Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports for the launch of two new sites as part of its commitment to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Cities Getting to Zero Project, which is financed by the Government of Japan. The two-day workshop will end today.—Myanmar News Agency

Workshop on Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence held

WITH the technical assistance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime- UNODC, Workshop on Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence kicked off in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. U Aung Kyi, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission, delivered an opening address at the workshop, stressing the important role of computer forensics and digital evidence in the country’s fighting corruption in the future.

The two-day workshop will end today.—Myanmar News Agency

Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission U Aung Kyi addresses at the workshop on Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA