

1/ Yangon energy projects to begin January

The Myanmar Times, 19-25 August 2013

Yangon's municipal authorities are considering two projects to turn rubbish into electricity and compressed natural gas (waste-to-energy plants), with a planned starting date of early 2014.

2/ Travel agencies could get outbound licenses this year

The Myanmar Times, 19-25 August 2013

Myanmar travel companies would be able to apply for licenses to offer international tours by the end of 2014. The licenses have not been issued in the past due to the previous rules that Myanmar nationals could not hold foreign currency.

3/ India to link with Myanmar port to boost ASEAN connectivity

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India is keen to connect the country with ASEAN community. India is concentrating on the southern economic corridor within the GMS framework. It is planned that upon the completion of Dawei Deep Seaport, India will link the Dawei Deep Seaport with Chennai.

4/ Japan to focus on electricity tourism and development projects

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During the visit of M.R. Akihiro Ota, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, the Japan side expresses that Japanese government aims to cooperate with Myanmar in the areas of power generation, tourism and infrastructure project.

5/ Japan to lend 900 million USD for infrastructure and economic zone

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JICA will provide 900 million Official Development Assistance (ODA) for development projects this fiscal year to Myanmar. The development projects include renovating Yangon's basic infrastructure and building Thilawa Special Economic Zone, for which 380 million USD solely will provided.

6/ Nok Air to open Bangkok-Yangon route

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Nok Air will launch a route between Bangkok and Yangon, starting from November 2013. The Bangkok-Yangon route is Nok Air's third route in Myanmar after Mae Sot-Yangon and Mae Sot-Mawlamyein.

7/ Government focuses on upgrading hotel infrastructure

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Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Myanmar Hoteliers Association will start inspection of some selected hotels as part of a hotel service improvement strategy. At present there are over 800 licensed hotels and about 30,000 rooms in Myanmar, which could be scarce as the country expected a total tourist arrival of 3 million this year.

8/ NEC officially opens Myanmar offices

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Leading IT and network solutions provider NEC Corporation recently announced to open the office in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw. The company will focus on providing key international communication networks, such as submarine cable systems, ICT infrastructure for industrial parks, disaster preventive system and mass-market IT solution.

9/ Ooredoo appoints legal counsel for Myanmar

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Qatar-based Ooredoo, one of the two winner bidders for Myanmar's telecommunication licenses, has appointed Norton Rose Fulbright and Australian boutique firm Webb Henderson to assist its project in Myanmar.

10/ Myanmar earns over 124 million USD from rice exports

<http://www.myanmar-business.org/2013/08/myanmar-earns-over-us-124-million-from.html#idc-container>

Myanmar has earned over 124 million USD from rice exports between April and August 2013. Main exporter is China, while in June 2013 Myanmar exported 5,000 tonnes of rice to Japan.