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(1) Senior General Than Shwe previews 34th Myanmar Gems Emporium

YANGON, 3 March-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe previewed the 34th Myanmar Gems Emporium this morning.

Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-Lt Gen Tin Oo and members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung MaungKhin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, arrived at Myanmar Gems Emporium Hall, the venue of the Gems Emporium, at 10.40 am.

They were welcomed by members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Minister, the Chairman and members of Security and Management Committee of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and training Board, Senior military officers of the ministry of Defence and officials.

(2) Deputy Prime Minister receives President of East Asia Gold Corp of Canada

YANGON, 3 March- Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Chairman of Myanmar

Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received president of East Asia Gold Corp, Canada, Mr John B Hite at his office this Afternoon.

They discussed exploration for gold and copper deposits in Myanmar, survey work and investment opportunities.

Minister at the Deputy Prime Ministers' Office Secretary of MIC Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials were also present.

(3) Japan agrees to grant Yen 4b to Myanmar as debt relief aid

YANGON, 3 March -The Japanese Government has today agreed to grant four billion yen as a debt relief aid to Myanmar for the latter's repayment of a loan of four billion yen to Japan last month.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin and Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi signed the accord to provide four billion yen to Myanmar, which was the 17th debt relief agreement between the two nations.

The minister and the ambassador made speeches.

Japan had granted a debt relief of four billion yet to Myanmar last Novernber.

The money will be used in buying required equipment, raw materials and spare parts for the respective departments and organizations.

The ceremony at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was also attended by Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyi Aye, directors-general and managing directors of Myanma Economic Bank, Budget Department, Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department, Foreign Economic Relations Department and Attorney-General's office, First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy Mr Suzuki and Second Secretary Mr H Nonaka.

(4) Communications facilities in Ayeyawad and Magway Divisions inspected

YANGON, 3 March-Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha and officials inspected telephone exchange, post office and construction of Township Union Solidarity and

Development Association office in Eimme Township, Ayeyawady Division on 27 February.

The minister spoke of extension of telephone lines, and fax services.

In the evening, the minister inspected the site for modern digital auto exchange, microwave relay station, telegraphs office, post office and phone exchange in Pathein. On 28 February, the minister, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, inspected Ngaputaw exchange and communication services. Officials reported on installation of auto radio telephone system at microwave relay station in Ngaputaw.

The minister met EC members of USDA and heard report on implementation of communications works in the division.

The minister and party inspected communications services in Yekyi and Hinthada Townships.

On 1 March, the minister met service personnel of Myanmar Telecommunications. He also inspected microwave relay stations, carrier stations post offices and telegraphs offices in Kyangin, Myanaung and Thayet Townships.

(5) Minister for Hotels and Tourism receives President of Myanmar MCG Corporation

YANGON, 3 March - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received President of Myanmar MCG Corporation Ltd Mr Kokiono Dera and party at his office this afternoon.

They discussed measures for opening Yangon International Hotel early this year and opening of an information branch office in Tokyo, Japan.

Present also were Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt and Director General of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein and officials.

(6) Myanmar delegation leaves for China

YANGON, 3 March - Myanmar delegation led by Minister for

Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung left here by air for People's Republic of China this morning to study livestock and fisheries sector there at the invitation from PRC.

The delegation was seen off by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col Pe Thein, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, CEC members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Saw Tun and U Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Live-stock and Fisheries U Aung Thein, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Ms Chen Baoliu and embassy staff, directors-general of the ministry and members of USDA at Yangon International Airport.

The delegation includes Director-General of Fisheries Department U Soe Win, Manaing Director of Livestock, Foodstuff and Milk Products Enterprise U Maung Maung Nyunt, Minister's PSO Lieu-tenant Myo Aung, Secretary, of Taungtha Township USDA U Thaung Sein, Secretary of Kachin State USDA U Soe Thein and Director of Fisheries Department U Hla Win.

(7) Minister receives Deputy President of Guangdong New Technology Import & Export Zhuhai Corp

YANGON, 3 March-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung received Deputy President Mr.Sze Siu Wa and party of Guangdong New Technology Import & Export Zhuhai Corporation of the People's Republic of China at his office at 3 pm today.

They discussed matters relating to building of a sugar mill.

It is to be jointly built by GNTIEZC and Myanmar Sugarcane Enterprise in accord with policy and guide lines laid down by the State.

(8) Cooperation with Indonesia in mining sector discussed

YANGON, 3 March-Myanmar Mines Mission led by Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min met Minister of Mines and Energy Mr I B Sudjana in Jakarta, Indonesia? on 19 February.

They discussed bilateral cooperation in mining sector. Officials of Ministry of Mines and Energy of Indonesia were present.

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