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YANGON, 14 March - Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye addressed officers and other ranks of Dawei station and their families at Aung San Hall in the station. this morning.

He was accompanied by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Adjutant General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Quartermaster-General LtGen Tin Hla, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Chairman of Mon State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Ket Sein, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen ,Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung and Brig-Gen Zaw Tun.

Myanmar-Thai cooperation

General MaungAye received Thai delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry Mr Korn Dabbransi at Heinda Yeiktha in Dawei at 8.30 am.

Also present together with the General were Minister Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Maj-Gen Soe Myint, U Khin Maung Thein and Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung and BrigGen Zaw Tun. Also present together with the Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry were Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Mr Sompong Amom Viwat, Deputy Minieter of Finance Mr Chavarat Charnvirakul, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industry Mr Pricha Attavipach and Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Poksak Nilubol.

(2) Deputy Prime Ministers inspect hotel projects

YANGON, 14 March - Members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen .Tin Tun, accompanied by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Ministers U Khin Maung Yin, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Vice-Chairman of YCDC Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials, inspected Swam Building at the corner of Strand Road and Kyongyi Street, Pan Sea Hotel (Kayah Gayha) on Tawwin Street in Dagon Township and Royal Yangon City Hotel at Mayangon Junction this morning.

On arrival at Swam Building at 9 am, they were welcomed by Managing Director of Marplan Pte Ltd Mr Koh Kim Seng and officials.

Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun gave necessary instructions to officials.

Swam Building was constructed by YCDC and Marplan pte Ltd on profitsharing basis.

They proceeded to Pan Sea Hotel (Kayah Gayha) being constructed by Human Settlements and Housing Development Department and PRA-FMI Pan Sea Hotel Development Co Ltd.

They were welcomed by Director-General of Human Settlement and Housing Development Department U Arnt Kyaw, Deputy Director-General U Soe Lwin and officials of PRA-FMI War War Lwin Berward Forrey Co- and Hosia.

Officials reported to the Deputy Prime Ministers on installation of local-made amenities at Pan Sea Hotel and Myanma architectural designs.

The Deputy Prime ministers, the ministers, the ministers and officials inspected rooms and recreation hall in the Pan Sea Hotel and gave necessary suggestions.

The deputy prime ministers and entourage proceeded to Royal Yangon City Hotel, which is a 12-storey modern building and constructed by YCDC. Mayor U Ko Lay and committee member U Kyi Win reported to the deputy prime ministers on formation of rooms, installation of hot and cold taps, satellite phone, Idd phone, installation of capsule lift and cargo lift. The deputy prime ministers gave necessary instructions and left there in the afternoon.

(3) Secretary-2 inspects Hline River (Insein) and Ngamoeyeik River (Parami) bridge project

YANGON, 14 March Secretary-2 of the-State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo inspected Hline River (Insein) Bridge Project and Ngamoeyeik River (Parami) Bridge Project today.

Accompanied by Officer on Special Duty at the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office Lt-Col Than Tint, member of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyi Win and Head of Engineering Department

(Roads and Bridges) U, Bo Htay, he arrived at a jetty in Insein Township.

(4) Minister for Forestry inspects Ahlon Saw Mill 2, Division forest Department Director's office

YANGON, 14 March Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe, accompanied by the heads of Planning and Statistics Department, Myanma Timber Enterprise and Forest Department, inspected No 2 Saw Mill in Ahlon Township this morning.

After inspecting the mill and works, he heard reports on the mill including production capacity, export of sawn teak and personnel welfare.

The minister gave instructions on innovations to produce value-added items, realization of the target, personnel welfare and fire preventive measures.

He later proceeded to Yangon Division Forest Department Director's Office.

He inspected renovation of personnel quarters, offices, fire preventive measures and welfare activities.

(5) Thai delegation studies Yadana, Yetagun Natural Gas Projects in Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 14 March The delegation of Thailand led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry Mr Korn Dabbaransi, accompanied by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein and officials of the Ministry of Energy, studied Yadana and Yetagun Natural Gas Projects in Dawei District, Taninthayi Division, this morning.

Officials of Total Oil Co of France, Texaco of America, Premier of Britain and Nippon Oil of Japan were on hand to brief them.

The delegation first visited the base camp of Yetagun Natural Gas Project at Kanbauk Village, Yebyu Township, and then proceeded to Yadana Project near the village.

In the afternoon, the delegation flew over the Yadana gas pipeline and inspected preparations at gas meter station near Nateindaung camp at the Thai-Myanmar border and development measures taken by the project officials at Eindrayazar Village such as undertaking agriculture and livestock breeding and opening schools and clinics, the wharf where machines and parts are handled and linkup of the offshore and inland oil pipelines near Daminseik Village.

Visit concludes

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry Mr Korn Dabbaransi and wife, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Mr Sompong Amom Viwat, Deputy Minister of Finance Mr Chavarat Charnvirakut and delegation members left for Thailand by special flight this evening on conclusion of their visit.

They were seen off at eYangon International Airport 3 Minister U Khin Maung Thein and wife, Deputy Minister U Tin Tun, directors-general, managing directors, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Poksak Nilubol, officials of the Ministry of Energy and representatives of foreign oil companies who attended the ceremony to sign Yetagun Gas Sales Agreement.

(6) Minister inspects irrigation facilities

YANGON, 14 March - Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected irrigation facilities in the western sector of Magway Division yesterday.

He inspected the completed No 2 Diversion Dam, which was constructed in various stages under- project on Yaw Creek, at Yebya village in Pauk Township.

The dam, 2,000 feet long and 14 feet high, is diverting water from Yaw Creek to the main canal, and irrigating over 1,300 acres.

The minister met officials and urged them to strive for durability of the dam and to put the land under cotton, monsoon paddy and beans and pulses.

At Gazunma village in Seikpyu Township, he inspected rebuilding of Wunchaung Dam and stressed timely completion.

Lt-Gen Myint Aung observed Mon Creek Reservoir Project in Sedoktara Township to dam the creek, to irrigate 108,000 acres and to generate 75 meggawatts of electricity.

He observed boring of an outlet tunnel at its entrance by personnel of the project and Japanese experts.

Officials explained drilling of outlet portal, installation of steel frames, pressurized concrete laying, process of drilling and progress of work. After looking into their requirements, he presented gifts to Japanese experts of Kajima Company. He also presented a bonous of K 100,000 to employees of the project.

Later, he inspected drilling at the outlet portal of the canal.

The 36-feet-diameter tunnel will be over 3,000 feet long when completed.

Drilling has been completed up to 54 feet at the inlet portal and 52 feet at the outlet portal.

The minister inspected tropical crops research farm in Bagan-NyaungU Township and met officials of Mandalay and Magway Divisions and staff of the farm.

(7) Minister for NPED receives Asian Chemical Industry Study Team

YANGON, 14 March - Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel received Asian Chemical Industry Study Team

led by Senior Managing Director Mr Yasushi Kajiwara of Tosoh Corporation at his office at 10 am today.

Leader of the mission and members said that they came, here to study establishment of chemical industries in three countries- Philippines, Vietnam and Myanmar-for economic cooperation. They went on to say that; Japanese entrepreneurs wish to cooperate in chemical industry in Myanmar, adding that they wanted to know' about the situation in Myanmar and economic prospects.

Minister Brig-Gen Abel pointed out that priorities should be given to some sectors according to Fiveyear Economic Plan and explained what sectors they could cooperate in He also replied to the questions of the guests.

(8) 19th Working Group Meeting of RCA concludes

YANGON, 14 March The 19th Working Group Meeting of Regional Cooperative Agreement for Asia and the Pacific (RCA) continued for the fifth day today at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel this morning.

Secretary of Myanma Atomic Energy Committee Dr Tin Hlaing chaired the meeting.

Delegates discussed and approved the minutes of the meeting.

In the afternoon session, they discussed the review of technological projects jointly sponsored by UNDP, RCA and IAEA.

Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers of Zoology Department, Dagon University, led by Associate Professor U Maung Maung Lin visited the RCA Silver Jubilee Exhibition at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel this morning. They were conducted around and explained by Research Officer U Aung Myo Min of Medical Research Department and officials.

A conclusion ceremony of the 19th Work Group Meeting of RCA was held at the hotel at 1.15 pm today. It was attended by delegates from RCA memberstates, coordinators, officials of IAEA, officials of departments and enterprises under the ministries which are applying nuclear technology, officials of Myanma Science and Technological Research Department and guests.

IAEA delegate Mr A El Saiedi and Secretary of Myanma Atomic Energy Committee Chairman of the 19th Work Group Meeting of RCA Dr Tin Hlaing delivered speeches.

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