

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Tuesday 1 April, 1997)**

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YANGON, 31 March-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing called on Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone who continue their friendly tour in Myanmar at Seinle Kantha State Guest House at 7.30 am today.

Present together with Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and wife, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung and wife, Ambassador of Myanmar to the Lao People's Democratic Republic U Thein Han and wife and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

Present together with the LPDR Prime Minister Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone were Minister of Communications, Transport, Posts and Construction Mr Phao Bounnaphonh, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr Siene Saphanothong, Vice-Minister of Head of Office of Prime Minister Mr Cheung Sombounkhanh, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Phongsavath Bouppha, Vice-Minister of Commerce Mr Lienthikeo, Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Ly Bounkham and wife, Governor of Bokeo Province Mr Soukan Maharath and Governor of Luang Namtha Province Mr Kouan Keomany.

Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing together with LPDR Prime Minister Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone had souvenir photos taken.

The visiting Prime Minister Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone proceeded to Yangon International Airport for continuing their friendly tour in Myanmar.

They were welcomed at the airport by Secretary1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Khin Win Shwe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and wife, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win and wife, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe and officials.

The visiting Prime Minister Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone and delegation left here by special flight for Tachilek, Shan State, at 8.30 am today.

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## **(2) Chairman of MIC receives General Manager of Sumitomo (Yangon Branch)**

YANGON, 31 March Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received General Manager Mr Makoto Kawaguchi and party-of Sumitomo Corporation (Yangon Branch) at his office this afternoon.

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

They discussed progress of businesses being undertaken in Myanmar, economic corporation of mutual interest and prospects and opportunities of investment in Myanmar.

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## **(3) Myanmar committed to further enhancement of status of women to ensure their full participation in endeavours**

YANGON, 31 March - Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt addressed the Working Group Meeting on Women's Health and Development Country Profiles at the Medical Research Department here at 9 am today.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister for Health U Saw Tun and Director of the Defence Services Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han, members of the All-Myanmar Women's Affairs Work Committee, Director-General of the State Law and Order

Restoration Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and department heads, Resident Representatives of UN Agencies, participants and guests.

Professor Daw Khine San Yin of Mandalay Institute of Medicine was master of ceremonies.

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#### **(4) National Health Committee Chairman receives WHO Regional Director**

YANGON, 31 March - Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Director of South East Asia Region Dr Uton Muchtar Rafai of World Health Organization at Dagon Yeitha of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Health U Saw Tun and Adviser to the Ministry of Health U Ko Ko were also present.

The Regional Director was accompanied by Resident -Representative of WHO Dr Klaus Wagner.

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#### **(5) Priority being given to progress of regions on western sector of Ayeyawady River for closing development gap**

YANGON, 31 March - Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo delivered an address at a ceremony to -commission Salin Creek (Nwetamei) Bridge into service in Salin Township, Magway Division, this morning.

Named Nwetamei spanning Salin Creek, the all weather bridge is 1,200 feet long and 12'3 feet wide built on concrete foundation with the sort of beams of a bailey bridge.

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#### **(6) Chairman of Vitavas International Co Ltd calls on Minister for Hotels and Tourism**

YANGON, 31 March Chairman Mr Prasit Potha Suthon and party of Vitavas International Co Ltd paid a courtesy call on member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at the latter's office at noon today.

They discussed matters pertaining to timely completion of construction of international standard hotel at Golden Triangle Area in Tarchilek Township.

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

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**(7) Minister receives Singapore Cement GM**

YANGON, 31 March - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win received General Manager of Singapore Cement Industrial Co Pte Ltd, Singapore, Mr Kenneth Yeurig at his office this morning.

Cooperation in construction of a wharf at Thilawa Port on mutual interest was discussed.

Managing Director of Myanmar Port Authority U Tin Oo and officials of the Ministry of Transport were also present.

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**(8) Minister inspects monosodium glutamate factory**

YANGON, 31 March Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Industry-1 Lt-Gen Sein Aung inspected a monosodium glutamate factory in DaikU Township today.

Accompanied by officials, he met personnel concerned there and attended to the requirements of the factory and in conducting employees' welfare programmes.

The minister then observed the process in manufacturing monosodium glutamate.

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**(9) Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman receives Vice-Chairman of Indonesia Olympic Committee**

YANGON, 31 March - Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win received Vice-Chairman of Indonesia Olympic Committee Chairman of IXX SEA Game Organizing Committee Police Maj-Gen (Retd) Mohammad Hardinto at his office this morning.

They discussed matters relating to the stipulated number of participants (athletes), in the Games preparations to establish sports village, sports grounds and gymnasiums and common interest.

Present were Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department Col Hla Myint Kyaw and officials Adviser to the Ministry of Sports Col Ngo Ciin Pau and Cultural and Information Attache of Indonesian Embassy Mr Budimansyah.

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## **(10) 1997/98 Plan Objectives and Targets**

YANGON, 31 March-The State Law and Order Restoration Council is striving for emergence of a tranquil, developed and modern nation by laying down economic and social objectives. In order to achieve the objectives, emphasis has been placed on prevalence of rule of law and order on one hand and systematic and coordinated efforts are made for accelerated development of the economy on the other hand.

The successful plan implementation being national task for the development of the country, the regional authorities should undertake measures to mobilize effective mass participation in the implementation of the regional plans. Likewise, central organizations of the ministries should make all-out efforts for the successful implementation of 1997-98 annual plan beginning from the fiscal year 1997/98.

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