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YANGON, 18 April - Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected dam projects in Magway Division, yesterday. The Senior General and entourage helicoptered to Sadan Dam Project in Myothit Township, Magway Division, yesterday morning.

They were welcomed there by member of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Police Col Aung Khaing and other officials.

At the project hall, Director U Khin Maung Yu of Construction Division 3 of irrigation Department briefed them on the project tasks and the dam projects on the eastern sector of Magway Division.

Minister Lt-Gen Myint Aung presented a supplementary report.

Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein also reported on supply of fuel oil needed for the project and Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt on construction of the main canal and its tributaries in cooperation with the regional people.

After giving instructions on forest conservation at the watershed regions for proper inflow into the dam and preventing slashing and burning of forests for cultivation, the Senior General inspected the project work.

Sadan Dam is being built on Sadan Creek upstream Htanaungkwin village in Myothit Township.

On completion, the dam will irrigate 16,000 acres.

The project for building chains of dams, part of the plan for greening of the nine arid regions, covers construction of Bwetyi, Pade, Palin, Natmauk, Sunchaung, Sadan, Ngamin, Yinmale, Kinpundaung,

Bangon and Yanpe dams, Daungthe diversion weirs and Pin Creek Diversion Dam on the eastern sector of Magway Division.

Of them, Natmauk, Kinpundaung and Bangon dams have been put into service. Completion of all these dams will affect 98,000 acres of farmland.

Mann Creek Dam

At 9.20 am, the Senior General and entourage proceeded to Mann Creek Dam Project being undertaken in Ngaphe Township on the western sector of Magway Division.

Deputy Director U Aung Khin of Construction Division 9 of Irrigation Department briefed them on progress of work, the Chairman of Division Law and Order Restoration Council on the programmes for resettlement of the villages from the catchment area.

The Senior General gave instructions on maintenance of the irrigation canals and proper drainage on self-reliance in cooperation with the public.

He later presented gifts for the project personnel through the Deputy Director.

Mann Creek Dam, on completion, will directly irrigate 10,000 acres and affect a total of 49,500 acres including the irrigated acreage of Aingma Dam and Pyankyi Diversion Dam.

Mone Creek Multi-Purpose Dam Project

The Senior General and entourage next flew to Mone Creek Multi-Purpose Dam Project in Sedoktara Township where they were welcomed by departmental personnel and members of Union of Solidarity and Development Association.

At the assembly hall of the project, Deputy Director U Myint Than of Construction Division 8 and Director-General of Irrigation Department U Ohn Mint briefed them on progress of work. Managing Director of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise U Zaw Win also reported on the programs for power generation at Mone Creek Mullet-Purpose Dam Project.

Ministers Lt.-Gen Myint Aung and U Khin Maung Thein presented sectorwise supplementary reports.

The Senior General gave necessary instructions.

He later presented gifts to construction group leader Mr Tadao Mashiba and supervisor Mr Toshio Hirakawa of Kajima Co of Japan undertaking building of diversion tunnel and project personnel.

Lt-Gen Myint Aung and other officials also presented gifts to the Senior General and entourage.

Later, Deputy Director U Myint Than briefed the Senior General on diversion tunnel construction and the work so far completed.

The Senior General and entourage inspected tunnelling work and later had souvenir photo taken.

(2) Myanmar welcomes participation of international organizations, welfare associations, public to help realize National Health Plan

YANGON, 18 April National Health Committee held the 23rd meeting at Medical Research Department this morning with an address by Chairman of NHC Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

The meeting was held to coordinate the implementation concerning resolutions made at the previous NHC meeting, he said, stressing the need to contribute collective efforts to offering adequate health care services in rural and border areas as Myanmar is a developing nation.

He spoke of the need to welcome participation of international organizations, welfare associations and the public and to make systematic arrangements to ensure equal health care services in the entire nation.

Cost-sharing health care system is a project participated by the public, he noted, adding assessments should be made for success of the project and for the system to be implemented in accord with the situation region wise.

The nation will accept participation of international and welfare organizations in public health care services with sincere goodwill if their assistance does not hinder or disturb the State's political, economic and social objectives, he pointed out.

Ministry of Health has successfully devised an anti-Hepatitis B drug, which is a success and a contribution for the entire mankind, he said, assuring Government assistance in the ministry's research programmes.

Large-scale information on drugs introduced by MRD, accomplishments in research and innovations should be distributed nation-wise, he noted.

Systematic arrangements should be made to provide advanced medicines

and medical equipment at hospitals in Yangon and Mandalay, he noted.

Foreign organizations have offered to set up foundations in Myanmar to conduct health services only, he revealed, speaking of the need to welcome such offers benefiting the nation from health point of view.

Myanmar physicians will gain experiences and knowledge and will have the opportunity to show their ability by serving at hospitals jointly set up by the Government and foreign health foundations, which will be equipped with advanced medical equipment, he said, inviting officials to give suggestions for the realization of the nation's health objectives.

Secretary of NHC Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin explained accomplishments of the health sector.

Minister for Health U Saw Tun and officials took part in the discussions.

The Secretary-1 attended to their requirements, saying the Government is striving to develop the human resources sector to help promote the national economy.

The nation's education system should be transformed as required to bring out intellectuals in health, technology and economy, who are essential for successful realization of the market-oriented economic policy, to help develop the human resources sector, he stated.

Ministries concerned must strive to bring out intellectuals for rapid progress of the nation, he said.

World nations have ac-knowledge Myanmar's health system as adequate and advanced, he said. However, health care services could not be implemented fully due to deficiencies in providing adequate number of medical equipment and adequate amount of medicines, he said.

He urged NGOs to join hands with the Government to conduct health care services down to the grassroots levels with added momentum for the successful implementation of the National Health Plan.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Tin Hlaing, Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han, Director-General of State Law and Order Restoration Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Health Dr Kyi Soe, chairpersons of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar

Dental Surgeons Association and Myanmar Nurses Association and officials were also present.

Before the meeting, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected production of anti-Hepatitis B drugs.

(3) Modern 12-building Myakantha Housing Estate in Kamayut Township outcome of hut-highrise building scheme

YANGON, 18 April - Myakantha Housing Estate, as seen by its construction and layout styles, is one of the best projects implemented under the hut-to-highrise building scheme, said Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt today.

The Secretary-1 was addressing the inauguration of Myakantha Housing Estate, sponsored by Yangon City Development Committee and undertaken by Dagon Phwint Phyo Aung Construction Ltd, on Yangon-Insein Road in Kamayut Township.

The estate includes six (24-flat), three (16-flat), two (10-flat) and one (eight-flat) buildings, totalling 12 buildings.

The Secretary-1 also expressed pleasure at the inauguration, saying the ceremony was blessed with all auspiciousness as the estate could be inaugurated at the beginning the Myanmar New Year.

Modern housing project means one implemented with a view to raising the residents' education, health and social standards, he explained, noting that Myakantha possesses characteristics of a modern housing project.

He said the hut-to-highrise building scheme is based on the guidance of the Government and has emerged due to the cooperation of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, YCDC, private construction companies -and the people.

He remarked that construction companies are working for common benefits, keeping self-interest and altruism in balance. He explained that fulfilment of the people's food, clothing and shelter needs is the basic human right and said it is necessary for the Government and the people to work in unity and harmony to achieve this aim.

Modern housing projects, being implemented under the hut-to-highrise building scheme, has come into being one after another with the cooperation of the Government and people. The Secretary-1 called on all responsible to cooperate for the accomplishment of the hut-to-highrise building scheme.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and YCDC Chairman Mayor U Ko Lay formally inaugurated the estate. Then, the guests were taken on a tour of the estate.

In the Assembly Hall of Basic Education High School No 4 in Kamayut Township, Secretary of YCDC U Kyaw Win briefed the Secretary-1 on the aims of the hut-to-highrise building scheme, implementation of projects under the scheme and settlement of people from huts in apartment buildings.

Managing Director U Win Thein of Dagon Phwint Phyo Aung Co explained implementation of the Myakantha project. The guests were shown a video documentary.

U Win Thein handed documents related to Myakantha Housing Estate, which is covered by the Yangon-Insein Road Development Project Phase 3, to Head of YCDC Engineering Department (Buildings) U Khin Maung Hla.

U Win Thein also donated K 500,000 towards the funds of the Committee for Creating Pleasant Atmosphere at Myakantha Housing Estate, accepted by Chairman of District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein and Chairman of Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Sein Tun.

U Sein Lwin, a tenant, thanked the authorities and persons concerned.

(4) Minister for Forestry receives members of Study group

YANGON, 18 March-A 14 member study group comprising officers and employees of the Forest Department and Survey Department of the Ministry of Forestry, technicians of Departments of Biology, Botany and Geography of Yangon University, Ministry of Education, a person in-charge of Asia affairs science and research department of Wildlife Conservation Society WCS, resident representatives, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Association, executive members of Myanmar Florists Association made a biological study tour to environs of Mt. Khakaborazi from 2 March to 13 April. The tour was jointly arranged by MF and WCS of USA.

During their stay in Kachin State, the study group observed culture and tradition of national races, wildlife, botanical species and bio-diversity .

Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe received the study group who presented their reports on research works at International Business Centre this afternoon.

They discussed matters concerning Natural Forest Reserve of Mt.

Khakaborazi, future works on bio diversity and eco-tourisms.

Also present were officials under the ministry and invited guests.

(5) Myanmar, Vietnam defence soccer teams' goodwill matches on 20,24 April

YANGON, 18 April-Vietnamese defence soccer team arrived here today to play goodwill matches with Myanma Tatmadaw soccer teams.

The 26-member Vietnamese soccer team was led by Senior Col Ngoc Van Dong.

The guest team was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, Director-General Col Hla Myint Kyaw of Sports and Physical Education Department, Chairman of Defence Services Football Committee Col Sein Tin Win, senior Tatmadaw officers (Army, Navy and Air) and Ambassador of Vietnam to Myanmar Mr Tran Viet Tan and Military Attache Senior Col Nguyen Ngoc Lu.

The Vietnamese team will play with Myanma Tatmadaw soccer team at Aung San Stadium on 20 April and Defence Services Self-defence and Sports institute team on 24 April.

The matches will start at 4 pm.

Spectators will be entertained by Defence Services General Hospital Music Troupe before the matches.
Admission is K 60 per head for the grand stand and K 30 for others.
