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YANGON, 22 April Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the conclusion of the Management Course No 9 for USDA Executives at Pyidaungsu Hall of the Central Public Relations Unit in Hmawby this morning.

Excerpts from Senior General Than Shwe's address

-The USDA's noble aims are the same as aspirations of the entire people who never want disintegration of the Union and perpetually desire national integrity and ever-lasting independence and sovereignty.

-To settle the debts of history, all-out efforts are being made for allround national development.

-As the constructive force of the nation is so powerful and mighty that the destructive elements dare not revolt boldly and openly and therefore, they are resorting to subversive acts.

-The people must cooperate and contribute in the tasks that can be executed regionwise on self-reliance.

-For fulfilling the requirements in the education sector, an investment for long-term benefits of the nation, people of respective towns and village must provide the needs of schools.

-All USDA members must respect people like their parents in every place and assist them economically and socially.

-This nation will never tolerate or forgive the acts to drive a wedge between one race and another, create disputes between one religion and another and among the faithful of different religions.

(2) Secretary-1 meets local authorities, departmental personnel, USDA members in Kengtung

YANGON, 22 April Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt left here by Tatmadaw aircraft yesterday afternoon and arrived at Kengtung in Shan State at 3.00 pm.

The Secretary- 1, the ministers and party proceeded to the work site of Kengtung airport's runway extension project Lt-Gen Thein Win, Maj-Gen Thein Sein and Senior Engineer of public Works U Thaung Htay reported on progress of work being carried out for extension of Kengtung airport's runway up to 8,000 feet length and 150 feet width.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt gave necessary instructions.

The Secretary-1 said the purpose of his visit to Kengtung together with the party including the ministers, departmental heads, foreign ambassadors, military attaches and local and foreign mediemen is to attend the

conference which will be held in Mongla on the border of Myanmar and People's Republic of China east of Kengtung and which will declare to the world that narcotics have been completely eradicated in Mongla region.

He remarked that it is a significant effort to officially declare, in the presence of foreign ambassadors and military attaches, endeavours for complete eradication of narcotics in Mongla region, activities for the development of Mongla region after complete eradication of narcotics and preparatory measures to be taken for the regional development.

Moreover, a museum will be opened in Mongla as a token of declaration that Mongla region is the one where narcotics have been completely eradicated, he said and added this is also a significant effort not only for the whole Shan State but also for the whole Myanmar.

Some nations of the Western bloc, have been making accusations of narcotics against Myanmar, he said.

There is no longer cultivation of narcotic plants and drug trafficking in Mongla region, he said and added local national people will have to welcome the significant effort which brings credit to the State, he said.

It is known to all that work projects for the development of the border areas and national races are being laid down and implemented for the development of the whole Shan State at the time when the State Law and Order Restoration Council has been taking up duty of the state upholding Our tree Main National Causes, he stated Necessary assistance including the establishment of Kengtung college and new Kengtung hospital is being provided for Kengtung to conform

to the characteristics of the city of the eastern Shan State with the aim of transforming Kengtung into the city of the eastern Thanlwin.

He said Tachilek-Kengtung-Taunggyi road is being built for better transport of Kengtung and other ten satellite townships and only when there is better and all-weather road will regions be developed with momentum.

On completion of Kengtung-Mongla road, Kengtung will be an economic centre in eastern part of Thanlwin River by trading with the People's Republic of China and Thailand.

The Secretary- 1 said foreign investments are invited as priority is being given to private sector for economic progress. He also spoke of foreign investment, good foundations for Myanmar economic progress and endeavours for equal development in states and divisions.

He stated that Myanmar maintains goodwill relations with neighbouring countries as well as South-East Asia nations with mutual respect and understanding and is cooperating with them to the concept of regional security and development of the whole region.

As the heads of neighbouring and surrounding countries paid goodwill visits to Myanmar due to her straight and true foreign policy, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe himself made similar visits to those countries, he said.

The government is striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern developed nation after laying down political, economic and social objectives based on national policy, he added.

He called for cooperation with the entire people including state, district and township level officials for realization of the objectives.

The Secretary-1, the ministers and party observed Kanyinbyu Tree, 218 feet high, on Thittabin hill in Kengtung. It was grown in 1113 in the time of King Alaungmin.

They also visited Khemarahta Pyinyeinaye Pagoda.

(3) Minister for forestry receives Planning Manager of International Tropical Timber Organization

YANGON, 22 April -Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe received Planning Manager of International Tropical Timber Organization Dr Hwan Ok Ma at the ministry this afternoon.

They discussed matters of cooperation between International Tropical Timber Organization and the Ministry of Forestry.

Present also were officials of the enterprises and departments under the ministry.

(4) President of Lessel Co Ltd calls on Minister for Hotels and Tourism

YANGON, 22 April-A team led by President Mr Yukinobu Nose of Lessel Co Ltd called on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office this afternoon.

Mr Yukinobu Nose said his first study on birds and insects was made in Myitkyina and Putao regions with the assistance of the ministry and regional authorities, adding this was his second trip.

He also expressed natural beauty and hospitality of Myanmar and said there are so many people in Japan who want to visit Myanmar.

The minister told him to put record not only birds and insects but also way of life of national races.

Mr Yukinobu Nose presented 1,000 US dollars to the minister.

Present were Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt, Managing Director of Restaurants and Beverage Enterprise U Myo Min and Managing Director of Myanna Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein.

(5) Hsadon Village gets TV retransmission station

YANGON, 22 April Under the programme for development of border areas and national races, a retransmission station was commissioned into service in Hsadon Village, Kachin State, on 13 March.

The cost of the station was provided by the Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races and it was built under the sponsorship of Myanmar Television and Radio Department.

The station is now retransmitting Myawady programmes commencing 14 March morning.
