

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Saturday 26 April, 1997)

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- (1) Seminar of Myanmar traditional Medicine Practitioners at the Institute of Indigenous Medicine in Mandalay**

YANGON, 24 April-Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt addressed the opening of the Seminar of Myanmar traditional Medicine Practitioners at the Institute of Indigenous Medicine in Mandalay this morning. The Secretary-1 attended the inauguration of the Seminar of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners in the Convocation Hall of the Institute of Traditional Medicine at 9:45 am.

- (2) MIC Chairman receives Chairman of Myanmar Investment Management Company Limited of Britain**

YANON, 25 April Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Chairman and CEO of Myanmar Investment Management Company Limited of Britain Mr Michael Dobbs-Higginson and party at his office this morning.

They discussed mutual economic cooperation and investment in production of livestock breeding and manufacture of vehicles.

Present also were the Secretary of Myanmar Investment-Commission and officials.

- (3) LDP officials of Japan call on Minister for PBANRDA**

YANGON, 25 April - Director-General Mr Tomomi Iwakura of Policy Affairs Research Council of Liberal Democratic Party of Japan and

party called on Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs at his office this afternoon.

They discussed cultivation of opium-substitute crops and development tasks for border areas.

Also present were officials of the ministry.

(4) Myanmar, PRC sign arrangement on maintaining Myanmar Consulate-General in Hong Kong

YANGON, 25 April - The Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the People's Republic of China, out of a common desire to develop friendly relations and enhance consular relations between the two countries, held a signing ceremony this afternoon at the annex of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, concerning the maintenance of the Consulate-General of the Union of Myanmar in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region after the People's Republic of China recovers sovereignty of Hong Kong in July 1, 1997.

The agreement was signed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe on behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar and Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mrs Chen Baoliu on behalf of the People's Republic of China.

Also present were directors-general and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials of the Chinese Embassy.

(5) Deputy Prime Minister receives President of Dataran Isibumi Sdn Bhd

YANGON, 25 April Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received President of Dataran Isibumi Sdn Bhd Mr Abdul Aziz Bin Hussin and party of Malaysia at his office this morning.

They discussed energy sector.

Present also were the Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission and officials.

(6) Adjutant-General receives Vietnamese Defence Services football team

YANGON, 25 April - Chairman of Defence-Services Sports and Physical Education Management Committee Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint

received Vietnamese football team led by Sr Col Ngoc Van Dong which had played goodwill matches against Defence

Services football team and Defence Services Self-Defence and Sports Institute football team to propagate goodwill relationship between the two countries at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 8 30 am today.

Present also were Vice-Chairman of the Committee Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, Deputy Adjutant-General Col Ye Tun, Commandant of Defence Services Self-Defence and Sports Institute President of Defence Services Football Committee Col Sein Win Win, Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) senior officers, Ambassador of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Tran Viet Tan and Military Attache Sr Col Nguyen Ngoc Lu.

(7) Demonstration on utilization of fire extinguishers at NLM

YANGON, 25 April - A demonstration on utilization of fire extinguishers as part of fire prevention measures was held at The New Light of Myanmar Daily, News and Periodicals Enterprise, at 10 am today.

It was attended by service personnel of the New Light of Myanmar daily.

First, Station Commander U Thawda of Central Station explained salient points on danger of fire. Afterwards, he spoke of utilization of fire extinguishers gave demonstration.

(8) US sanctions will not affect Myanmar's entry into ASEAN

SINGAPORE, 25 April Singapore indicated Thursday that the United States sanctions against Myanmar will not have direct impact on the country's entry into the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

- In response to Press queries on the matter, a Singapore Foreign Ministry spokesman reiterated that the timing of the admission of Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar into the ASEAN depended on their readiness to- join the organization.

“They must be prepared to accede to the ASEAN economic and non-economic agreements on admission,” the spokesman said, adding that the ASEAN foreign ministers will meet in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on May 31 to discuss various ASEAN issues, including the expansion of the group.

The spokesman stressed that ASEAN considers constructive engagement as the best way to facilitate Myanmar's economic liberalization which in turn will bring about further internal changes.

He also reiterated the view that sanctions only work in cases where the economy of a country is plugged to the global economy.

They said that this would only open 'the door further for their Asian and European competitors.

In the region, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad and Thai Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh said Yangon's entry into the ASEAN will not be affected by the US sanctions.
