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(1) **Cornerstone laid for construction of buildings for Mingala Shopping Complex**

YANGON, 30 April Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt laid cornerstone for construction of buildings for Mingala Shopping Complex-Mingala Shopping Centre, Mingala Plaza and Mingala Shopping Centre and Office Tower-at the corner of Banyadala Road and Setyon Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

The whole project will be completed by Yangon City Development Committee and Yuzana Construction Group within three years.

(2) **New Yaw Creek No2 Yebya Diversion Weir to irrigate 2,200 acres**

YANGON, 30 April-Yaw Creek No 2 Yebya Diversion Weir of the,Minis,try of Agriculture and Irrigation was inaugurated at a ceremony at Yebya Village in Pauk Township, Pakokku District, at 8.45 am today and Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo delivered an address.

(3) **Deputy Prime Minister receives Ambassador of Italy**

YANGON, 30 April Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin, on behalf of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, received Ambassador of Italy Mr Benito Volpi, who has completed his tour of duty, at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of the Defence this Afternoon.

Also present were Minister for foreign Affair U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

(5) **Minister for industry-1 Lt-Gen Sein Aung inspects factories in Mon, Kayin States**

YANGON, 30 April Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Industry-1 Lt-Gen Sein Aung inspected factories in Mon and Kayin States from 27 to 30 April.

Accompanied by officials concerned, the minister inspected Sittoung No 1 Paper Mill of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries in Theinzayat Township, Mon State, on 27 April.

(6) Farmers and nation enjoying benefits due to concerted efforts

YANGON, 30 April Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo inspected pumped water irrigation projects and development undertakings in Pakokku District yesterday and today.

Accompanied by ministers, deputy ministers and officials, he arrived at a pumped water irrigation project of Water Resources Utilization Department at Shwetantit village in Pakokku Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division, yesterday.

(7) Amphipithecus primate's fossilized remains discovered from 40-million-year-old Pondaung Formation

YANGON, 30 April-The team exploring the remains of primates with the co-sponsorship of the Office of Strategic Studies of the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Education, has discovered more remains of Amphipithecus primate helpful in tracing the origin of Anthropoids.

Barnum Brown of the United States Museum of Natural History was the first to discover the fossilized remain of Amphipithecus primate near Mogaung Village in Pale Township in 1923; American Anthropologist Edwin Colbert named them Amphipithecus mogaungensis in 1937 and examined in detail and described the classification of genotype, crucial analysis of the primate, and its evolution process. The find was a fragment of the primate's left mandible (lower jawbone) containing Molar No 1, Premolar No 4 and No 3, the root of Premolar No 2 and the root of canine; Molar No 1 bears five occlusal cusps including paraconid. Fossilized remain of the same type of primate was again discovered by Lecturer U Ba Maw of Mandalay University and his team of field geologists near Mogaung Village in April 1978. The find was a fragment of the primate's left mandible bearing Molar No 1 and No 2.

The team led by Col Than Tun, Head of Department, Office of Strategic Studies, and Associate Professor and Vertebrate Paleontologist Dr Tin Thein of Mawlamyine University setting out on a mission to explore fossilized remains of primates in PondaungPonnya region excavated another specimen of Amphipithecus mogaungensis near Mogaung Village in Pale Township on 18 March **1997**. The remain is a fragment of the right mandible of the primate with Molar No 1 and No 2.

Continuing its exploration work, the team was rewarded with discovery of a pair of left and right mandibles of Amphipithecus primate at a

point two miles northwest of Bahin Village on 13 April 1997. The left mandible contains Molar No 3, Molar No 2, Molar No 1, Premolar No 4, Premolar No 3, the root of Premolar No 2 and the root of canine whilst the right mandible bears Molar No 3, Molar No 2, Molar No 1, Premolar No 4, the root of Premolar No 3, the root of Premolar No 2 and the root of canine. Analyses reveal that the latest find also belongs, to the genus of the formerly discovered remains of Amphipithecus primate with three premolars but its Molar No 1 does not contain paraconid but four cusps. Probably, the new find can be classified as a new species, and it is named Amphipithecus bahinensis by the fossilized remains exploration team to Pondaung region accounting for the fact that it was discovered from a site near Bahin Village, Myaing Township.

Characteristics of the latest find Amphipithecus bahinensis with both left and right mandibles show that the primate had fully developed jaw-bones, molars and premolars of a primate of higher genus and might be assumed as the Catarrhine primate, the earliest one that provides important clues to trace the origin of Anthropoids.

All those primate fossiles were recovered from the 40-million-year-old Pondaung formation which is exposed in the northwestern part of Myanmar.

(8) Daewoo Chairman calls on Minister for Energy

YANGON, 30 April Chairman of Daewoo Corporation Mr Woo Choong Kim called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein at his office this afternoon.

They discussed cooperation in power, oil and natural gas production and investment.

Also present were Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint, Managing Director U Zaw Win of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Managing Director U Kyaw Nyein of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

(9) Myanmar journalist delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 30 April A five-member Myanmar journalist delegation led by Director (News) U Hla Tun of the News and Periodicals Enterprise left this afternoon for the People's Republic of China.

They were seen off at the airport by Managing Director of NPE U Tin Kha, Chief Editor U Kyi Nyunt of the Myanma Alin Daily, Cultural Counsellor Mr Wang Ruiqing and First Secretary Mr Wang Danian of PRC Embassy, Chief Reporter Mr Zhang Yunfei of Xinhua News Agency and relatives. Members of the delegation are Deputy Chief Editor Major Kyaw Win of Myawady Literature House, editor U Tin Aung of Myanma News Agency, editors U Myo Myint and U Than Lwin of Myanma Alin and Kyemon Dailies.

(10) Students and youths of Kayin arrive for excursion

YANGON, 30 April - At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, 169 students and youths and teachers led by U Nwe and U Hla Maung of Azin and Kyaikdon areas in Kya-inSeikkyi Township, Kayin State, arrived here this evening.

The group, accompanied by Maj Khin Zaw of No 22 Light Infantry Division, was welcomed at Yangon Railways Station by officers of the Ministry of Defence and accommodated at the combined mess of Yangon Command.

(11) MMCWA sponsors talks, essay competitions

YANGON, 30 April Prizes were presented to winners in the Mothers' and Children's Day commemorative talks and essay competitions, held under the auspices of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, at the Department of Health Planning on Theinbyu Street this morning.

MMCWA Chairperson Professor Daw Kyu Kyu Swe addressed the opening ceremony. Professor Daw Kyu Kyu Swe, Vice-Chairperson Dr Khin Win Shwe and Secretary Dr Nyo Nyo gave away prizes to 16 winners in the High School and Middle School levels.

EC member Daw Saw Mon Nyin talked on the Mothers' and Children's Day. Professor Daw Kyu Kyu Swe presented gifts to Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) and judges who assessed works of the essay competition.

Also present were honorary patrons and EC members of MMCWA, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, officials under the Ministry of Health, president of Myanmar Medical Association and Myanmar Red Cross Association and officials of UN agencies.
