

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Thursday 15 May, 1997)**

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**(1) Minister for Transport receives GM of Samsung Head Office**

YANGON, 14 May - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win received General Manager Mr J H Chun of Samsung Head Office at his office on Merchant Street at 8 am today. They discussed construction of port, construction of vessels for Myanmar Five Star Line and cooperation between the two countries.

Present also were Managing Director U Tin Oo of Myanmar Port Authority, General Manager U Kyaw Zaw of Myanmar Five Star Line and officials of the Ministry of Transport.

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**(2) Minister for NPED receives delegation led by Chairman of Hana Bank**

YANGON, 14 May Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel received 10-member delegation led by Chairman Mr Byung Chul Yoon of Hana Bank at his office at 5 pm today.

Economic reforms and economic development of Myanmar and investment opportunities were discussed.

Officials of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development were also present.

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**(3) 19 members of armed groups exchange arms for peace**

YANGON, 14 May-Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Law and Order Restoration Council has been implementing 12 political, economic and social objectives for the emergence of a peaceful, prosperous and modern nation after securing national reconsolidation. At the same time, it is setting up model villages and industries on manageable scale, reclaiming land for agriculture and fulfilling

health and social requirements for the persons and their families who have exchanged arms for peace.

Perceiving that their destructive acts did not serve the welfare of the nation in any way and realizing the genuine goodwill and positive endeavours of the Government, members of armed groups exchanged arms for peace, individually or in groups.

In South-East Command area, pvts Wah Mu, Thaung Han, Tun Wai, Aye Tun and Win Lwin of 102nd battalion under 5th brigade of KNU armed group, incharge Ba Di of 6th brigade, president of women's association Nant San Tint, Kyainn forestry member Saw Kala, deputy company commander Mehm Win Yone of 6th DO battalion under 6th brigade, and pvt Lay Myint (a) Pha Nay of 7th brigade, bringing in four AK-47 automatics, one BA-63 automatic rifle one revolver, one BA-64 automatic rifle, one Icon walkie-talkie and 37 rounds of ammunition, and pvt Win Naing of 209th battalion of ABSDF armed group and organizer U Aung Nan of Pyithu Pyichit Party exchanged arms for peace.

In Northern Command area, pvt Thaung Kyi of ABSDF armed group, cpl Aung Kyaw Win (a) Khwet Gyi, l/cpl Ma Yit Tu and A pvt Kyi Lin of 702nd battalion exchanged arms for peace. In Shan State (East), pvts Mong Phyan, Aik Ywet and U Kyin Hsan of remaining MTA group, bringing in one M-1C automatic rifle, .22 pistol, one Icon walkie-talkie and 2C3 rounds of ammunition, exchanged arms for peace.

Altogether 19 members of armed groups who exchanged arms for peace were warmly welcomed by officials of various Tatmadaw camps and assistance was provided to them.

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#### **(4) Minister inspects ancient gold objects to be displayed at National Museum**

YANGON, 14 May-Minister for Culture U Aung San this evening visited the National Museum on Pyay Road and inspected ancient gold objects to be displayed at the museum.

The minister was welcomed by Deputy Minister U Soe Nyunt, the directors general and officials of the Fine Arts Department, the Department of Cultural Institute and the Department of Archaeology. The minister then inspected gold objects collected by the Department of Archaeology in the Exhibition Hall.

Deputy Director-General U Nyunt Han of the Department of Archaeology briefed the minister on the department's collection of the gold objects,- their antiquity, places where they were found and historical facts.

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**(5) USDA members donate blood**

YANGON, 14 May- Trainees of Union Solidarity and Development Association Multiplier Course 3/97 sponsored by Mon State USDA and executives and organizers Township USDA, numbering 45, donated blood at Mawlamyine People's Hospital on 4 May morning.

Secretary of Mon State USDA U Tin Soe Moe Naing, Executive Daw Yi Yi Myint, Secretary Mawlamyine District USDA U Thet Nay Lwin and executives find officials met the blood donors.

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**(6) Myanmar in Thailand donate to Shwedagon**

YANGON, 14 May Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Hla Maung, Myanmar Embassy staff and Myanmar citizens in Thailand donated 27,000 Thai bahts for general renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda at the pagoda this morning.

Members of Pagoda Board of Trustees U Pe Than Lay and U Mya Thein accepted the donation and presented certificates of honour to donors.

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