

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Friday, 16 May, 1997)

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(1) **Soft opening of Yangon International Hotel**

YANGON, 15 May - A soft opening ceremony of Yangon International Hotel being built with cent per cent investment by Myanmar MCG Corporation of Japan at the corner of Ahlon Road and Pyay Road was held at the hotel today.

Today's ceremony marked the-opening of 110 rooms office hotel completed in the first phase.

Present at the ceremony were Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung .Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, President Mr Koki Onodera and officials of Myanmar MCG Corporation, departmental officials and guests.

(2) **Minister for Transport receives Director of Transmile Air**

YANGON, 15 May - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win received Director of Transmile. Air Mr Eugene Gan and party at his office yesterday morning.

They discussed aviation matter and mutual Cooperation.

Present also were officials of the ministry.

(3) **Minister for Energy receives Thai, Singaporean delegations**

YANGON, 15 May - Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein received Managing Director of Electricity Generating Public Company Limited Mr Wrought Khamkanist and party at his office this afternoon. They discussed mutual cooperation in energy sector.

Similarly, General Manager of Wattsila NSD (Singapore) Pte Ltd Mr Sakari Kolehmainen called on Minister U Khin Maung Thein at his office this evening.

They discussed mutual cooperation in energy, electricity and natural gas sectors and investment. Director-General of Department of Energy Planning U Soe Myint was also present.

(4) LPDR Deputy Minister arrives

YANGON, 15 May -At the invitation of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Deputy Minister of Prime Minister's Office of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Cheuang Sombounkhanh and party arrived here by air this evening.

They were welcomed at the airport by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Tin Aye and officials concerned, Ambassador of LPDR Mr Ly Bounkham and embassy staff.

(5) Handing over ceremony for Institute of Nursing Project

YANGON, 15 May - A ceremony to hand over ceremony of the Expansion of the Institute of Nursing project was held at the Institute this morning.

Director-General of Department for Medical Science U Kyaw Myint Tun and Project Manager of Pacific Consultants International (PCI) Mr Nakamura delivered addresses and signed.

Mr Nakamura and officials of Obayachi Corporation presented related document to Director-General U Kyaw Myint Tun.

(6) Nationals of Putao region conclude visit

YANGON, 15 May-The nationals of Putao region, Kachin State, currently here at the invitation of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, left here by Tatmadaw aircraft from Mingaladon Air Force Base for Thandwe on 12 May morning.

(7) 27 members of armed groups exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 15 May UP holding 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, reclaiming land for agriculture, setting up industries on manageable scale fulfilling health and social requirements for the persons and their family members who have exchange arms for peace.

Perceiving that theirs constructive acts did not serve the welfare of any way and realizing genuine goodwill and positive endeavours of the Government members of armed groups exchanged an peace, individually or in groups.

In South-East Command area during the period between 18 and 30 April, pvt Phama Saw of 1st brigade of KNU group, agriculture in-charge of Bilin management committee Saw Nyi, pvts Saw Le Mu, Nareh Mu, Tacho and Ko Bo of defence group and pvt Tha Hpe of 6th brigade, bringing three M-16 automatics, rifle AK 47 automatics, three carbines BA 63 automatics, 165 rounds of ammunition, and pvt Ahtu of 207th battalion of ABSDF group exchange arms for peace.

In Southern Command area Lt Ye Aung, pvts Kyaw Min Oo and Saw L Gaw of 3rd company under 7th battalion of KNU group, bringing in one Icon walkie exchanged arms for peace.

In Northern Command area pvts Akar Min and Win Kyaing (a) Kyaw Zeya of 701st battalion of ABSDF exchanged arms for peace.

In Taninthayi Division area, pvt Myint Sein, regional in-charge Cha Hto Ngaw, wife Naw Dah Bwe, mother Daw Mya Yin, toll in Charge Phado Ba Ngunt of 10th battalion under 4th brigade of KNU group, pvts Saw Hto Saw Nay Win Saw Dae Mi and regional in-charge U Than Aung of 12th battalion, bringing one carbine, one M-16 automatic rifle, one AK-47 automatic rifle, one- hand grenade, one mine and 82 rounds of ammunition, exchanged arms for peace. Lt Khin Maung Thein (a) Pha Khan of 1st battalion of ABSDF group, bringing in one mine and US-made shell and communication in charge Su Ni (a) Min Thu, pvt Su Nge (a) Aung Kyin, wife Daw Ni Ni, son Maung Tu, daughter Naw Nga Eh of BCP United Front, bringing in one-.22 rifle, two hand grenades, 10 rounds of ammunition, exchanged arms for peace.

Altogether 27 members of armed groups who exchanged arms for peace were warmly welcomed by officials of various Tatmada v camps and assistance was provided to them.

(8) Action taken against 427 persons in 314 drug-related cases in April

YANGON, 15 May Personnel of Tatmadaw, MPF and Customs Department seized a total of 1,368.0281 kilos of opium in 48 cases; a total of 15 kilos of brown opium in one case; a total of 390.3558 kilos of heroin in 105 cases; a total of 3.664 kilos of- marijuana- in 23 cases;-a total of 58.25 litres of Phensedyl in 10 cases; a total of 38.8008 kilos of low level opium in three cases; a total of 828-gallons of other chemicals; a total of 37,070 tablets of amphetamine in threes cases; a total of 6.209 kilos of heavy opium soluanhydrade; 111 cases for failure to register for treatment and eight other drug related cases in April 1997.

During that period, Tatmadawmen of battalions and units seized 776.8824 kilos of opium, 255.8458 kilos of heroin, 26.85 litres of Phensedyl, 15 kilos of low level opium, 780 gallons of chemicals and 750 kilos of acetic anhydrade.

Similarly, MPF personnel seized a total of 560.9227 kilos of opium in 46 cases; a total of 15 kilos of brown opium in one case; a total of

34.41 kilos of heroin in 105 cases; a total of 3.664 kilos of marijuana in 23 cases; a total of 31.4 litres of Phensedyl in 10 cases a total of 23.8008 kilos of low level opium in three cases; a total of 48 gallons of chemicals; of total of 37,070 tablets of amphetamine in three cases; a total of 0.0247 kilt a heavy opium solution; a total of 25 gallons of acetic anhydrate; 111 cases for failure to register for treatment and other eight drug-related cases. Among the MPF seizure, MPF personnel together personnel of the Customs Department seized 30.223 kilos of opium in two cases and 6.1843 kilos of heavy opium solution in two cases. Among the Tatmadaw seizure, Tatmadawmen together with MPF personnel seized a total of 0.656 kilo of heroin in five cases; a total of 50.1765 kilos of opium in 21 cases and 32.45 litres of Phensedyl in four cases.

Action is being taken against 427 persons in 314 drug-related cases in April 1997.
