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- (1) **Secretary-I receives Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Economic Committee (Keidanren)**

YANGON, 3 June - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Chairman Mr Iwao Toriumi of Japan-Myanmar Economic Committee (Keidanren) and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning.

With Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department were also present.

The Japanese delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi.

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- (2) **Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Economic Committee (Keidanren) calls on MIC Chairman**

YANGON, 3 June-Chairman Mr Iwao Toriumi of Japan-Myanmar Economic Committee-(Keidanren) and party called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin at his office this afternoon.

The delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi.

They discussed promotion of bilateral economic cooperation, Japanese investment in Myanmar and investment opportunities.

Also present were Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Secretary of MIC Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials.

(3) Kutkai-Namphatka section of Mandalay-Lashio Muse Road Commissioned into service

YANGON, 3 June- Kutkai-Namphatka section of Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Pyidaungsu Road Project was commissioned into service on 1 June morning.

The project was being undertaken by Asia World Co Ltd.

The ceremony to put the section into service was attended by Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe, Chairman of Shan State (North) Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, tactical operations commanders, the Secretary of Shan State (North) Law and Order Restoration Council, USDA members and local people totalling about 5,000. Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe spoke on the occasion.

After briefing those present on the project, Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World presented commemorative pennants to Minister Lt-Gen Chit Swe and national race leaders U Naung Tauk and U Sai Ohn Kyaw.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, U Tun Myint Naing and representatives of national races of Kutkai formally inaugurated the road section.

Afterwards, the minister and officials inspected the road section and the toll office.

(4) Minister for A & I meets managers of cotton mills farm in-charge

YANGON, 3 June-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung met officials of States and Divisions, managers of cotton mills, farm in-charge at Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise this afternoon.

The minister said objectives have been laid down to increase income of the State by exporting of long-staple cotton and sugar besides rice and beans and pulses and only when effective projects can be implemented will targets be achieved.

He spoke of implementation of cotton project with the formation of zones, cultivation of strains of cotton, choice of soil, machine power, water supply, prevention of insects and other facilities.

The minister spoke of the need to produce sugarcane, jute, rubber and coffee through projects.

They discussed purchase and export of high quality cotton.

Officials reported on needs for implementation and a general round of discussions followed.

Present were directors general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry and advisers.

(5) Dong Feng Motor Corporation displays new cars

YANGON, 3 June Dong Feng Motor Corporation of the People's Republic of China demonstrated its new cars in the compound of Summit Parkview Hotel this morning.

Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Tin Hla said the Chinese corporation and Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited have achieved success in joint test assembling of cars in Yangon. Plans are under way to assemble four-wheel drive Aelous EQ 1093 F6D (4x4) trucks, be added.

The two enterprises will jointly open showrooms and workshops and sell spare parts, he said.

Vice-Chairman of the corporation Mr Shen Ningwu also spoke.

Senior officers of the Ministry of Defence, Ambassador of PRC Ms Chen Baoliu and embassy staff, heads of departments, officials of the corporation and guests were also present.

Dong Feng Motor Corporation also presented cash to staff welfare associations of the media.

(6) First Workshop on Myanmar-Japan Economic Cooperation concludes

YANGON, 3 June-The first Workshop on Myanmar-Japan Economic Cooperation jointly organized by Japan-Myanma Economic Committee comprising Japan's 65 leading industrialists and Myanmar-Japan Economic Committee led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development continued for the final day at the International Business Centre this afternoon.

Present were Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, the deputy ministers, directors general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, president of the Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, managing directors of joint venture corporations, Chairman of Japan-Myanma Economic Committee (Keidanren) Mr Iwaso Toriumi and leading industrialists of Japan, officials of private organizations and observers.

The workshop came to a close after giving speeches by Minister Brig-Gen Abel and Chairman Mr Iwaso Toriumi.

Mr Iwaso Toriumi hosted dinner for the participants of the workshop at Sedona Hotel.

(7) Functions of All Myanmar Women's Affairs Work Committee explained

YANGON, 3 June - All Myanmar Women's Affairs Work Committee-explained its functions at the Anawrahta Hall of Yangon Command at konmyinttha this afternoon.

Present-were the commanders of military regions senior military officers, members of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council and members, Chairmen of District and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils Patron of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, director general of Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Work Committee, among others.

(8) 195 members of Mon armed group (Myeik region) led by U Aung Thaik Hin and 86 family members exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 3 June-The State Law and Order Restoration Council, the Tatmadaw Government, is working for the national reconsoiidation, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, and implementing the t2' political, economic and social objectives for the emergence of a-peaceful, modern and developed nation. It also lays emphasis on security of life and peaceful earning of livelihood of members of the armed groups including. their families, who have exchanged arms for peace, after realizing their misdeeds.

Realizing that their years-long destructive acts did not serve in.any way and realizing; genuine goodwill and positive . endeavours of the Government, armed groups have been exchanging arms for peace, individually and in groups.

At 6 pm on 31 May, 195 members of the Mon armed group (Myeik region) and 86 family members led by U Aung Thaik Hin, U Sein Ba Than and U Ko Ko Aung exchanged arms for peace at chaungchi camp in Bokepyin Township, Taninthayi Division. They Wrought along with them 468 assorted arms, 39,304 rounds of ammunition and 1,294 bombs.

A ceremony to exchange arms for peace was held at the Chaungchi camp at 1.30 pm on 1 June and it was addressed by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung.

Speaking on the occasion, Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung welcomed the group and said he was pleased to meet them. It was like reunion of blood brothers and sisters, he said. It was useless to engage in armed conflicts among brothers, he said, adding to cooperate with the Tatmadaw is the right decision if they are really desirous of national progress. He assured that the State would make arrangements for the resettlement of Mon brothers and sisters and

provide necessary assistance. He urged them to cooperate with the government for the development of the nation.

Next, U Ko Ko Aung handed over arms and ammunition on behalf of the Mon armed group (Myeik region) to Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung.

U Ko Ko Aung, on behalf of the group, spoke words of thanks. He said their armed opposition against the government for many years served no purpose. It did not contribute towards national progress, he said. They evaluated their acts after realizing progress everywhere in the country brought about by the State Law and Order Restoration Council, he noted. He went on to say that they then fully understood Our Three Main National Causes Laid down by the government. They were also keen to take part in development projects after witnessing implementation of the 12 political, economic and social objectives. That was why the group exchanged arms for peace, he said. He then thanked the Chairman of the Divisional Law and Order Restoration Council and party pledging that the group would cooperate with the Tatmadaw and try its best to help implement development projects.

Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung cordially conversed with members of the Mon armed group (Myeik region) and their families.

(9) Means should be sought to introduce eco-tourism as nation's foreign exchange earner

YANGON, 3 June Means should be sought to introduce eco-tourism as the nation's foreign exchange earner in the long-term rather than relying solely on timber extraction, stated Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe.

He was speaking- to Tatmadawmen, departmental personnel and Union Solidarity and Development Association members in Kyaukme Township on 30 May, which has vast diversity of flora and fauna and traditions and culture to initiate eco-tourism or nature tourism.

All should take part in conserving watershed areas to help develop the forest, farming, mining and inetrrial trial sectors, he noted.

The minister began his tour in Mandalay on 29 May where he discussed with Chairman of Mandalay Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and departmental personnel on progress of implementation of the nine arid districts Freeing project.

(10) Project Manager of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group calls on Minister for H&T

YANGON, 3 June-Project Manager Mr Michael Rowley of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group of Hong Kong called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office at noon today.

Mr Rowley explained to the minister that the estimated investment of the group's hotel project in Bagan region increased from about \$ 22.5 million to \$ 29.5 million due to changes in designs of the hotel and there has been delay in implementing the project.

The guest also said discussions on investment for the project among the investors have not concluded yet.

The minister said Bagan region needs world-class hotels and suggested the guest to start the project in coming open season.

Also present were Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services and officials.

(11) Minister for S&T receives Russian Senior Counsellor, Ambassador of Indonesia

YANGON, 3 June-Senior Counsellor Mr Gerontiy P Lazovik of Cultural Relations Department of Russian Federation called on Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung at his office at 3 pm today.

They discussed bilateral cooperation in science and technology and strengthening of friendly relations between the two countries.

The Russian senior counsellor was accompanied by Ambassador of Russian Federation Mr Valeri V Nazarov.

At 4 pm, the minister received Ambassador of Indonesia Maj-Gen (Police) (Retd) . A Poerwanto Lenggono.

Bilateral cooperation in science and technology was discussed.

Also present were Director-General U Aung Koe of Myanmar Scientific and Technological Research Department, Rector U Kyin Soe of Yangon Institute of Technology (attached to Office of the Ministry) and Pro-Rector U Nyi HlaNge.

(12) MPF and CCDAC coordinate drug abuse control

YANGON, 3 June - Myanmar Police Force and the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control held a coordination meeting with State/Division and District MPFs and Special Narcotic Squads at the MPF headquarters this morning.

Secretary of CCDAC MPF Director-General Col Soe Win addressed the meeting and Deputy DG Police Brig-Gen Hla Tun discussed narcotic drugs control measures. State/Division and District MPFs and Special Narcotic Squads reported on the work done in the respective States and Divisions.

Director of Narcotics Control Police Col Ngwe Soe Tun presented a review of the first four months and future tasks for the second four months.

(13) Myanma mangoes exported to Singapore

YANGON, 3 June Myanma mangoes of Myanma Agriculture Services, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, are being exported.

Over 170 packages of Seintalone mangoes were sent to Singapore by air this morning. They were ordered by Global Pact Co of Singapore.

Myakyauk mangoes have been exported to Singapore and Germany in previous years, it is learnt.
