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YANGON, 6 June - Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander inChief (Army) General Maung Aye and Secretary 2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo yesterday met in Myeik (Township) members of Mon armed group (Myeik District) who had exchanged arms for peace with the Government.

Accompanied by Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Commander-inChief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-inChief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Minister for Health U Saw Tun, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung and officials, they left here for Myeik in Taninthayi Division by Tatmadaw aircraft at 9 am yesterday.

On arrival at Myeik Airport, they were welcomed by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung, Brig-Gen Thura Maung Ni of Myeik Station and officials. The General and party arrived Chaungahi village in Taninthayi Township by helicopter and were welcomed by Officials

Tactical Operations commander Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyi and U Aung Thaik Hin, U Sein Ba Than and U Ko Ko Aung of the group.

General Maung Aye, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo and party cordially greeted members and families of the group, who welcomed them at the village.

They inspected some of the arms and ammunition the group had brought in.

Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyi briefed them on condition of the village and regional development plans at a basic education primary school.

U Ko Ko Aung of the group also explained the number of members and families of the group and requirements. General Maung Aye looked into their requirements.

He extended greetings to them, saying he felt-like a happy rendezvous with far away relatives in meeting with them. The General said he values such efforts to exchange arms for peace, promising to look into their health education, food, housing and security requirements.

Maintenance of peace and stability and law and order is a basic need for development of a nation, he pointed out. Myanmar did not achieve suitable development due to internal strife although it has favourable conditions for progress, he noted.

As more and more armed groups have exchanged arms for peace, there is only one minor armed group, which is KNU, left to exchange arms for peace, he said.

National development undertakings would be implemented with extra impetus as the entire nation is achieving greater peace and stability, he said. Endeavours are being made to foster a discipline democracy system in the nation, he said.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo also made a speech, assuring to make long-term programmes to attend to the needs of members and families of the group and for enabling them to earn their own living in accord with the General's counsel.

As the Government is rendering assistance, they should also strive their utmost for regional peace and progress, he stressed, explaining plans to attend to their needs.

Ministers Lt-Gen Chit Swe Lt-Gen Maung Thint, U Khi Maung Thein and U Sas Tun also gave speeches.

The General and part presented cash assistance t members and families of the group through officials.

They then posed for a souvenir photo together with members of the group.

At 7.30 am today, the General and party inspected arms and ammunition handed over by the group at a regional battalion in Myeik.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo and Minister Lt-Gen Maung Thint met personnel and families of Myeik Township Development Committee and explained tasks for regional progress.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo and ministers visited Domestic Vocational Training School for women and looked into the requirements at 6 am today.

(2) 5,000 FECs donated towards funds for exploration of fossils in Pondaung region

YANGON, 6 June Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt accepted a cash donation towards the funds for exploration of fossils in Pondaung region held at the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall this morning.

Also present were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Ministers at the Office of Prime Minister Col Pe Thein and Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney General U Tha Tun, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Minister for Education- U Pan Aung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, Deputy Ministers for Mines U Hlaing Win and U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister! for Education Dr Than Nyunt, senior military officers, officials of the Office of State Law and Order Restoration Council, heads of department, members of the Myanmar History Commission, the director-general and officials of Higher Education Department, rectors, principals, members of the team for exploration of fossils in Pondaung region and wellwishers.

Additional General Manager U Than Shwe of Pacarc NL and Pacrim Energy NL Co explained the aim of donating cash towards the funds and handed 5,000 FECs in donation to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Thanking the donor, the Secretary-1 said the work of exploring fossils in Pondaung region is of great interest to geologists whose endeavours are important for achieving progress.

He said that people did not show much interest in paleontology in the past and that in 1923, foreign experts recorded their findings about

fossils which bear evidence to the existence of living beings in Myanmar more than 40 million years ago.

Based on this evidence, it can be said humans evolved in Myanmar, and exploration of fossils will contribute to the well-being of the race, language and religion, pride and prestige of Myanmar and its people and strengthening of patriotism, he remarked.

He said foreign entrepreneurs are now seeking partners here for mutual cooperation and benefits for wise exploitation of natural resources under the market oriented economic system.

The fossils discovered will also contribute to oil and gas exploration and mineral prospecting, he affirmed, calling on the officials to expedite the work phase by phase in cooperation with international experts.

Donation of cash by Pacarc NL and Pacrim Energy NL was an impetus to me geologists, serving as a morale-booster, he said. Funds, if sufficient, will be utilized not only for exploration of fossils but also for other geological undertakings.

He thanked, on behalf of the Government, the donors and called on all persons concerned to strive to achieve significant success in- the geological field in Myanmar.

(3) CE Technology Group opens modern instrumentation, automation exhibition for higher education

YANGON, 6 June - CE Technology Group in collaboration with Ava Technologies Group, Innwa Publishing House and Innwa Book Store today opened a modern instrumentation and automation exhibition for higher education in conjunction with a ceremony to donate books on various subjects valued at K 600,000 to Myanmar Education Committee at the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Ministers at the Office of Prime Minister Col Pe Thein and Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Auditor-General U Aung Khin Tint, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Than Nyunt, senior military

officers, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the Director-General of Higher Education Department-and other officials, rectors; principals and donors

Managing Director U Pyone Maung Maung of CE Technology Group extended greetings and spoke of the aim for opening the exhibition.

Later, Honorary Patron of CE Technology Group Retired Principal of Workers College U San Maung explained electronics and books for modern language teaching system, audio-visual tapes, electronics for university and college laboratory use, self-made electronics, laboratory apparatus, Computer-aided teaching system, ELT and ILT software, C2 Library Automation and Document Control Software, periodicals for higher education, reference books, books on Myanmar and audio-visual materials.

Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt accepted books on various subjects valued at K 600,000 presented to Myanmar Education Committee by Managing Director of CE Technology Group U Pyone Maung Maung and wife Daw Khin Thida Tun.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and guests studied the exhibits.

(4) Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation inspects export rubber in Myeik

YANGON, 6 June-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected the office of Township Myanmar Agriculture Service and a paddy seed store and offices of the District Settlement and Land Records Department, Irrigation Department and Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise in Myeik this morning.

On his inspection of a rubber warehouse of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise, the minister told the officials to expedite export of the packaged rubber.

(5) Minister for Industry-2 receives Ambassador of Indonesia

YANGON, 6 June- Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than received Ambassador of Indonesia MajGen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono at his office at 56, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, at 9 am today. They discussed cooperation in economic and industrial sectors.

Present also were Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun and officials.

(6) Kyaukse People's Hospital gets new building

YANGON, 6 June - A ceremony to open a new building of Kyaukse People's Hospital was held in Kyaukse, Mandalay Division yesterday.

It was attended by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Chairman of Mandalay Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Commander of Mandalay Division Myanmar Police Force Police Col Kyi Shwe and district authorities.

Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint spoke.

Later, Minister U Thaung, Commander MajGen Ye Myint and the Medical Superintendent accepted K 550,000 donated to the hospital by U Ohn Khaing and family, K 200,000 by U Win Maung, Daw Mya Yin and family and K 85,000 by District Law and Order Restoration Council:

Minister U Thaung and Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint formally opened the new building.

Later, they attended the opening ceremony of the new office of District Information and Public Relations Department.

(7) Korean company officials call on Minister for H & T

YANGON, 6 June-President Mr Chong Chang Kyo of Young Nan Rent A Car Co Ltd of the Republic of Korea and party called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office this morning.

Mr Kyo said Myanmar is a suitable tourist destination for Koreans who are interested in culture-based tourism industry.

The minister told the guest that he will help him if the guest wants to cooperate in tourism industry on a mutual basis with the State-run organization or any private agency.

Also present were Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services and Deputy Director-General U Naing Bwa of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

(8) Deputy Minister for Information receives Ambassador of LPDR

YANGON, 6 June Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein received Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Ly Bounkham, at the Office of the Ministry of Information on Bo Aung Kyaw Street at 9.30 am today.

They discussed promotion of cooperation in media and related sectors between the two countries.

Present also were Managing Director U Than Maung of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Tin Kha of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Tin Pe of Motion Picture Enterprise, Director U Khin Maung Htay of Myanmar Television and Radio Department, Chief Editor U Kyaw Min of the New Light of Myanmar and Head of Office of the ministry U Sein Win.
