

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Saturday, 21 June, 1997)

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YANGON, 20 June Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended a ceremony to hoist the Htidaw atop Dhamma Rajaka Pagoda in BaganNyaungU today.

The Secretary-1, ministers and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Commander of No 88 Light Infantry Division Col Aye Kyu, Commander of No 101 LID Col Aung Thein Linn, Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt, military and civil officers and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

- (2) Secretary-2 enjoins police, people to maintain momentum of success in crime reduction**

YANGON, 20 June - A prize-distribution ceremony for the Literary and Cartoon Contest sponsored by the Crime Reduction, Education and-Information Committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the National Theatre this morning, attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

- (3) Extended production of wood-based, value-added goods will terminate log exports**

YANGON, 20 June Extended production of wood-based, value-added goods in Myanmar will lead to termination of log exports, especially teak,

stated Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe during his inspection of a wood-based, value-added products factory today.

Setting up of furniture and finished-good factories to produce value-added goods will generate job opportunities, win access to advanced technologies and help implement forest policies, he added at the factory of Green Gold Industry Co Ltd in South Okkalapa Township.

Myanmar is the main teak log exporter in the world, he noted, adding if the nation stops teak log exports at the time local furniture industries are achieving momentum, it can have a good opportunity to win foreign investments and know how for the industry.

At a finishing plant of Taw Win Family Co Ltd in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, the minister stressed the need to strive to set up furniture and value-added goods industries, which have much less wastage than factories producing sawn timber, plywood and planks.

Furniture industries earn more money but use less materials, he said.

Plans are afoot made to form joint ventures between Myanmar Timber Enterprise and private entrepreneurs to manufacture more international-class furniture and value-added goods, he revealed. Accompanied by officials, the minister inspected a finished-products factory of Win Yadana Co Ltd in Dagon Myothit (South).

In his meeting with officials there, he urged them to use lesser-known wood rather than teak as raw materials to manufacture quality finished goods to penetrate world markets.

Local entrepreneurs should form partnerships with foreign counterparts to set up advanced wood-based industries in the nation, he stressed.

Private sector and cooperative sector should strive together with the State owned sector to boost wood based value-added exports he said.

The minister and party then inspected a furniture mart of United International Group Ltd in Tarmway Township. The company is exporting various types of parquet, door frames and furniture to Spain, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand.

(4) Myanmar delegation returns from SRV

YANGON, 20 June - A six-member Myanmar delegation led by member of the Central Executive Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe arrived back here by air yesterday after attending the

Second Asia Pacific Conference for Solidarity with Cuba in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Charge d'Affaires ai Mr Pham Ngo Thuan of the Embassy of SRV, departmental officials, officials of USDA and families.

(5) Minister for Rail Transportation receives Ambassador of PRC

YANGON, 20 June-Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Ms Chen Baoliu, who has completed her tour of duties, at his office at 9 am today.

Present also were advisers, department heads and Head of Office of the Ministry of Rail Transportation.

(6) Minister for Immigration and Population receives Ambassador of PRC

YANGON, 20 June Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Immigration and Population Lt-Gen Maung Hla received Ambassador of People's Republic of China Ms Chen Baoiu, who has completed her tour of duty, at his office this afternoon.

Present also were Director-General of immigration and Manpower Department U Maung Aung and other officials.

(7) Chairman of Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission receives PRC Ambassador

YANGON, 20 June - Chairman of Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission U Ba Htay and members U Saw Kya Doe, U San Maung, U Kyaw Nyunt and Secretary U Aye Maung received Ambassador of People's Republic of China Ms Chen Baoliu, who has completed her tour of duty, at the Commission's Office at Natmauk Street in Bahan Township this morning.

Present also were Deputy Director-General of Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office U Tun Htain and other officials.
