

## **THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Thursday 31 July, 1997)**

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- (1) Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back from ASEAN meetings in Malaysia**

YANGON, 30 July-Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw arrived back here by air this evening after attending the Ceremony for the Admission of the Union of Myanmar and Laos to ASEAN, the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), the Fourth ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and the Post-Ministerial Conference in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, from 23 to 29 July at the invitation of Chairman of the 30th ASEAN Standing Committee and Foreign Minister of Malaysia Datuk Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi. Minister U Ohn Gyaw was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and party.

Minister U Ohn Gyaw and Myanmar delegation attended dinner hosted by the Malaysian Foreign Minister and Datin Endon Dato Mahmood in honour of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and their spouses and members of the delegations on 26 July and dinner hosted in honour of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers, Foreign Ministers of ASEAN dialogue partners and members of delegations on 28 July.

During his stay in Kuala Lumpur, Minister U Ohn Gyaw separately met Foreign Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri Haji Ahmad Badawi, Foreign Minister of Brunei HRH Mohamad Bolkiah, Foreign Secretary of the Philippines Domingo Siazon Jr, Foreign Minister of Vietnam Nguyen Manh Can, Foreign Minister of Thailand Mr Prachuab Chaiyasan, Foreign Minister of Australia Mr Alexander Downer, Foreign Minister of Canada Mr Lloyd Asworthy, Foreign Minister and Minister of Commerce of New Zealand Mr Don McKinnon, Foreign Minister of Japan Mr Yukihiko Ikeda and Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Primakov and

discussed ASEAN-Myanmar cooperation. Minister U Ohn Gyaw explained to them development in Myanmar.

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## **(2) Myanmar cultural troupe to participate in ASEAN Song Festival**

YANGON, 30 July-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt previewed the dress rehearsal of Myanmar cultural troupe which will take part in the song festival commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the ASEAN. Led by Gita Lulin U Ko Ko, the troupe will participate in the festival which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, next month in accord with the ASEAN cultural and information cooperation policy.

The Secretary-1 arrived at Myanmar Television and Radio Department, the venue of the rehearsal, at 6 pm today.

He was welcomed by Minister for Culture U Aung San, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, Director-General U Kyi Lwin of MTRD and other officials.

The-Secretary-1 previewed the dress rehearsal in Studio 1.

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## **(3) MIC Chairman receives Marubeni General Manager**

YANGON, 30 July -Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received General Manager Mr Kenji Takayama of Marubeni Corporation of Japan and party at his office this afternoon.

Secretary of MIC Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein and officials were also present.

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## **(4) Bo trees brought from Bodh Gaya and Sri Lanka planted in precinct of Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda**

YANGON, 30 July-Bo trees brought from Bodh Gaya and Sri Lanka were planted at the north-east and south-east corners in the precinct of the Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda on Dhammapala Hill in Mayangon Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, and family, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt and wife Daw Khin Hla Tin, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin and wife Daw Yin Yin Nyunt, Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department U Arnt Maung, Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Sann Lwin, the directors and deputy directors of the two departments, the laity, members of Wut associations and officials.

At 10.18 am, Daw Kyaing Kyaing planted the Bo tree brought from Sri Lanka at the designated place. The laity recited gathas and sprinkled scented water on it. Those present went round the tree clock-wise thrice.

Similarly at the designated place in the north-east corner, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Minister Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt and wife Daw Khin Hla Tin, Deputy Minister U Aung Khin and wife Daw Yin Yin Nyunt planted No 2 Bo tree. Next, Deputy Minister U Aung Khin planted No 3 Bo tree and No 4 Bo tree brought from Sri Lanka at the south-east corner. The laity recited gathas.

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**(5) Minister for H & T receives Keppel Land GM**

YANGON, 30 July -General Manager Mr Andrew Low of-Keppel Land of Singapore paid a courtesy call on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office this afternoon.

Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt and Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein were also present.

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**(6) Public Works, Green Gold Industrial Co Ltd sign agreement to establish JVC**

YANGON, 30 July-Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and Green Gold Industrial Co Ltd signed an agreement to establish PW and GG Joint Venture Co Ltd at Traders Hotels on 29 July.

Present were Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, member of Security and Management Committee of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Thaug Myint, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun,

heads of departments under the ministry, Chairman of Green Gold Industrial Co Ltd Lt-Col Thein Tun (Retd) and officials.

Managing Director of Public Works U Tint Swe and Lt-Col Thein Tan (Retd) spoke.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun presented permit of Myanmar Investment Commission to U Tint Swe.

U Tint Swe and Lt-Col Thein Tun (Retd) signed the agreement and exchanged it.

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**(7) Minister for Energy receives SRV Trade Minister**

YANGON, 30 July-Minister of Trade of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Le Van Triet and delegation called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein at his office this afternoon.

The delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of Vietnam Mr Tran Viet Tan.

Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myintbwas also present.

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**(8) Minister receives Asia Pacific Community Chairman**

YANGON, 30 July-Chairman Mr A Gunawan Wibisono of Asia Pacific Community Development Corporation of Singapore and party paid a courtesy call on Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thuang at his office this afternoon.

Director-General of Live-stock and Fisheries Administration Department U Kyaw Lwin, Director-General of Fisheries Department U Soe Win, Managing Director of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise U Maung Maung Nyunt, Director-General of Livestock and Veterinary Department Dr Myo Thant, Director of Bee Keeping Division U Maung Win and Head of Office U Myint Shwe were also present.

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**(9) 44 kilos raw opium found unclaimed in Taunggyi**

YANGON, 30 July-Acting on tip-off, Defence Services Intelligence agents searched a place in a grove near Pha Mein Village in Taunggyi

Township at 9 pm on 12 July and discovered 44 kilos of unclaimed raw opium buried.

The DSI agents were together with members of Kyaunggyisu Ward Law and Order Restoration Council in the township.

The opium in 34 packets was put in three baskets.

A case has been filed with Myanmar Police Force Station No 1 in the township.

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**(10) Minister for Transport receives Yunnan officials**

YANGON, 30 July -Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win received Head Professor Mr Che Zhimin and party of The Centre of Economic & Technology Research of Yunnan Provincial People's Government Research Department Yunnan Provincial Government of the People's Republic of China at his office this morning.

They guests were accompanied by Counsellor of PRC embassy Mr Yu Tiegen.

Officials of the Ministry of Transport were also present.

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**(11) Minister receives MBF Leasing Chairman**

YANGON, 30 July -Chairman Mr Loi Heng Sewn of MBF Leasing Sdn Bhd Overseas Investment of Malaysia and party paid a courtesy call on Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung at his office this afternoon. Director-General of Cooperative Department U Maung Hti, other officials and Head of Office U Hla Kyu were also present.

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