

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (8-8-97 Friday)

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YANGON, 7-Aug - His Excellency Mr Gleb Alexandrovitch Iveshentsov, newly accredited Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

(2) Secretary 1 receives Chairman of Institute of World Peace

YANGON, 7 Aug-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Chairman of the Institute of World Peace Mr Hideo Watanabe and party of Japan at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon.

Present also were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

The guests were accompanied by Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi.

(3) Over K 4m for construction of Bodh Gaya Monastery

YANGON, 7 Aug-Well-wishers donated over K 4 million for construction of Bodh Gaya Monastery on the premises of Thirizeyon Kyaungtaik on Kyaung Street, Sangyoung Township, at the second donation ceremony this morning.

Present were Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khiti, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, patrons and executives of Bodh Gaya Organization and wellwishers.

The donations included K 450,000 by (U San Thein) Daw Nwe Nwe Aye and family, K450,000 U Aung Tha Tun (a) U Ngan Kya-Daw Ma Mya Oo and family, K 450,000 by Thiha Thu dhamma Manijotadhara U Tin Shwe-Daw Daw Kyi, K 100,000 by (U Aung Tin)-Daw Khin Saw and family, K 100,000 by (U Thein Lwin)-Daw Yi Yi Nwe and family, K 100,000 by (U Chit Shwe)-Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Win and family, K 100,000 by U Bo Kyaw-Daw Tin Myint and family, and K 100,000 by U Win Naing-Daw San San and family, among others.

(4) Contributors in tasks for community peace and tranquillity honoured in Bahan Township

YANGON, 7 Aug - A ceremony to honour those who assisted in the tasks for stability of State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order was held at Bahan Basic Education High School 1 this afternoon, attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

Also present were Minister at the Office of Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Vice-Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Col San Lin, Director of Resettlement Col Thaik Tun, President of Myanmar Body Building and Physical Culture Federation Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Win, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Saw Hla Min, district and township authorities and members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades.

(5) Allocation of additional funds for border area development projects discussed

YANGON, 7 Aug - A meeting was held this morning to allocate additional funds for border area development projects in 1997-98 and budget for fiscal 1998-99 at the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint said additional funds should be applied not for new projects but mainly for existing projects which are not completed in time due to financial shortages.

Allocation of additional funds will be based on the original project, he said, urging regional work committees to conduct financial matters in accord with the principles.

Regional authorities should check the projects thoroughly to ascertain that these projects actually need additional funds, he suggested.

He warned them against discrepancies in using funds and in financial supervisory work, speaking of the need to reduce wastage.

Officials should make field tours to supervise the work at basic levels and to make collective efforts to curb misconduct.

Members of the respective regional work committees and subcommittees took part in the discussions.

Director-General Lt-Col Thein Han of Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races, other officials, observers and guests were also present.

(6) Minister inspects Mandalay-Lashio Railroad

YANGON, 7 Aug- Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein inspected Mandalay-Lashio railroad section and Gokhteik Viaduct on 5 August.

At Gokhteik Viaduct, 463 miles from Yangon, the minister heard reports on its maintenance and regular inspections by officials.

He gave instructions on replacement of over-due rails and sleepers and proper inspection for its durability.

Yesterday, he met officials and personnel of the Road Transport Administration Department, Road Transport, Transport Planning Department and Myanmar Railways in Lashio

h He spoke at length on the current political, economic and social situation and welfare.

Minister U Win Sein later inspected Chaungzon Bridge (No 323) on Mandalay-Lashio Railroad.

He heard reports on maintenance and regular inspections of the bridge.

He spoke of MR's tasks for secure and smooth transport and gave instructions on proper inspection and maintenance of railroads.

He later inspected the conditions of rails in the two tunnels which were built in 1990.

(7) Wings presented to new co-pilots of Myanmar Airways

YANGON, 7 Aug-A ceremony to present wings to four trainees of Myanmar Airways who had completed their pilot training at Civil Aviation Academy in Indonesia was held at the Ministry of Transport this afternoon.

It was attended by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Ambassador of Indonesia Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono and Defence and Military Attache Col Yohanes Albertus Hascaryo, Managing Director of Myanmar Airways Lt-Col Aung Nyunt and officials of the Ministry of Transport.

Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win pinned wings on trainees Maung Nay Ko Ko Naing, Maung Min Thu San, Maung Soe Thiha and Maung Bo Thura who were later appointed as co-pilots (under training) of Myanmar Airways.

Afterwards, Ambassador Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono greeted the four co-pilots.

Maung Nay Ko Ko Naing thanked the Ambassador of Indonesia in Indonesian for Myanmar trainees' opportunity of undergoing the 22-month pilot training in Indonesia for the second time.

Maung Min Thu San also said the course was a milestone in aviation cooperation between the two countries after Myanmar's membership in the ASEAN and it will lead to further strengthening of friendly relations between the two countries.

Maung Soe Thiha thanked the Indonesian Government and the academy for their assistance.

Maung Bo Thura expressed his belief that Indonesia will continue to give this opportunity to more trainees.

The four attended a pilot training course at the academy for 22 months from 7 October 1995 to 4 August 1997 after learning Indonesian for three months. During the course, they flew two kinds of aircraft-Piper Dakota PA-28 and Beechcraft B-58- for 250 hours each and obtained Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL).

(8) Heroin seized in Mandalay

YANGON, 7 Aug- Personnel of Mandalay anti-drug squad and Tatmadaw Intelligence United seized a total of 1.704 kilo of heroin from the house of Htay Win Myint and Ma Khum Yon Kyi of Tha-13/1, Ward D, Pyigyitagun Township, Mandalay, on 19 July.

They also seized K 1,155,000 and a motorcycle.

Action is being taken against Htay Win Myint (a) Maung Htay and Ma Khun Yon Kyi and other four involved in the case in accord with the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
