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YANGON, 31 Aug - Patron for Allround Renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended a cash donation ceremony for allround renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda at Pyataik Prayer Hall on the platform of the pagoda this morning.

Present also were Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Deputy Commander of the Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, departmental heads, members of the Board of Trustees and donors.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt handed US \$ 500 donated by Maha Sadhamma Jotikadhaja, recipient of a medal (first class) for outstanding performance in social field, ASEAN Information Award (1997) winner, writer and film director Saya Thu Kha (U Thein Maung) to Chairman of the Leading Committee for Allround Renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

Other donations were: K 2.5 million by U Aung Ko Win, Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Nan Than Htwe and family, K 120,000 each by Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung and wife Daw Shwe Thet's family and Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wife Daw Khin Maw Maw Shan, K 400,000 by U Toe Toe Lay Naing and U Zaw Tun of the eastern stairway construction work group, K 374,000 by U Aung Kyi (Energy), Daw Khin San (Bank) and family, K 106,600 by; U Aung Win of Kyauktan in memory of Daw Than Yee, K 374,000 by U Kyaw Than and Daw Toe Toe Aung under the auspices of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gan-dhasara, K 200,000 by medical practitioners of chronic diseases under the auspices of U Hla Myint, K 100,000 each by Director General of the Department of Civil Aviation U Tin Aye, Daw Tin Tin Aye and family and U Maung Htin, Daw Gon and family of 25th Street.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted the cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

Next, the Secretary-1, guests and donors paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Lakkhana of Thayettawtaik Sasanavamsa Monastery.

Merits gained were then shared.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the site which is believed to be the stand of King Dhammazedi's Bell excavated and discovered near the eastern stairway of the central terrace of the Shwedagon Pagoda.

After that, the Secretary-1 and party went to the platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda.

They inspected allround renovation of the pagoda, restoration of ancient buildings and the northern stairway of the- pagoda for renovation.

Then, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction of Swechanthamyaing Kayin Dhammayon being undertaken by Shwethanlwin Construction Company.

(2) Foundation laid for construction of Sibinthayayay Bank Ltd, Lapyiwun Plaza

YANGON, 31 Aug - A foundation-laying ceremony for the construction of Sibinthayayay Bank Ltd of Development Affairs Department and Lapyiwun Plaza was held at No 37, Alanpyaphaya Road, in Dagon Township this morning, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Present also were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein and Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant and officials.

The Secretary-1 and ministers took their designated places.

Member of the State Calendar Advisory Board U Kyaw read the inscription. Then, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt laid a silver casket including nine precious gems on the foundation.

At the auspicious time, the Secretary-1, ministers Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Col Pe Thein, Brig-Gen Myo Thant, member of Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, minister Lt-Gen Thein Win and Brig-Gen Lun Maung laid the cornerstones at designated places.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt planted a stone inscription.

The Secretary-1 and ministers sprinkled scented water on the bricks, the casket and stone inscription.

The ceremony concluded with the showering of confetti.

Lapyiwun Plaza is a nine-storey building with four elevators, four escalators, stand-by transformer and a generator, housing offices, shops, apartments, car park and gym. Each apartment is installed with telephone and satellite TV.

(3) Secretary-1 inspects University of Foreign Languages

YANGON, 31 Aug - Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected the University of Foreign Languages this morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Deputy Commander of the Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt arrived at the university at 10.30 am.

They were welcomed there by Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Deputy Minister Dr Than Nyunt, Director-General of the Higher Education Department U Myo Nyunt, Rector of the UFL Dr Soe Win and officials.

Dr Than Nyunt and the Rector briefed the Secretary-1 on arrangements to conduct diploma courses and three-month proficiency courses, increase in the number of the staff, measures taken for promoting efficiency, progress of work on construction of a library, a central teaching aids department and a four-storey building.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions to the officials.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction of the library, the central teaching aids department building and the four-storey building.

(4) Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation tours Shwebo Monywa Districts in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 31 Aug - Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected cultivation of monsoon paddy and dam projects in Sagaing Division on 29 and 30 August.

He arrived at Shwebo on 29 August and was welcomed there by Chairman of Sagaing Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe and departmental officials. The minister, the

commander and party attended a transplanting skill contest at Bonbwet Village in Shwebo Township.

In his address to the district and township authorities, regional people and farmers before the contest, Lt-Gen Myint Aung spoke of the importance of proper application of cultivation techniques for realization of the target to produce paddy in surplus.

He also stressed the role of Sagaing Division for boosting per-acre yield of paddy, beans, cotton and sugarcane, the main crops of the four-pillar agriculture system, and effective use of quality strains.

Chairman of Shwebo District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Oo Zun also spoke about cultivation of monsoon paddy in the district.

The minister and party later watched the paddy transplanting skill contest and presented awards.

After that, they inspected Paddy Garden Farm in the township.

In some areas in Shwebo and Monywa Districts ripe summer paddy is being harvested. A total of over 120,000 acres of summer paddy has been reaped so far.

Lt-Gen Myint Aung and party proceeded to Thaphanseik Dam Project in Kyunhla Township, where they heard reports on piling of earth on the east and west banks of Mu River, construction of spillways and irrigation of Kindat Dam located downstream.

Myanmar engineers are building Thaphanseik Dam which will be the longest in the country. On completion, it will be 4 1/2 miles long and have a storage capacity of 2.88 million acre-feet to irrigate 500,000 acres.

The minister presented cash awards totalling K 280,000 to the engineers and personnel.

Kindat Dam is irrigating

34,000 acres under its left main canal water-supplying system Changing of irrigation systems in the division this year will result with increase of acreage irrigated by Ye-U Canal and Shwebo Canal.

In Monywa. Lt-Gen Myint Aung met district and town-ship authorities divisional, district and township departmental officials.

He spoke about the agriculture policies and projects, and the four-pillar agriculture system.

Later, he was briefed on the division's production and implementation of projects regionwise.

Sagaing Division has cultivated monsoon paddy 81 per cent against the target 1.11 million acres, beans 71 percent against the target 380,000. acres sugar cane 125 per cent against the target 38,000 acres, edible Oil crops 88 per cent against the target 62,300 acres and Cotton on 40,000 acres.

On 30 August, the minister inspected Monywa Ginning and Baling Factory and later toured cotton farms near Zalok Village in the township. He toured Yama Dam Project in Pale Township and Shwetantit River Water Pumping Project in Pakokku Township.

(5) Myanmar delegation leaves for Colombia

YANGON, 31 Aug-A five-member Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Culture U Aung San left here this evening to attend the first meeting of NonAligned Ministers of Culture to be held in Medellin, Colombia.

They were seen off at the airport by Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, directors-general of departments under the ministry, officials and their families.

The delegation includes Deputy Director-General of Department of Cultural Institute U Kyaw Win, Deputy Director of Political Department U Paw Lwin Sein, Associate Professor of University of Culture U Ye Htut and PSO to the Minister U Thaug Win.

(6) Myanmar, Bangladesh draw 2-2 in goodwill soccer match

YANGON, 31 Aug Myanmar and Bangladesh teams drew 2-2 in a goodwill, warm-up soccer match at Youth Training Centre Stadium in Thuwunna this evening.

Prior to the match, President of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win greeted the players of two sides.

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and the Ambassador of Bangladesh were among the spectators.

(7) MHI's No 6 factory inspected

YANGON, 31 Aug-Minister for Industry-2 MajGen Kyaw Than, accompanied by acting Managing Director of Myanmar Heavy Industries U Khin Maung and office 6 factory of MHI in Thaton, Mon State, on 29 August.

The minister and party were welcomed by Commander of No 44 LID BrigGen Ohn Myint, Chairman of Thaton District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Kyaw Gyi and factory manager U Thein Ngwe.

In meeting with factory staff, the minister explained political economic and social development during nine years of the State Law and Order Restoration Council. He called for united efforts for continued progress.

The minister visited Shwesayan Pagoda, donated cash and signed in the visitors' book.

He then paid respects to Presiding Sayadaw of Pobbayon Kyaungtaik Bhaddanta Khemasra and presented offertories to the Sayadaw.

On 30 August, U Thein Ngwe reported on production, distribution, research and innovation and arrangements for welfare of service personnel.

The minister spoke of the need to exceed targets through remedial measures, taking responsibilities, working with innovation and welfare.

The minister inspected various kinds of tyres, materials for other ministries, recycled bicycle tyres, process of tyre production and warehouses.

He gave instructions on installation of tyre moulds, export and sale of the products and cleanliness in the factory compound.
