

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Thursday, 4 Sept, 1997)

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(1) First Myanmar Information Technology Exhibition opens

YANGON, 3 Sept - The First Myanmar Information Technology Exhibition, 97, co-sponsored by the Department of Computer of the Ministry of Defence and the Computer Journal, was opened at the Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here this afternoon. Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo attended the opening.

Also present were Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein and Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chairman of the Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the Department of Computer of the Ministry of Defence, the rector of the Institute of Computer Science and Technology, officials concerned and exhibitors.

Head of the Department of Computer of the Ministry of Defence Lt-Col Khin Maung Lwin and Editor U Myint Thu of the Computer Journal formally opened the exhibition.

Then, the Secretary-2, ministers and guests were taken on a tour of booths in which exhibits including computer parts, hardware and software, various kinds of computers, computer applications, mini-computers and main-frame computers were displayed.

Editor U Myint Thu briefed the guests on the exhibition in the Convention Centre.

He presented a Stylus 400 Colour Inkjet for the Tatmadaw to the Secretary-2 and another for the Ministry of Science and Technology to Rector Dr Kyaw Thein of ICST.

Altogether 34 companies have opened booths at the exhibition which will be open to the public from 4 to 7 September, from 10 am to 5 pm.

(2) Koortrade V-P calls on Deputy Premier

YANGON, 3 Sept- Vice-President (Commerce) Mr Carmel Dahan of Koortrade Ltd of Israel called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen Tin Tun at his office this afternoon.

(3) Minister for Forestry receives D-G of ICIMOD

YANGON, 3 Sept- Director-General Mr Egbert Pelinck of International Centre for integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe at International Business Centre this afternoon.

Also present were heads of departments under the ministry.
Mr Pelinck studied research farms of Yezin Forestry Research Centre.

This morning, he discussed mountain development projects of ICIMOD being implemented here under the Regional Collaborative Programme II (RCP II) with officials of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Forestry, National Commission for Environmental Affairs, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Energy, Institute of Forestry, Institute of Agriculture, Forestry Research Centre, Agriculture Research Centre and Forest Resources and Environmental Development Association (FREDA) at the Forest Department.

(4) Tatmadaw delegation arrives back from Indonesia

YANGON, 3 Sept- A high-ranking delegation of Myanma Tatmadaw headed by Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein arrived back from Indonesia this morning after taking part in Friendly Golf of ASEAN Defence Ministers at the invitation of Defence Minister of Indonesia General Edi Sudradjat. The delegation also visited the factory of Sampoerna in Java.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Security and Management Committee Lt-Gen Aye Thong, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order

Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Indonesian Ambassador Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono, Singapore Ambassador Brig-Gen Patrick Choi Choong Tow, officials and relatives.

Members of the delegation Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and Col Nay Win of the Ministry of Defence also arrived back.

(5) NPED Minister receives KOTCA D-G

YANGON, 3 Sept- Director-General Mr Lee Gouk-Kun of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel at his office this afternoon.

The director-general was accompanied by Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Kyung Bo Choi.

Also present were officials of the ministry.

(6) Communication facilities in Sagaing Division inspected

YANGON, 3 Sept-Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha inspected construction of microwave station in Kanbalu Township on 29 August.

Officials reported on construction of five digital microwave links, Mandalay Myitkyina, Mandalay-Haka, Meiktila-Tachilek, Lashio Muse and Dawei-Myeik, implementation of regional development including extension of auto exchange and cables in major cities, construction of the stations, arrival of equipment, arrangements for installation of microwave channels and test run.

The minister made arrangements for power supply in Kanbalu microwave station. He inspected construction of the tower and exchange.

The minister went to Chatthin where officials reported on construction of microwave station. The minister inspected completion of the building and met townselders and teachers.

The minister inspected construction of microwave station, post office and exchange in Kawlin and met EC members of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association and ward organizers.

The minister also inspected construction of microwave station, exchange and post and telegraph office.

He inspected construction of microwave station on Kyaukmetaung and Primary School in Bonchaung Village.

The minister inspected the site chosen for microwave station, exchange and post offices in Indaw and Katha townships.

In meeting with EC members of District and Township USDA, the minister spoke of function of the association. He also explained communication services in Sagaing Division and Kachin State for regional development to officials.

On 1 September, the minister inspected Katha post office, meteorology and hydrology observatory station, carrier station, telephone exchange, telegraph office and construction of Naba microwave station.

The minister made arrangements for installation of telephone in Mawlu.

(7) ASEAN, Europe can resolve differences on Myanmar

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Sept-The ASEAN and Europe can resolve their differences on Myanmar's participation in the Second Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) through "honest, open and frank negotiation", a high-ranking British official said here Tuesday

It has always been the case for the two regions to settle their differences through such means, British Parliamentary Secretary at the Cabinet Office Peter Kilfoyle told a news conference at the British High Commission here.

Kilfoyle made the statement while commenting on Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's statement last night that the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) may decide to boycott the ASEM if the European Union bars Myanmar from attending. He is here to get ideas about Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor.

"If there is discrimination against Myanmar, it is a discrimination against the ASEAN," Mahathir said in response to British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook's statement in Singapore Monday that Europe's recent decision to deny visas to senior Myanmar officials made their inclusion at the ASEM impossible. "You may find other countries in the ASEAN also deciding not to attend."

The ASEM meeting is scheduled to be held in London next year.

Kilfoyle hoped that like in any other differences of opinion, normal and good relations would prevail, particularly between Britain and Malaysia, and that any "difficulties" between the ASEAN and Europe on the issue of Myanmar "will be resolved".

"We have a very close affinity which is being enforced over the past couple of days and I hope that it will continue to be the case," he said.

Kilfoyle said he was not aware of Cook's statement on Myanmar on Monday, but added that it was "a reflection of the public opinion".-MNA/Xinhua

(8) Minister to attend ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting in Philippines

YANGON, 3 Sept-A delegation led by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win left here this morning to attend the third ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting (ATM) to be held from 5 to 6 September in Cebu, the Philippines.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Ambassador of the Philippines Mrs Sonia C Brady, Ambassador of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow, Ambassador of Indonesia Maj-Gen (Police) Poerwanto Leng gono, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai, directors-general and managing directors of organizations under the ministry of Transport, other officials and families.

(9) Minister for Energy receives Russian Ambassador, Daewoo, Sumitomo officials

YANGON, 3 Sept-Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Gleb A Ivashentsov called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein at his office at 3 pm today.

Similarly, General Manager Mr Y Sumitomo and Assistant Manager Mr T Shimahara of Sumitomo Bank Ltd of Japan called on the minister at 2 pm and Chairman of Daewoo Group Mr Weo-Choong Kim and party at 4 pm.

Also present was Director-General U Soe Myint of Energy Planning Department.

(10) Two KNUs exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 3 Sept-Realizing the State Law and Order Restoration Council Tatmadaw Government's genuine goodwill and endeavours, the remnants of the armed groups exchanged arms for peace after giving up their subversive acts.

Mya Aung (a) San Phyu Aung and L/cpl Pay Ga Lay of No 3 Brigade of KNU armed group, bringing in one American-made grenade, exchanged arms for peace through Thayetchaung Village Law and Order Restoration Council on 1 August.

They were given warm welcome and provisions by officials.

(11) Raw opium seized in PyinOoLwin

YANGON, 3 Sept-Members of Mandalay Division Police Force and Pyin OoLwin Police Station, acting on tip-off, stopped and searched a small jeep driven by Nyunt Kyaw (a) Zatika of Ward 2, PyinOoLwin on 18 August.

A total of 10 packets of raw opium weighing 16.0026 kilos was seized under the seat of Sai Maung Tun.

According to investigation, Sai Maung Tun hired the jeep from Nyunt Kyaw for K 5,000 to carry opium.

Action is being taken against Nyunt Kyaw, 33, son of U Aw Zeya of Nawngkhio Township and Sai Maung Tun, 24, son of U Aik Khe of Hsipaw Township according to law.

(12) Organizing display of Myanmar women's coiffure discussed

YANGON, 3 Sept-The committee for organizing display of Myanmar women's coiffure and taping teleplay of the Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs held a meeting at the Social Welfare Department on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon.

Advisers led by Vice-Chairperson Dr May May Yi and advisers led by Dr Khin Win Shwe of the Working Committee, consultants and Working Committee members were present.

First, Dr May May Yi explained the aims of holding the meeting. Chairperson of the committee reported on progress of work.

Advisers and consultants held discussions. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Dr May May Yi.
