

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Saturday, 27 Sept, 1997)

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(1) Asia Point Bowling Club opens at Thakayta Viewpoint Resort

YANGON, 26 Sept - An inauguration ceremony of Asia Point Bowling Club jointly built by Parks and Play Grounds Department of Yangon City Development Committee and Asia Point at Thakayta Viewpoint Resort was held there this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Chairman of YCDC Mayor U Ko Lay, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai, Deputy Ministers for Mines U Hlaing Win and U Myint Thein, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials, President of Myanmar Bowling Federation U Thein Zaw, Managing Director of Asia Point Bowling Club U Kyaw Kyaw and guests.

Mayor U Ko Lay, Minister Brig-Gen Sein Win and Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw formally opened it. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt formally unveiled the signboard.

Minister Brig-Gen Sein Win and Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw spoke.

Later, the Secretary- 1, ministers and guests went bowling.

Membership to the club can be sought individually or in group, and each member will be given proper training.

The club is open from 8 am to midnight every day.

(2) Secretary-1 receives Ambassador of Singapore

YANGON, 26 Sept Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore BrigGen Patrick Choy Choong Tow at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning.

Present also were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Director-General of Political Department U Khin Maung Win.

(3) Secretary-1 inspects preparations for Fifth Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competition

YANGON, 26 Sept - Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competition Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this afternoon inspected preparations for Fifth Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competition.

On arrival at National Theatre on Myomakyaung Street at 2.30 pm, Secretary1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt was welcomed by Patron members of the Leading Committee Minister at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, member of the Security and Management Committee Brig-Gen Thaug Myint, Chairman of Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Vice-Chairman Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, officials of the Office of State Law and Order Restoration Council, members of leading committee, work committee, sub-committee and officials.

The Secretary- I inspected arrangements for welcoming and opening, ceremonies of Fifth Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competition and dramatic arts and dance competitions.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and officials briefed the Secretary-1 on the competitions.

The Secretary- 1 gave necessary instructions.

The Secretary- 1 and party proceeded to National Museum on Pyay Road where he inspected arrangements being made for holding music and singing competitions are to be held and gave suggestions.

He also inspected preparations for music competition at Padonma Theatre in Sangyoung Township.

Secretary- 1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt then inspected arrangements for preparations to hold composing competition at Kanbawza Yeiktha of the Fine Arts Department on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this evening.

(4) Exim Bank of Thailand will grant \$ 21.06 million to Myanmar Sutech Co Ltd

YANGON, 26 Sept -Myanmar Sutech Co Ltd and Export Import Bank of Thailand signed an agreement on a 21.06-million-dollar loan at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation this morning.

Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise and Sutech Engineering Co Ltd & Associates of Thailand are jointly undertaking construction of 2,000-ton Nawade Sugar Mill near Mya Village, Papy Township, Bago Division, after forming Myanmar Sutech Co Ltd, a joint-venture company.

The Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation plans to build 10 sugar mills this year.

(5) Local authorities, teachers, parents, students urged to make collective efforts for education sector's progress

YANGON, 26 Sept - Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council inspected Mandalay Workers Hospital, Sagaing Teachers Training School, Sagaing Division Budd-hology Museum and Cultural Museum, factories and institutes in Sagaing and Mandalay yesterday.

Accompanied by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Sagaing Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Commander of No 33 LID Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor of Mandalay Col Sein Win Aung and departmental personnel, he arrived at the Workers Hospital at 8.15 am yesterday.

They were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Aye Kyi, doctors and staff.

At the Surgical Ward of the hospital, they cordially greeted Plastic Surgeon Professor Dr Willard E Fee of Stanford University of the United States and party.

The US surgeons are in Myanmar as guests of Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han. Together with surgeons of the Ministry of Health and the Directorate of Medical Services, they are operating on patients.

The Secretary-2 and party visited patients who are receiving ear, nose, head or neck surgery treatment and patients who will undergo such surgery.

The Secretary-2 and party met the US surgeons separately.

The US surgeons in cooperation with surgeons of the Ministry of Health and DMS have operated on 12 patients at Defence Services General Hospital, 16 at Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital (Yangon), seven at Defences Services Orthopedic Hospital, one at No 1 Base Military Hospital in PyinOoLwin and 18 at MWH.

They are operating on the remaining patients.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo and party then inspected Sagaing TTS of Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education, in Sagaing Township.

They briefed Division and Township Education Officers, Division/Township-level officials, local authorities, school heads of Sagaing Township, members of Division and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations, the principal and faculty members of the TTS and trainees on the nation's political, economic, social, education and industrial matters at the TTS.

Minister U Pan Aung briefed them on education policies, Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Than on setting up of an industrial nation and Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung on the nation's political and social developments.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo said they are touring the nation to know and help services problems the grassroots-levels are facing in developing the nation.

Teachers who are educating youths to become leaders of the future nation should understand the nation's objectives and policy, he stated, adding youths should be systematically educate and train from primary level to become patriotic intellectuals for the modern and developed nation.

Collective efforts should be made among local authorities, teachers, parents and students for success and effectiveness of the education sector, he said.

They then visited Sagaing Division Buddology Museum and Cultural Museum.

Later, they inspected Great Wall Sugar Mill in Mandalay Sanpya Industrial Myothit in Peigyitagun township.

The factory owner U Tin Maung briefed them on aims of the factory, production, construction stages of the factory, its history, type of machines, availability of raw materials, strength of workers, extension programmes.

Col Sein Win Aung joined in the discussions.

The Secretary-2 assured Government assistance to extend sugarcane production and to raise the living standard of workers.

At Car Body and Frame Factory, they inspected the Products. Factory owner U Kyaw Than conducted them around the factory.

They also inspected production divisions of Mandalay Cotton Fibre Mill.

Owner of the mill U Aik Yu briefed them on points of the mill.

Accompanied by Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Col Sein Win Aung and officials, the Secretary-2 visited Mandalay Institute of Computer Science and Technology in Patheingyi Township in the evening.

The Secretary-2 met students.

He explained the nation's education policy, urging them to obey their faculty members and to try hard at their lessons.

The also met Rector Dr Paik Tin and faculty members.

Ministers Maj-Gen Kyaw Than and U Thaug and Col Sein Win Aung explained plans to attend to the needs of the institute.

One-hundred-twenty seven students are attending the institute, which was opened on 18 September simultaneously with Yangon Institute of Computer Science and Technology.

At Mandalay Institute of Technology, they met Rector U Thein Dan and faculty members, assuring to provide assistance.

They inspected the new Upper Mandalay National Theatre which is located in Aungmyaythazan Township.

Later, they inspected Mandalay Branch of Myanma Industrial Development Bank.

Manager U Sai Tun Oo briefed them on its history, capital, strength of staff and welfare programmes.

Maj-Gen Kyaw Than also took part in the discussions.

The Secretary-2 looked into the requirements.

Minister U Pan Aung also met education staff at No 8 Basic Education High School.

(6) First diversion tunnel of Paunglaung Hydro-Electric Power Project completed

YANGON, 26 Sept Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein toured Paunglaung Hydro-Electric Power Project Pinyin Township today.

He was welcome there by Managing Director of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise U Zaw Win, project officials, Col Kyi Thein of Pinyin Station, General Manager Mr H Suzuki of Kajima Corporation of Japan and engineers from other ministries attending the on-job training course there, district and township authorities and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

Project Myanmar U Wan Kyi briefed him on completion of No 1 Diversion Tunnel, of No 2 Diversion Tunnel and other tasks.

Minister U Khin Maung Thein said the completed diversion tunnel was the first of its kind built with integrated technology in Myanmar and lauded the project officers, engineers and workers for their efforts.

Later, the minister and party inspected the completed diversion tunnel.

Construction of two diversion tunnels, each 33 feet wide, 46 feet high and 3,300 feet long, began in January last year.

The first tunnel was completed yesterday.

The project is being implemented to generate 911 million kwh per year from 280 mega-watt station.

(7) Myanmar NLD Chairman refused the meeting with Secretary of the military government

The following is an unofficial translation of a report which appeared in the 17-9-97 issue of the The Nihon Keizai Shimbun.-Ed

According to the Japanese Embassy in Yangon, Myanmar, a meeting between Chairman Aung Shwe of NLD, the largest opposition party and the Secretary One Khin Nyunt of the military government which was scheduled to be held on 16th, but the Chairman refused to participate because he can not attend the meeting without the Secretary General Aung San Suu Kyi.

Myanmar Democratization group refused meeting with military government

The Chairman Aung Shwe and leaders of NLD refused the meeting with the Secretary One of SLORC which was scheduled to be held on 16th, because the military government side excluded the Secretary General of NLD Aung San Suu Kyi whom SLORC is not recognizing as a leader of NLD.

On 15th, the military government informed to 3 leaders of NLD including the Chairman Aung Shwe that the meeting with the Secretary One Khin Nyunt will be held in the morning of 16th. The Chairman Aung Shwe agreed to attend it, but in the morning of 16th, he suddenly refused to participate the meeting.

In the afternoon of 16th, the military government announced a statement "The forward-looking reply from the NLD Chairman was overturned by the will of a certain person. NLD fell down to the political party which only fulfill the desire of a person" and criticized the Secretary General Suu Kyi.

(8) NLD refused meeting without Suu Kyi

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According to the information from Yangon, on 16th, NLD refused 2nd meeting which was proposed by the Secretary One of SLORC Khin Nyunt, because SLORC do not acknowledge the participation of Aung San Suu Kyi of NLD.
