

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Monday, 13 Oct, 1997)

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(1) Secretary-1 inspects renovation at Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 12 Oct -Patron of Leading Committee for Allround Renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this morning inspected renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda.

Accompanied by Chairman of Leading Committee for Allround Renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, heads of departments and officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt arrived at Eastern Stairway of the Pagoda at 10.45 am and was welcomed by committee members and members of the Board of Trustees.

The Secretary- 1 inspected arrangement for installation of double doors at the eastern stairway and final touches of the eastern stairway of the pagoda.

He proceeded to northern stairway of the Shwedagon Pagoda, where Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials briefed him on arrangement for renovation of the northern stairway.

The Secretary- 1 gave necessary instructions and inspected arrangement for renovation of the northern stairway.

Then, the Secretary- 1 inspected construction of Swechanthamyaing Dhammayon constructed by Shwethanlwin Construction Company and gave necessary suggestions.

(2) Thanmyanthu All Bus Lines Control Supervisory Committee provides cash to disabled Tatmadawmen

YANGON, 12 Oct Thanmyanthu All Bus Lines Control Supervisory Committee provided cash to disabled Tatmadawmen who are still in service at the City Hall this morning.

It was the 17th cash assistance for the disabled Tatmadawmen.

Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo delivered an address and presented account books.

The Secretary-2 said Thanmyanthu Construction Group provided K 13.8 million for 69 disabled Tatmadawmen, adding the cash was to be deposited in Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd and they can draw K 5,000 monthly.

He said the cash assistance was provided with the contribution of well-wishers, the government and the Tatmadaw and spoke of the need to appreciate the goodwill of the people.

Continuing, he said the Tatmadawmen have accomplished in industries, trade and agriculture as they have discharged duties conscientiously on the military front. He expressed his delight for providing cash from their profits.

The Secretary-2 spoke of undertaking suitable economic enterprises on a manageable scale with the money provided. By doing so, progress of Myanma economy will be made in the future, and they have an opportunity to participate in building-a modern developed nation, he added.

He also spoke of the need to establish funds through economic enterprises and investments with the formation of Thanmyanthu Foundation and to continue to provide cash assistance to the disabled through priority basis.

The Secretary-2 urged them to take part on economic front and to implement the four economic objectives.

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Maung Kyi then spoke.

Patron of Thanmyanthu All Bus Lines Control Supervisory Committee Director of Resettlement Col Thaik Tun reported on arrangements for cash assistance.

Next, the Secretary-2 and officials presented account books to 69 disabled Tatmadawmen and cash to 50 disabled.

Next, Thanmyanthu Economic Group presented cash to the principals of Mary Chapman's School for the Blind, Khawegyan-Insein School for the Blind and Kyimyindine School for the Blind.

Recipient of Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Title Daw Se and family presented K 119,000, shirts worth K 27,000 and longyi valued at K 35,700, Daw Kyi Kyi San of Family Inya K 50,000, U Soe Myint-Daw Tin Tin Yu of Myaing Maha Video Distribution and General Services Enterprise, Gallantry medallist Captain Kyaw Paing and daughter Daw Than Than Htay K 50,000 for the second time, U Sein Win-Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Myint Myint Yi of Shweyiwin-Shwekyai Co longyi worth K 47,600, U Kauk-Daw Phyu Phyu of Thiri Rice Brokerage (Bayintnaung) K 20,000, Zinyaw Aluminium Pot Industries K 10,000, U Kyaing-Daw Kyin Hmwe of Strand Road K 5,000 and Seik Taing Kya Restaurant K 50,000 to officials.

Deputy Adjutant-General Col Ye Tun explained promotion of 56 disabled Tatmadawmen.

(3) School for girls opens at Withakha Nunnery in Thingangyun

YANGON, 12 Oct - A nunnery school for girls was inaugurated at Withakha Nunnery in Sanpya Ward, Thingangyun Township, today.

The inauguration ceremony held at the Tazaung on the precincts of Yanmyoang Pagoda, was attended by Ovadacariya of the pagoda Secretary of Thingangyun Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Vimala and member Sayadaws, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Deputy Minister U Aung Khin, Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana U Sann Lwin, Director-General of Basic Education Department U Bo Win, Deputy Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint, district and township authorities, members of the Board of Trustees, nuns and devotees.

In his supplications, Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt spoke of the Government's lofty aim for opening monastic education schools to nurture youths to be cultured and educated.

He said that in keeping with the guidance of the Sayadaws, 1,550 monastic education schools have been opened up to 30 September 1997 and altogether 92,725 pupils are studying there.

He spoke of the need for the girls to possess good morals according to Buddhist culture, and stressed the need for the nunnery schools to nurture girls to be cultured and become good daughters of the nation.

Later, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimala administered the Five Precepts.

Minister Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt and Deputy Minister U Aung Khin presented offertories to the Sayadaws.

Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt also accepted cash donations for the pagoda and the nunnery school for girls.

(4) Establishment of small and medium factories for welfare of disabled discussed in China

YANGON, 12 Oct-Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint left here on 3 October at the invitation of Minister of Public Affairs of the People's Republic of China and arrived in Beijing via Hong Kong at 6.05 pm local time.

On 4 October, the delegation, accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador U Set and Military Attache Col Myint Thein, visited the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City. They were conducted around by officials of Ministry of Public Affairs. The minister and party went to Myanmar Embassy and met the staff there.

On 5 October, the delegation, accompanied by Deputy Director-General Mr Xu Wei of Ministry of Public Affairs, observed care for the aged and medical services at Beijing Senile Illness Hospital.

The delegation met Deputy Minister of Public Affairs Mr Fan Bao Jun and discussed social services and establishment of small and medium factories for welfare of the disabled and those who suffered social disorders.

Deputy Minister Mr Fan Bao Jun hosted dinner in honour of the delegation at Beijing Rost Duck Hotel.

On 6 October, the delegation flew to Shanghai and visited the Oriental Pearl Tower.

The Myanmar delegation, on arrival at Shanghai Hu Zhong Cosmetics Factory in Qing Pu Township, was welcomed by Vice-Mayor Mr Xu Hamming, district Chairman Mr Li Jun, Deputy Director of Public Affairs Bureau Mr Yi Weichang, Director of Shanghai Township Public Affairs Bureau Mr Hu Bao Yuan and, Director of the Factory Mrs Wang Ying.

Officials reported on salient points of the township and the factory. They discussed establishment of cosmetics factories and visited the factory and Office of District Chairman.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited Yu Yuan Park in Nan Saw, a southern township of Shanghai.

On 8 October, the delegation visited Jade Buddha Temple, welcomed by Venerable Jue Xing.

Vice-Mayor of Shanghai Mr Feng Guo Qin hosted lunch.

(5) Indonesia military delegation arrives

YANGON, 12 Oct - A 28-member Indonesia military delegation led by Brig-Gen Sukirno of Joint Staff College of Indonesia arrived here by air this afternoon.

The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Commander of Command and General Staff College Brig-Gen Soe Tint, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and senior Tatmadaw officers of the Ministry of Defence, Defence and Military Attache of Indonesian Embassy Col Hary Bambang Poernomo and officials.

Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Saw Lwin hosted dinner in honour of Brig-Gen Sukirno and party at Karaweik Hotel in the evening.

(6) Minister for Health tours Nyaungadon Danubyu

YANGON, 12 Oct-CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Health U Saw Tun and officials of Health Department visited Hsarmalauk Rural Health Care Unit in Nyaungdon Township this morning.

The minister inspected renovation of the unit and gave instructions on prevention and education measures for diarrhoea, dysentery and danger of snakes in cooperation with USDA, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Red Cross Brigade members.

The minister went to Danubyu and inspected repair of roads and drains. He also inspected Township Fire Brigade Office.

The minister accepted K 550,000 donated by Township Hospital staff for ambulance and operation theatre, K 550,000 by people of 18 Ward in Danubyu and K 300,000 by villagers.

He also visited patients at the hospital.

The minister met members of Myanmar Police Force, USDA members, Red Cross and Fire Brigade members at Basic Education High School No 1 in Danubyu and BEHS No 1 in Nyaungdon.

The minister went to Nyaungdon Hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

(7) Chief of Armed Forces Training receives Joint Staff College of Indonesia delegation

YANGON, 12 Oct Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Saw Lwin received Indonesian military delegation led by Brig-Gen Sukirno of Joint Staff College of Indonesia at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 4 pm today.

Present also were Commander of Command and General Staff College Brig-Gen Soe Tint, Officiating Captain Naval Staff Cmdr Kyi Min, Colonel General Staff (Air) Lt-Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Director of Military Training Lt-Col Than Myint, General Staff Officer (Grade I) Lt-Col Win Kyi and Tatmadaw Officers (Army, Navy, Air).

The guests were accompanied by Defence and Military Attache of Indonesian Embassy Col Hary Bambang Poernomo.
