

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Tuesday, 14 Oct, 1997)

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- (1) Agriculture sector meeting focuses on exceeding per acre paddy yield, producing one billion baskets**

YANGON, 13 Oct-The second four-monthly work coordination meeting for agriculture sector in 1997-98 was held at the Myanma Farms Enterprise at 9th Mile, Pyay Road, here this morning with an address by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung.

It was attended by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, the chairmen of State/Division Agricultural Supervisory Committees and farm managers.

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- (2) Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium on 21 October**

YANGON, 13 Oct-Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min, accompanied by Deputy Ministers U Hlaing Win and U Myint Thein, previewed the Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium scheduled to commence on 21 October in the Myanma Gems Emporium Hall on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon.

Patron of the Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Min, member of the Panel of Patrons Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin and Central Committee members inspected gem lots, jewellery pieces and jade carvings on display on the ground floor of the Emporium Hall to be sold at fixed prices, imperial, commercial and utility jade lots on display in the building complex and gem lots, jade lots and pearl lots on display on the third floor of the Emporium Hall. Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo briefed them on the displays.

At 2.30 pm, the Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee held its second meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Min said Myanmar is practising market economy and permission is granted for gem mining and production. He said there should be supervision and controls on the business, adding work is to be done according to law. He spoke of the need to realize the objective calling for a lasting and strong gem market in the country. He then called for preparations to put on sale the best quality gems at the forthcoming 35th Myanmar Gems Emporium in March 1998.

The meeting then heard reports on the acceptance of invitations to the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium from gem merchants and the work done by jade, gems and pearl management and security sub-committees. The Minister for Mines and Central Committee members discussed the reports.

Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Min delivered concluding remarks.

(3) 22nd, 23rd Training Courses on Planning (Grade I) open

YANGON, 13 Oct-The 22nd and 23rd Training Courses on Planning (Grade I) of the Planning Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, opened at the Office of the Prime Minister, on Theinbyu Road this morning.

Minister for NPED BrigGen Abel spoke on the occasion. He said planning is essential for every nation since national objectives have to be formulated systematically. Economic development can be achieved through plans, he said, adding neighbouring countries are doing the same. The minister said a 30-month economic stabilization plan had been adopted and economic plans drafted every year since Myanmar started off with market economy in 1988. As a result, he said, Myanmar economy got better and it has stabilized to some extent.

Then, a four-year short-term economic plan was implemented. The annual growth rate then stood at 7.5 per cent exceeding the targeted 5.1 per cent, he said. The economy then secured a favourable ground. At present, he said, the five-year plan from 1996-97 to 2000-2001 is being implemented.

Concerning the course, the Minister said duration of about three weeks will not be sufficient. Division and District officers will have to fulfil their needs, he added. The Minister called on the trainees to discharge their duties with morale, goodwill and discipline. Director-General of the Planning Department U Sang Khup explained the objectives of the course.

Also present were the directors-general of the departments under the Ministry of NPED, guests, the Rector and instructors of the Institute of Economics. The 22nd course is being attended by 125 deputy department heads of the Planning Department and the Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department. It will be held from 14 to 29 October 1997.

(4) Ministry of CPI holds coord meeting

YANGON, 13 Oct -The Ministry. of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs held a coordination meeting at the Telecommunication and Postal Training Centre on Lower Pazundaung Road this morning.

The meeting focused on progress of work implemented up to August 1997 within 1997-98 fiscal year and undertaking of the remaining work.

Present were Minister for CPT U Soe Tha, managing directors, directors-general, officials and state/ division managers of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Meteorology and Hydrology Department and Posts and Telecommunications Department.

U Soe Tha addressed the meeting.

The first day session ended in the evening.

(5) Minister for Energy receives Chairman of CMCC

YANGON, 13 Oct Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein received Chairman of The China Machinery Complete Equipment Engineering Corporation (CMCC) Ms Yao Suying and party at his office this morning.

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

(6) Wives of Military Attaches attend Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 13 Oct - Dr Khin Win Shwe, wife of the Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the Fifth Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, together with wives of senior military officers, wives of military attaches and the chairperson and members of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, attended women's amateur level saing troupe contest of the Fifth Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions this afternoon at National Theatre.

(7) Indonesian military delegation visits National Defence College, Defence Services Museum

YANGON, 13 Oct-Indonesian military delegation led by Brig-Gen Sukirno of Joint Staff College of Indonesia, accompanied by Commander of Command and General Staff College Brig-Gen Soe Tint and officials, visited National Defence college, Defence Services Museum and Shwedagon Pagoda today.

Brig-Gen Sukirno of Joint Staff College of Indonesia and party who arrived at National Defence College at 8 am, were welcomed by Commandant of National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung, Deputy Commandant and officials.

Brig-Gen Sukirno called on Maj-Gen San Aung and signed in the visitor's book.

In the Ahnawrahta Hall, Maj-Gen San Aung explained about the National Defence College with audio visual aid.

Then, officials of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs briefed the delegation on their activities.

In the afternoon, the delegation arrived at the Defence Services Museum. They were welcomed by Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Col Ye Htut, Deputy Director of DSMHRI Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyi and officials who conducted round on the delegation.

The delegation proceeded to the Shwedagon Pagoda at 2 pm and was welcomed by Head of Division U Thein Zaw and officials.

After paying obeisance to the Shwedagon Pagoda Brig-Gen Sukirno donated cash to a member of Board of Trustees for the pagoda fund.

(8) UNICEF Resident Representative calls on Minister for Health

YANGON, 13 Oct Resident Representative of UNICEF Dr Juan Aguilar and party called on Minister for Health U Saw Tun at his office this morning.

They discussed prevention of iodine deficiency diseases, environmental sanitation, birth data and other programmes to be undertaken. Present were officials of the ministry.

(9) National Convention Convening Commission meets

YANGON, 13 Oct -The National Convention Convening Commission held a meeting at its meeting hall this afternoon.

Present were Chairman, of NCCC Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairmen Lt-Gen Maung Thint and Brig-Gen Myo Thant and commission members.

Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt spoke.

Respective committees reported on matters relating to the National Convention.

The commission members took part in the discussions.

