

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Sunday, 26 Oct, 1997)**

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- (1) State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Austria**

YANGON, 26 Oct Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Thomas Klestil, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, on the occasion of the Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Austria which falls on 26 October 1997.

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- (2) Htidaw-hoisting ceremony of historic Shwephonepwint Pagoda held in Pazundaung**

YANGON, 25 Oct Htidaw (Sacred Umbrella) hoisting ceremony of historic Shwephonepwint Pagoda was held at the pagoda in Pazundaung Township this morning, attended by Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo and wife Daw Khin Than Nwe.

Present also were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay and wife, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife, departmental officials, well-wishers, members of the Board of Trustees and residents.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, wife Daw Khin Than Nwe and party received the Five Precepts from the Shwebontha Kyaung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vayama.

Then, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo and wife Daw Khin Than Nwe and party offered alms to the Sayadaws.

Agga Maha Ganthava caka Pandita. Bhaddanta Kesara delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

Then, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Mayor U Ko Lay and officials conveyed the Seinbudaw (Sacred Diamond Bud), Hngetmyetnadaw (Sacred Vane), various tiers of the Sacred Umbrella.

Then, Seinbudaw (Sacred Diamond Bud), Hngetmyetnadaw (Sacred Vane), various tiers of the Sacred Umbrella were hoisted atop and fixed on the pagoda.

After the ceremony, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, wife Daw Khin Than Nwe and entourage showered confetti.

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### **(3) Minister attends Centennial of Sikh Temple**

YANGON, 25 Oct - The Centennial of the Sikh Temple on Theinbyu Road was held there this evening, attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt.

Also present were Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Arnt Maung, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana U Sann Lwin, directors, embassy officials, and Chairman of All Myanmar Hindu Organization G S Sharma.

First, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Sawtas Singh spoke about the ceremony.

Minister Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt delivered an address. Afterwards, G S Sharma also spoke.

Board Chairman Sawtas Singh donated K 100,000 to the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt accepted the donation and thanked the donors.

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### **(4) Minister for L & F visits factories**

YANGON, 25 Oct - Acting Minister for Industry-I Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaug, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Industry-I U Than Nyunt and managing directors and officials from enterprises, arrived at Yangon Track Suit Production Co Ltd on Thanlyin Thilawa Road, Thanlyin Industrial Zone, Thanlyin Township, this morning.

They were briefed by Managing Director U San Kyi and Production Director U Mya Thein on the history of the factory, condition of investment, production and export and general management of the factory.

The minister elaborated on coordination and cooperation of the members of the Board of Directors, promoting the quality of products, competitive production and marketing in accord with the market oriented economic system and working for staff welfare.

The minister and party inspected the factory.

Next, the minister and party went to Thanlyin Garment Factory-5 at 9.30 am and Packaging Factory-2 at 10.00 am.

He assessed reports of factory managers, and attended to their requirements.

Afterwards, the minister and party inspected Thanlyin Garment Factory-4 and 5 and Packaging Factory-2.

The minister and party went to Footwear Factory-3 at 11.00 am and Thanlyin Glassware Factory at 11.30 am.

He assessed reports of factory managers, and fulfilled their needs.

Then, the minister and party inspected the footwear factory and the glassware factory.

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## **(5) Secretary-General meets USDA members in Myingyan District**

YANGON, 25 Oct - Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, accompanied by officials, arrived at Natogyi yesterday morning.

He inspected construction of Township USDA's office, and gave instructions to the secretary and executives of Township USDA. Member of Myanma Industrial Development Committee and in-charge of Myingyan Industrial Zone U Than Aung met members of Industrial Work Committee and industrialists from Myingyan Industrial Zone at the meeting hall of Agricultural Research Farm in Myingyan.

Chairman of Myingyan District Industrial Development Work Committee Lt-Col Kyi Aye explained reclamation of land for a new industrial town and resettlement for industrialists.

The minister attended to the requirements presented by work committee members and the entrepreneurs.

U Than Aug proceeded to the office of Myingyan District USDA. He met USDA secretaries and executives from Natogyi, Myingyan, Taungtha and Kyaukpadaung Townships.

He gave instructions on management and organization work, and inspected the new office building.

Then, the minister and officials inspected the site designated for the new industrial town, and gave instructions.

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#### **(6) Minister inspects construction work in Mandalay Division**

YANGON, 25 Oct Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and party arrived at Mandalay International Airport Runway Construction Project (TadaU) on 23 October morning.

The minister and party were briefed by Superintending Engineer U Boon Kyi on concrete laying work for the apron.

At the worksite office, U Boon Kyi reported on progress of concrete laying work for the runway, construction of six-lane road to be linked with the airport, building of bridges on that road and availability and use of funds, cement and engine oil.

The minister gave instructions. Next, the minister and Party went to Kyaukse.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Kyaukse District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Aung Kyi Shein and officials.

At the meeting hall of Kyaukse Township Development Committee, the minister was briefed by Senior Engineer of Division Construction-2 U Aung Ngwe and Chairman of District

Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Aung Kyi Shein on construction of four-lane road in Kyaukse. The minister gave instructions.

Afterwards, the minister and party inspected construction of the four-lane road in Kyaukse, and left for Mandalay and spent the night there.

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#### **(7) "Myanmar Beer" enters local market**

YANGON, 25 Oct Myanmar Beer, a new brand of Myanmar Brewery Ltd, has entered local market since 6 October.

To mark the launching of the new local brand, Myanmar Brewery Ltd, a joint venture with Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, organized a ceremony at Karaweik Hall yesterday evening.

Brewed at Tiger Brewery, which is also manufacturing Tiger Beer, ABC Stout and Anchor Beer, the new international standard beer has a colour slightly darker than Tiger.

Speaking at the ceremony, Chairman of Myanmar Economic Holding Ltd Maj-Gen Than Oo said .Myanmar Beer's motto is "For People Who Like the Best" and it is not an imported beer, but produced locally to the taste of consumers.General Manager Mr Huang Hong Peng also spoke.

Also present on the occasion were member of Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Tin Aye, Deputy Minister for Labor U Kyaw Aye Commandant of the National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung, Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Col Aung San and directors, and guests.

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### **(8) University of Distance Education holds 9th Convocation**

YANGON, 25 Oct-University of Distance Education held its 9th convocation at the Convocation Hall of Yangon University today.Present were the Rector of University of Distance Education, professors, faculty members, parents and graduates totalling over 2,400.

Rector U Mehm Than Thaug conferred BA on 1,480 graduates and BSc on 150 graduates and delivered a speech.The convocation continues tomorrow.

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### **(9) 249 jade lots fetch over \$ 1.7m**

YANGON, 25 Oct - Local and foreign gem merchants today bought 25 jade lots valued at \$ 385,190 by tender at the Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium today.

Gems, jewellery and jade figurines which are being sold at fixed prices fetch \$ 57,966.

The proceeds from the sales of 249 jade lots 23-25 October totalled over \$1.7 million.

Gem lots will be sold by tender tomorrow.

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### **(9) Prize-distribution ceremony for IQ contest**

YANGON, 25 Oct - A prize-distribution ceremony for the intelligence quotient contest of the pupils of No 1 Pre-primary School, Bahan Township, was held there this afternoon.

The contest was held from 9 to 11 September.

The ceremony was attended by Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Than Po, directors, staff officers,, guests, parents and executives of the Parent-Teacher Association.

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**(11) Raw opium seized in Kutkai, Muse**

YANGON, 25 Oct - A combined team of the officers of the regional battalion, Tatmadaw intelligence unit and Kutkai Township police seized 251 ticals of raw opium from three houses in Htanlot Village between Kutkai and Muse on 10 October.

They seized 16 ticals of raw opium from the house of U Lot Kyon, 62, son of U Pe Yon Shin, one tical of raw opium from the house of U Lot Gyaung, 62, son of U Wan Kyon Weint, and one tical of raw opium and three packets of raw opium from U Yi Kya Kyi, 28, son of U Yok Kyin.

The team comprising members of Muse anti-drug squad seized 7.8 kilos of raw opium from Wan Kway Shin, 68, son- of U Wan Law Phyi. at Mongyu check point on 15 October.

Legal action is being taken against them in accord with the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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