

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Wednesday, 29 Oct, 1997)

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(1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Republic of Turkey

YANGON, 29 Oct-On the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 1997, 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 Suleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey.

(2) Senior General Than Shwe receives Vice-Premier of the State Council of PRC, Party

YANGON, 28 Oct Chainnan of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Vice-Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wu Bangguo and delegation at Mingala Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw this morning. Also present were Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo and Members Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department.

The guests were accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Liang Dong.

(3) General Maung Aye receives Arco Asia, CNOOC presidents

YANGON, 28 Oct- Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye received President of Arco Asia Inc of the United States Mr R Truitt and President of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) Mr Wang Yan and party at Zeya Thiri Beikman, Konmyinthta, this afternoon.

Also present were Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and Director-General of Political Department U Khin Maung Win.

(4) PRC Vice-Premier calls on Secretary-1

YANGON, 28 Oct-Visiting Vice-Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wu Bangguo paid a courtesy call on Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 3 pm today.

Also present together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Director-General of the Political Department U Khin Maung Win and together with the PRC Vice-Premier and goodwill delegation was PRC Ambassador Mr Liang Dong.

(5) PRC Vice-Premier, delegation go sightseeing

YANGON, 28 Oct-Visiting Vice-Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wu Bangguo and delegation went sightseeing here today.

Accompanied by Director-General U Aung Htet of Protocol Department and officials and Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mr Liang Dong and officials, the vice-premier and delegation first visited the Shwedagon where they were welcomed by Director-General Thura U Arnt Maung of Religious Affairs Department and members of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The guests paid homage to Buddha images in Aryongan Tazaung, Eastern Archway, and offered light, flowers and incense.

Vice-Premier Wu Bangguo signed in the visitors' book and donated cash for the pagoda.

The guests then proceeded to the National Museum.

Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt and officials welcomed and conducted them around the museum.

Vice-Premier Wu Bangguo signed in the visitors' book and exchanged souvenirs with U Soe Nyunt.

The guests then visited Myanmar Gems Museum where they were welcomed by Deputy

Minister for Mines U Hlaing Win, Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and officials.

U Hlaing Win and officials took them on a tour of the museum.

The visiting vice-premier signed in the visitors' book and exchanged souvenirs with Deputy Minister U Hlaing Win and officials.

The guests also toured the Gems Mart and had souvenir photos taken in front of the 33-ton jade boulder, the world's biggest.

In the afternoon, the guests visited Yangon-Thanyin Bridge built by Myanmar and Chinese engineers to mark the goodwill relations between the two countries.

Managing Director Thura U Thaung Lwin of Myanmar Railways and officials welcomed them and explained construction of the bridge and regional development after opening of the bridge.

The guests had souvenir photos taken there.

(6) Technology Myanmar 97 Conference focuses on investment opportunities, multi-sectoral development

YANGON, 28 Oct-The Technology Myanmar 97 Conference commenced at the Hotel Equatorial on Alanpya Pagoda Road here this morning.

Present at the opening ceremony were Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration-Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, MIDC members, Work Committee members, Subcommittee members, Technology Myanmar 97 Organizing Committee members, the directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, personnel of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Manufacturers Association, internal and external industrialists and bankers, ambassadors and guests.

(7) Deputy Premier receives CNOOC President

YANGON, 28 Oct Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received President Mr Wang Yan of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) and party at his office this afternoon.

Also present were MIC Secretary Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun and officials.

(8) Myanmar introduces Universal Transverse Mercator Projection System

YANGON, 28 Oct - A meeting was held today to transform Myanmar's map projection system from Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection System to Universal Transverse Mercator Projection System.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe said maps which are being used in Myanmar at present were projected by Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection System in colonial era.

The minister, who is also the Chairman of Leading Committee to Transform Lambert Conical Orthomorphic Projection System to UTM Projection System, said the system is suitable only to countries with greater stretch' from east to west.

The system has many disadvantages in applying in Myanmar, which has larger expanse from south to north, he noted.

Every country has chosen map projection system which is suitable to its location, area and shape to produce the most accurate maps in accord with the facts it requires, he stated.

Myanmar's neighbours China has already adopted Guass Projection System, Thailand UTM Projection System and India Lambert Projection System respectively, he noted, saying Myanmar will transform its system to UTM Projection System.

(9) Minister receives nationalities leader of Special Region 5 in Shan State (north)

YANGON, 28 Oct-Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint received nationalities leader U Ma Htu Naw and party of Special Region 5 in Shan State (north) at his office this afternoon.

They discussed regional development.

Also present were Deputy Minister U Kyaw Tin, Director-General of the Border Areas and National Races Development Department Lt-Col Thein Han, Head of Office U Wan Tin and officials.

(10) Roundtable on Interaction between Myanmar and ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies begins

YANGON, 28 Oct-The Roundtable on Interaction between Myanmar and ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS) began at the International Business Centre here this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs Chairman of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies U Ohn Gyaw, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Than Nyunt, Ambassadors of ASEAN nations, Chairman of ASEAN-ISIS Mr Jusef Wanandi, officials of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Education, Office of the Strategic Studies, Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) (Research), universities, Universities Historical Research Department, National AFTA Unit, Union of Myanmar Chamber

of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies and Cambodia Institute of Strategic and International Studies.

(11) Minister for Commerce receives Vice-Governor of Bank of China

YANGON, 28 Oct- Mr Gao Dezhu, Vice-Governor of the Bank of China, and party called on Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi at his office this morning.

Mr Gao Dezhu and party are members of the .visiting- Chinese goodwill delegation led by Vice-Premier of the State Council of the people's Republic of China Mr Wu Bangguo.

Present on the occasion also were Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyi Aye, Vice-Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Adviser to the Ministry of Commerce U Hla Tin, Acting Director-General of Trade Department U Khin Maung Oo, Director-General Col Nay Win of Border Trade Department, Managing Director of Myanma Economic Bank U Kyaw Kyaw and officials.

(12) Fire engine, ambulance for Department of Civil Aviation

YANGON, 28 Oct - All Nippon Airways (ANA) of Japan presented a fire engine and an ambulance to the Department of Civil Aviation at Yangon International Airport this morning.

Present were Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi and officials of the embassy, Deputy Director-General of DCA U Maung Maung Zan, officials of All Nippon Airways (ANA) and guests. Managing Director of ANA Mr Nakagawa handed paper for the fire engine and the ambulance to U Maung Maung Zan.

(13) Over K 5.080 m for Shwedagon Pagoda funds

YANGON, 28 Oct-The 282nd cash donation ceremony toward the funds of the Shwedagon Pagoda was held at Pyadaikhaung Tazaung on the platform of the pagoda this afternoon.

A total of 145 wellwishers donated over K 5.080 million.

Members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and personnel of religious associations accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.
