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**(1) Secretary-1 receives DMJ Press Chief Editor**

YANGON, 29 Oct Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Chief Editor Ms Delphine Evmoon of DMJ Press of France at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 8 am today.

Director-General U Khin Maung Win of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was also present.

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**(2) Secretary-2 welcomes Acting Chief of General Staff, Department of Lao People's Army**

YANGON, 29 Oct Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo - greeted Brig-Gen Douangchai Phichith, Acting Chief of General Staff Department of the Lao People's Army, and delegation of Laos at Yangon International Airport at 6.30 pm today.

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chief of Defence Services Training Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, senior Tatmadaw officers, Ambassador of Laos Mr Ly Bounkham and Military Attache of Lao Embassy Col Dr Kenekeo Pholsena welcomed the delegation at the airport.

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**(3) PRC Vice-Premier, delegation conclude visit**

YANGON, 29 Oct-Vice-Premier of the State Council of-the People's Republic of China Mr Wu Bangguo together with a 30-member delegation left here by air at

9.30 am today on completion of a three-day official visit to the Union of Myanmar.

The Vice-Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China and delegation were seen off at Yanaon International Airport by Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command MajGen Khin Maung Than, officials of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Liang Dong and embassy staff.

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#### **(4) Myanmar and ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies exchange views**

YANGON, 29 Oct-The Roundtable on Interaction between Myanmar and ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEANISIS) sponsored by the Office of the Strategic Studies of the Ministry of Defence was held at the Tatmadaw Guest House at 20, Inya Road at 8.30 am today.

It was attended by Deputy Head of the Office of the Strategic Studies Deputy Director of the Defence Services Intelligence Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, Ambassadors of ASEAN member nations, Chairman of ASEAN-ISIS Mr Jusef Wanandi, personnel of the ministries concerned and non-governmental organizations, ISIS representatives of Myanmar, ASEAN and Cambodia. Head of Department Col Kyaw Thein of the Office of Strategic Studies was-emcee. Brig-Gen Kyaw Win delivered a speech of welcome.

Chairman of ASEANISIS Mr Jusef Wanandi then delivered an opening address.

Next, endeavours of the Armed Forces of the Union of Myanmar in the Reconstruction of a Modern and Developed Nation was explained with the aid of video documentaries.

Representatives of the respective organizations presented political and economic progress of Myanmar, work done for the development of border areas and national races, anti-drug measures, undertakings of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association. They answered questions asked by participants.

Mr Jusuf Wanandi and Brig-Gen Kyaw Win gave closing remarks.

The meeting will enable representatives of ASEAN nations and Cambodia to exchange views on cooperation.

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## **(5) Thai Foreign Minister arrives**

YANGON, 29 Oct- A Thai delegation led by Mr Prachuab Chaiyasarn, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, arrived here this morning by air on an official visit to the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw.

The Thai Foreign Minister was also accompanied by his wife Mrs Taptim Chaiyasarn.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Minister U Ohn Gyaw and wife, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Poksak Nilubol and wife, responsible officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Royal Thai Embassy.

In the afternoon, Minister U Ohn Gyaw received his Thai counterpart at his office.

Afterwards, Myanmar officials led by Minister U Ohn Gyaw and the Thai delegation led by Minister Mr Prachuab Chaiyasarn held official talks.

Both sides cordially discussed matters related to promotion of bilateral and regional cooperation and other matters of common interest.

U Ohn Gyaw and wife hosted dinner in honour of the Thai Foreign Minister and wife and delegation at Sedona Hotel. Mrs Taptim Chaiyasarn, wife of Thai Foreign Minister visited Myanmar Gems Museum and Gems Mart this morning and went shopping in Bogyoke Aung San Market in the afternoon.

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## **(5) Full tree and all species utilization vital for development of forest-based industries**

YANGON, 29 Oct - Efforts should be made to produce quality value-added goods by applying advanced techniques and full tree utilization and all species utilization methods, said Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe today.

The Government is encouraging local entrepreneurs and striving to win more foreign investment for development of forest-based industries, he also noted during his inspection at a value added wood factory in Insein Township.

The factory was established with cent per cent investment by Yangon Wood Industry Ltd in cooperation with Myanmar Timber Enterprise.

YWIL officials briefed the minister on production of door frames, parquet and furniture and exports to world markets including Europe.

Accompanied by officials, the minister inspected production of wooden sheets, plywood and marquetry at No 2 Plywood Factory of MTE.

The factory manager briefed him on production of marquetry and welfare programmes for employees.

The minister stressed the need to create quality marquetries in accord with traditional decorations and styles.

They then inspected a rattan furniture factory of Century Development Company in Thakayta Township, which is a joint venture between the company and General Merchandised Trading of the Ministry of Commerce.

Officials explained efforts to ensure availability of raw materials, boost production and penetrate international markets.

Lt-Gen Chit Swe said production of value-added goods from minor forest products such as rattan and bamboo helps promote forest-based industries, calling for efforts to encourage such enterprises while paying special attention to forest conservation.

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### **(7) Industrial Zone Development Co Ltd opens in Dagon Myothit (South)**

YANGON, 29 Oct-Dagon (South) Industrial Zone Development Co Ltd jointly set up by Myanmar Industrial Products Manufacturing Co Ltd of Myanmar Industrial Development Bank under Myanmar Industrial Development Committee and entrepreneurs of the Dagon (South) Industrial Zone was opened in the Industrial Zone in Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon East District, this morning. Chairman of MIDC Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung attended the opening ceremony.

Also present were Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Deputy Minister for A & I Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Commander of No 2 Military Region Col Hsan Hsint, Chairman of Yangon East District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Aye Lwin, officials of MIDC, directors of Dagon (South) Industrial Zone Development Co Ltd and guests.

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### **(8) Myanmar Shipyards transfers three steel-frame barges to Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation**

YANGON, 29 Oct Myanmar Shipyards transferred three steel-frame barges equipped with pumps to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation today.

Myanmar Shipyards built those barges to be used in pumped-water projects of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

The ceremony to hand the barges held at the Myanmar Shipyards this afternoon were attended by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Member of Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann

Wai, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, heads of departments and officials.

First, ministers and officials inspected the barges and the 420 HP pumps of Marubeni Corporation installed on the barges.

Then, Managing Director U Percy Maung Maung of Myanmar Shipyards handed documents related to the barges to Director-General Lt-Col Win Shwe of Water Resources Utilization Department.

Myanmar Shipyards built the barges with the aim to promote industrial power and productivity of agriculture sector of the country.

Myanmar Shipyards have built five steel barges including the present three. Each is equipped with two to four pumps, each worth US \$ 110,000. Of them, two were sent to Yesagyo Pumped-water Project in Magway Division in September and the present three were to be sent to Tatywa Pumped-water Project in Sagaing Division and Shwetantit Pumped-water Project in Pakokku in the evening.

Afterwards, ministers and officials inspected arrangement to manufacture double roller gin for cotton mill at the shipyards. In the past, double roller gin was imported and now it can be manufactured locally.

That double roller gin can mill 900 to 1,200 viss of cotton a day.

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#### **(9) National Convention Convening Commission meets**

YANGON, 29 Oct - National Convention Convening Commission held meeting at the Commission Office today attended by Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairmen Lt-Gen Maung Thint and Brig-Gen Myo Thant and Commission members.

National Convention Convening Work Committee and National Convention Convening Management Committee presents matters pertaining to the National Convention.

Commission members gave suggestions.

It' ended with concluding remarks by the chairman.

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#### **(10) MINA presents special hospital beds**

YANGON, 29 Oct- Myanmar Industries of Nature Association (MINA) of Awaji Office, 6-63 Shizuki Tsuna Hyogo, Osaka, Japan, presented special hospital beds through Miba Myitta Social Association of the Ministry of Rail Transportation .

Osaka-based MINA, an NGO, presented a total of 22 beds - two for Myanmar Karuna Foundation, eight for the Ministry of Health, six for the Adjutant-General's Office, one for the Ministry of Religious Affairs, one for Wachet Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Sagaing Division, one for ChaungU People's Hospital, one for Pyu People's Hospital and two for hospital of Myanmar Railways.

The hospital bed donation ceremony held at the association this morning was attended by Patron for Life of MKF Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi, Leading Patron of MMSA Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Minister for Health U Saw Tun, Vice-Adjutant-General BrigGen Than Tun, Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han, officials and guests.

First, Minister U Win Sein explained purpose of the donation.

He then handed the beds to officials concerned.

Each bed is worth over US \$ 10,000.

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