

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Thursday, 6 Nov 1997)**

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**(1) Special Refresher Course No 29 for Basic Education Teachers concluded**

YANGON, 5 Nov-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt addressed the closing of the- Special Refresher Course No 29 for Basic Education Teachers at the Central Institute of Civil Service in Hlegu Township this afternoon.

Also present were Minister members, and deputy ministers, senior military officers, Director-General of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Officers and other officials, heads of department, Rector of CICS U Tin Tun and trainees.

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**(2) Equipment, medicine and painting donated**

YANGON, 5 Nov - A ceremony to present two laboratory equipment and medicine for Defence Services General Hospital and a painting for Defence Services Museum was held at the museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road this afternoon, attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin 00.

Present also were Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han, senior military officers and donors.

U Nay Min, on behalf of Daw Aye Mar Myo Thein of Lion Myanmar International Co Ltd, presented equipment worth US \$ 12,000, U Sein WinThiri Thudhamma Theingi title recipient ,Daw Myint Myint Yi and daughter Dr Thin Nwe Win of Shwe Yi Win Co medicine worth K 206,000 and Managing Director U Moe Kyaw Thaung of Thilawa International Ltd a painting of Maha Bandoola by artist U Ngwe Gaing in 1962 to the Secretary-2.

Lt-Gen Win Myint and Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han thanked the donors.

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### **(3) Construction of Mandalay International Airport runway inspected**

YANGON, 5 Nov-Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, accompanied by Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation U Tin Aye, arrived in Mandalay by air this morning.

The minister was welcomed by Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and officials.

The minister and party went to the site of Mandalay International Airport Construction Project in Tada-U where they were welcomed by Project Director U Win Naing and Superintending Engineer U Boon Kyi.

U Boon Kyi, U Win Naing, Director-General U Tin Aye and Airside Consultant Mr Henry Beumer reported on construction of the runway.

Senior Resident Engineer Mr Doug Turpin and officials reported on construction of the airport terminal and No 1 Tactical Operations Commander Col Zaw Win on supply of granite.

The minister spoke of completion of the airport earlier than scheduled period and for special care in paving second layer of the runway to meet international standards.

He then inspected the construction site.

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### **(4) Deputy Premier receives Wakayama Kyodo Kenzai officials**

YANGON, 5 NOV-President Executive Director Mr Hiroo Kondo of Wakayama Kyodo Kenzai Co Ltd of Japan and party called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin at his office this afternoon.

Also present were MIC Secretary Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials.

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### **(5) Forestry delegation leaves for PRC**

YANGON, 5 NOV- A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Forestry U Aung Phone left here for the People's Republic of China this morning to attend the Signing and Launching Ceremony of the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan in Beijing from 6 to 8 November.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe, officials of Chinese Embassy and heads of departments under the ministry.

The deputy minister is accompanied by Deputy Director U Sann Lwin (2) of Forest Department.

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## **(6) Parallel efforts required in forest conservation and eradicating illegal logging**

YANGON, 5 NOV - Control and Inspection Branch has already been formed under Forest Department to eradicate illegal logging and trafficking of wood-based products, said Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe today at the Forest Department.

The minister told officials of the department that efforts are being made to prevent depletion of forests while plans are under way to supervise to ensure systematic production and trading of forest products, assuring to render assistance for the effectiveness of the branch's operations.

Parallel efforts are required in conducting forest management and business and eradicating trafficking of forest products, he pointed out, stressing the need to cooperate with regional authorities for the success of this task.

Teak plantations are being set up under special project to maintain the nation's teak market abroad, he noted.

Proper ratio of the profits from forest-based goods production sector should be used in reforestation, he said.

Director-General Dr Kyaw Tint of the department and officials briefed him on seized illegal wood-based products in the entire nation, future plans to eradicate illegal production of forest products, regions, period and techniques to set up teak Plantations under the special project, requirements and employees' welfare programmes.

Accompanied by officials, the minister observed manufacturing of teak finger joints and flooring for export to Japan at No 5 Furniture Factory of Myanma Timber Enterprise.

At Shwepyitha Forest-based Industrial Zone, they visited a factory of Yinma Myatnoe Company Limited which is producing sawn timber.

Officials of the factory explained its operation capacity, raw material requirement, seasoning and preservation process and plans to manufacture parquet, door frames and door-folds.

Lt-Gen Chit Swe urged them to strive to manufacture value-added goods based on other forest products such as rattan.

The company presented K 100,000 toward funds for the ministry's greening projects.

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### **(7) Malaysian delegation arrives on goodwill visit**

YANGON, 5 Nov-A goodwill delegation led by Minister of Defence of Malaysia Dato Syed Hamid Bin Syed Jaafar Albar arrived here this evening on a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of Minister for Defence.

The goodwill delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Principal of National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base BrigGen Ba Htay Chit and military officers, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Ambassador of Malaysia Dato Abdul Wahab Bin Harun and Military Attache Col Mauzuki Rusli Bin Ahmad.

On behalf of the Minister for Defence, Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win received Minister of Defence of Malaysia Dato Syed Hamid Bin Syed Jaafar Albar and party at Zeya Thiri Beikman in Konmyinthta this evening.

Present were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, AdjutantGeneral Lt-Gen Win Myint, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Tin Hla, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Principal of National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Ambassador of Malaysia Dato Abdul Wahab Bin Harun and Military Attache Col Mauzuki Rusli Bin Ahmad.

Minister Lt-Gen Min Thein hosted dinner in honour of the delegation at Zeya Thiri Beikman in Konmyinthta and the guests were entertained to the variety of dances of the Ministry of Culture.

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### **(8) Observance of Sarsodaw Day discussed**

YANGON, 5 Nov-The Organizing Work Committee for holding Sarsodaw Day 1359 ME and ceremony to pay respects to aged literati held a meeting at Sarpay Beikman building this afternoon.

It was attended by Committee Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), CEC members and the Chairman and the Secretary of Work Committee.

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## **(9) National-Level Workshop on Food and Drug Control begins**

YANGON, 5 Nov - National-Level Workshop on Food and Drug Control was held at Food and Drug Control Department this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Food and Drug Administration Minister for Health U Saw Tun.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance to the Ministry of Health for health and longevity of the entire national races of Myanmar, he said, adding effective dissemination of health education down to the grassroots levels is vital for the success of this guidance.

Control, care and treatment measures could be taken more easily if all know the value of health education, he pointed out, saying efforts are being made for the entire people to possess health knowledge in line with this guidance.

Due to progress in people's health knowledge and their participation in disease control projects, outbreak rate of diseases such as diarrhoea, typhoid and dengue fever are dropping significantly and the number of patients warded at hospitals is also falling remarkably, he said.

He spoke of the need to eat food which is beneficial to health, elaborating on Myanmar Food and Drug Administration's efforts to ban food and drugs which are hazardous to health and to supervise producers to systematically produce food and drugs for health and longevity of the entire national people.

Effective action will be taken against food and drug producers breaking MFDA rules, he said.

Members of MFDA, members of Central Food and Drug Control Committee, members of State/Division Food and Drug Control Committees, officials and guests were present.

The first day session of the workshop concluded in the evening.

It continues till 7 November.

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