

## **THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Friday, 5 Dec 1997)**

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### **(1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Thailand**

YANGON, 5 Dec-On the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 1997, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand and to His Excellency Mr Chuan Leekpai, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand.

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### **(2) Myanma Industrial Development Committee meets**

YANGON, 4 Dec Myanma Industrial Development Committee held its coordination meeting at the Ministry of Industry-2 this afternoon, with an address by Patron of the MIDC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

It was also attended by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Officer on Special Duty at the Office of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Than Tint and officials.

In his address, Lt-Gen Tin Oo said that Myanmar Industrial Development Committee was reconstituted with the Minister for Science and Technology as Chairman in the time of the State Peace and Development Council.

He noted that for Myanmar's industrial development, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe endorsed five objectives- development of agro-based industries, qualitative and quantitative improvement of industrial products, production of n; industrial items, manufacture of industrial equipment, and acquisition of good opportunities required for industrialization of the nation.

He spoke of the need for MIDC to accelerate tasks, reorganize the Work Committee and subcommittees and implement tasks for industrial zone projects.

As Myanmar is an agrarian country, harmonious efforts must be made for enhancement of both the agriculture and industry sectors, he said, noting development of the industry sector plays a key role for modernization of the nation.

The Secretary-2 emphasized that most ministers are assigned duties of MIDC to make considerable progress in the industry sector and called for expeditious efforts in implementation of respective tasks.

Minister U Thaung also spoke and Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe explained the programmes for formation of the Work Committee and subcommittees.

A general round of discussions followed and the meeting ended with the Secretary-2's remarks.

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### **(3) Deputy Premier receives MD of Nippon Oil Exploration Limited**

YANGON, 4 Dec- Deputy Prime Minister Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Managing Director Mr Toshitsugu Konishi and party of Nippon Oil Exploration Limited of Japan at his office at 3 pm today.

Present also were Minister at the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials.

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### **(4) English proficiency course of Ministry of Commerce**

YANGON, 4 Dec- English Proficiency Course (Advanced Level) No 1 of the Ministry of Commerce commenced at the ministry this morning with an address by Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers Commodore Myo Tint and Col Kyaw Shwe, advisers to the ministry, directors-general and managing directors, departmental officials, course instructors and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Than stressed the importance of English in international relations and trade, saying it is necessary to be skilful in English as 80 percent of world news are written in English. These courses are being opened with the aim at increasing the number of youths who are proficient in English at the time efforts are being made to be able to keep up with other nations in international trade in accord with the market-oriented economic system being practised by the Government, he said.

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#### **(5) Minister inspects Pinlon Gems Market**

YANGON, 4 Dec- Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspected Pinlon Gems Market in Dagon Myothit (North) yesterday afternoon.

He was accompanied by Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo, Director U Hla Aung, deputy directors, Adviser U Ohn Myint and officials.

U Khin Oo briefed the -minister on condition of the market.

The minister called for efforts of shopkeepers to be alive with a teeming crowd in the market, adding that it is also required to advertise for the market to be able to draw the attention of the public, he said.

He heard reports on the market and attended to the needs.

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#### **(6) Tatmadaw track and field meet**

YANGON, 4 Dec - Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's championship trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) track and field meet took place at Aung San Stadium today.

Secretary-3 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief delivered an address.

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Captain Naval Staff Capt Kyi Min, Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Col Ye Htut, No 4 Military Commander Col Myo Myint, Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Col San Lin, Deputy Adjutant-General Col Ye Tun and officers of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) were present. Twenty-two teams took part in the competitions.

Yangon Command won the championship prize in men's events and North West Command in women's events.

Lt-Gen Win Myint presented the trophies.

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#### **(7) Minister for NPED receives Ambassador of Norway**

YANGON, 4 Dec-Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel received Ambassador of Norway Mr Knut Solem at his office at 3 pm today.

Present were Deputy Minister for NEPD Brig Gen Zaw Tun and officials.

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#### **(8) Minister for Construction tours Ayeyawady Division**

YANGON, 4 Dec - Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected projects in Ayeyawady Division yesterday and today.

Accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Thura Shwe Mann and officials of Public Works, he inspected Myaungmya Labutta Road yesterday. At Bayintnaung Hall in Labutta, he was welcomed by regional authorities.

Ayeyawady Division Superintending Engineer U Tin Htut and Senior Engineer U Myint Thein briefed him on Myaungmya-Labutta Road and Pinlelay-Labutta Section.

The minister later inspected the streets in Labutta, met members of Union Solidarity and Development Association at Labutta Township USDA Office and presented bonus to workers of Labutta (Pinlailay) River Bridge Project.

This morning, he inspected paving of Kyaunggon -Einme Myaungmya-Labutta Road at Kyaunggon Section and left instructions on preventing loss and wastage and durability of the road .

At Bo Myat Tun Bridge (Nyaungdon) Project. he inspected construction of piers. Superintending Engineer U Pe Than (Project) briefed him on construction of plers.

He also inspected Maubin Bridge Project before returning to Yangon.

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## **(9) World AIDS Day talks**

YANGON, 4 Dec Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held talks to mark the World AIDS Day at the Health Planning Department this morning.

CEC member of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Daw Yin Yin (Writer Saw Mon Nyin) and Joint Secretary 3 of MWJA Dr Tin Tun Oo spoke.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general, Honorary Patrons and CEC members of MMCWA, UN agencies and others were present.

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## **(10) Chinese Writers Delegation visits Shwedagon**

YANGON, 4 Dec-Member of Chinese Writers Delegation led by Honorary Member Mr Yang Yiyan of Writers Association of PRC currently here under the cultural exchange programme between the two Councils, accompanied by Deputy Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikmam U Soe Myint and Editor U Khin Maung Lay of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, visited the Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

They were welcomed by Head of Division U Thein Zaw and officials.

They then donated cash toward the pagoda funds.

They proceeded to People's Square and People's Park and they were welcomed by officials of Parks, Playgrounds and Gardens Department of Yangon City Development Committee.

In the afternoon, the Chinese Writers Delegation visited Sarpay Beikmam on Merchant Street where officials briefed them on functions.

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## **(11) Use of hydraulic pre-stressing jack demonstrated**

YANGON, 4 Dec - Application of the hydraulic pre-stressing jack was demonstrated at Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Parami) Project site this morning.

It was sponsored by Public Works and Pyigyisan International Co Ltd. Managing Director of Public Works U Tint Swe and U Shwe Tun Maung of Pyigyisan International Ltd spoke on the occasion.

Next, Managing Director Mr Colin Paterson of TMS Co of England and officials explained the application of the jack.

Designed with the latest technology, the hydraulic pre-stressing jack can be used to build durable beams of river bridges and largespan buildings.

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## **(12) Donations for Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tourney**

YANGON, 4 Dec - Donations amounting to over K 10 million were presented for organizing the 1997 State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Trophy Golf Tournament this morning at Yangon City Hall.

Chairman of Funds and Prizes Subcommittee Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay and officials accepted the cash presented by ministries, State/Division Peace and Development Councils, YCDC departments, entrepreneurs, contractors and 47 donors.

Vice-Chairman of YCDC Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, members of the subcommittee and other officials were also present. Joint Secretary of the subcommittee Police Col Khin Maung Tun thanked the donors.

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## **(13) Yangon Division Working Committee for Women's Affairs (Economic Group) holds seminar on economic development**

YANGON, 4 Dec Yangon Division Working Committee for Women's Affairs (Economic Group) held a seminar on economic development at M-3 Food Centre on U Wisara Road yesterday.

Vice-Chairperson of Myanmar National Working Committee Women's Affairs Dr May May Yi, leader of economic group Daw Sein Sein and committee members, Daw Mar Lar, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, Chairman of Yangon Division Working Committee for Women's Affairs Commissioner U Kan Myint, Daw Khin Myint Myint and committee members, chairmen of district and township Working Committees for Women's Affairs and guests.

Daw Sein Sein and U Kan Myint spoke on the Occasion.

Then, Daw Se of Ngwe Se Company, Daw San San Yi of Super 1 Company and Daw Khin Swe Myint of Nawarat Trading Co gave lectures.

Cash donation ceremony was held there.

Wellwishers donated cash to Daw Mar Lar and Officials for Yangon Division Working Committee for Women's Affairs (Economic Group).

Today's donations were - K. 100,000 donated by Ngwe Se Company, K 100,000 Ngwe Se San San Yi, K 100,000 by U Aung Naing -Daw San San Yi, K 100,000 by U Myat Min and group, K 100,000 by U Shwe-Daw Khin San-Yi, K 100,000 by U Thein Tun, K 100,000 by U Aik Tun and Daw Than Than Win, K 100,000 by U Myo Myint-Dr Cho Cho Win, K 50,000 by U Kyaw Khaing-Daw Khin Khin Aye, K 30,000 by Daw

Khin Nwe Yi, K 20,000 by Daw Ohn Kyi and Daw Khin Ohn, K 10,000 by U Tin  
Maung-Daw Thaya Thant and K 10,000 by U Tin Maung-Daw Ma Ma Gyi.

After the ceremony, Daw Khin Myint Myint thanked the donors.

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