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YANGON, 7 Dec-Chairman of Privatization Commission and Chairman of Housing Project Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt addressed the meeting jointly held by Privatization Commission and Housing Project Committee at Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development (Head Office) this morning.

Present were members of Privatization Commission and Housing Project Committee, officials of the office of the State Peace and Development Council and departmental officials.

Secretary of the Housing Project Committee Director-General of DHSHD U Arnt Kyaw emceed the meeting.

The Secretary-1 said the State Peace and Development Council is building Yangon to help acquire the characteristics of a city for raising social life of the people and development of the country, adding construction projects, together with industrial zones and housing

projects that contribute toward economic development of the country are being implemented with added momentum.

He spoke of establishment of satellite towns, implementation of housing projects for industrial zones and industries, advanced single unit houses, modern housing projects for foreign businessmen, low-cost single unit houses for the public, hut-to-highrise scheme and solving of difficulties in connection with construction materials.

He said the State Peace and Development Council has formed a new government

with new outlook and there will be no delay in construction projects, with ongoing projects continuing while new projects will be curtailed for the time being.

Difficulties can be solved swiftly and national objectives can also be implemented after the systematic formation of the Housing Projects-Committee, he said, adding while the private sector is allowed to run the mill, it would still remain State property. Products needed by State projects would have to be sold at factory prices, that more returns would have to be made than currently and that the entrepreneurs would have to retain all the workers, he said.

He spoke making cooperative efforts for implementation of the objectives and solving of difficulties of construction entrepreneurs. The meeting is being held for the lease of Steel Mill for production of construction materials, he added.

The Secretary-1- told construction entrepreneurs to state their requirements. Those present discussed import of construction materials, loans disbursed at reasonable interest rate from the State and lease of State run Steel Mill.

The Secretary- 1 said business related to construction groups should be formed under Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association and stressed the need to implement low-cost housing project for the public and service personnel as well as single unit modern housing.

He said highrise business buildings will be allowed in areas designated as quiet residential places only after scrutiny by authorities concerned for discriminate construction can spoil peace and tranquillity of the area. He also cautioned that teak should be used sparingly, and even so in veneers or other forms, employing seasoned teak-substitutes in order to save the traditionally precious teak.

In his concluding remarks, the Secretary- 1 said every nation needs construction activities according to its size but there should be no over-building that exceeded the requirements.

He spoke of taking lessons of construction entrepreneurs who suffered losses in some countries due to lack of systematic project appraisals. He called for completion of the projects on schedule, boosting production for export and making efforts for the State in the long-term interest.

The Secretary-1 called for participation of the entrepreneurs in the government's bid to prevent the spread of monetary crisis in South-East Asia region reaching Myanmar and urged them to cooperate with the government for peace and development of the people.

(2) Secretary-1 inspects development work of Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township

YANGON, 7 Dec - Secretary- I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this morning attended the meeting on establishment of Dagon Industrial Zone and housing project for the development of Dagon Seikkan at management office of industrial zone in Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township and gave necessary instructions.

Accompanied by officials of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council, the Secretary-1 arrived at management office of the industrial zone in Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township at 8.30 am.

They were welcomed by Commander of No 2 Military Region Col San Sint, Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aye Lwin, Director-General of Human Settlement and Housing Development Department U Arnt Kyaw, departmental officials and construction entrepreneurs.

U Arnt Kyaw briefed the Secretary-1 on aims and results of construction for Dagon Industrial Zone and housing project being undertaken and future programmes with the aid of map.

Officials concerned took part in the discussion.

Then, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt gave necessary instructions.

The Secretary- 1 proceeded to office of the Yuzana Garden City Project being implemented by Yuzana Construction Group in Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township and he was welcomed by families and staff of Yuzana Construction Group.

At the office, Chairman of Yuzana Construction Group U Htay Myint briefed the Secretary- 1 on progress of work.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions.

Then, U Htay Myint presented one bronze Buddha image and the altar to be placed in new monastery in Dagon Myothit-Seikkan Township to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and 300 sets of fluorescent lamp to be used in the Ayeyawun, Shweli and Bago Roads in the township to Chief Engineer of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise U Yan Naing.

Then, the Secretary- 1 inspected construction equipment to be used in Yuzana Garden City Housing Project.

He also inspected construction works in development project area in the township and along the bank of Bago River by car.

Dagon Myothit-Seikkan Township development project includes modern industries, urban housing project, single unit, low-cost housing project,

pagoda, monestary, hospital, school, motion picture, music and theatrical centres, sports ground and market.

This project is being jointly undertaken by Human Settlement and Housing Development Department, Olympic, Yuzana International General Services Company, Jarbu, Yamawady, Delta, Asia World, Toasta and JV 5 construction groups.

(3) Edible oil industrial zone to be established at Thilawa Port extension area in Kyauktan

YANGON, 7 Dec Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe arrived at Nanthida Jetty this afternoon where he was welcomed by Deputy Minister for Transport Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, departmental officials and Chairman of Myanmar Edible Oil Industrial Zone Development Co Ltd Dr Myo Thant Tin and members of the Board of Directors.

He proceeded to the proposed site for edible oil industrial zone at Thilawa Port extension area in Kyauktan Township.

He heard reports on the preparations for establishment of Myanmar Edible Oil Industrial Zone on 300 acres in Kyauktan Township.

The minister inspected the site designated for construction of a wharf near the edible oil industrial zone development area, the site for the zone and Thilawa Port extension area.

Myanmar Edible Oil Industrial Zone Development Co Ltd, the joint venture of Myanmar Industrial Manufacturing Co Ltd and Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association, has proposed to build a wharf at the 18th plot of Thilawa Port extension area and establish an edible oil industrial zone on the 300 acres of Phalam Kwin in Kyauktan Township.

(4) Myanmar Computer and Electronics Fair '97 concludes

YANGON, 7 Dec - A closing ceremony of Myanmar Computer and Electronics Fair '97 was held at Traders Hotel this evening.

It was attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Rector of Institute of Computer Science and Technology Dr Kyaw Thein, officials of local and foreign companies and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Abel and Patron of the Committee for Organizing Myanmar Computer and Electronics Fair '97 Retired Rector of ICST Dr Tin Maung spoke.

The ceremony ended with a vote of thanks by Secretary of the Committee U Aung Kyu Hein.

(5) Donation ceremony for renovation of Shwedagon northern stairway on 11 Dec

YANGON, 7 Dec - The second cash donation ceremony for renovation and construction of the northern stairway of the Shwedagon Pagoda will be held at Museum Tazaung at 2 pm on 11 December, instead of 8 am on 10 December.

The departments concerned today announced that a foundation-laying ceremony for construction of the plinth of the northern stairway of the Shwedagon will be held at 7.20 am on 10 December.

(6) Families of Attorney General's Office offer dry rations

YANGON, 7 Dec-Families of Attorney-General's Office and Law Offices presented dry rations to Maha Razikayon Sarthintaik in Sangyoung Township this morning.

Taik-ok Sayadaw U Dhammapiya administered the Five Precepts. Deputy Attorney-General U Khin Maung Aye and wife and staff presented dry rations worth K 90,000 to the members of the Sangha.

The Sayadaw then delivered a sermon.

(7) Saraswati Puja held

YANGON, 7 Dec Saraswati Puja sponsored by All Myanmar Hindu Central Board was held at Gandhi Hall at the corner of Bo Aung Kyaw and Merchant Streets this evening.

Present were Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Arnt Maung, the deputy director-general and officials, the Ambassador of Nepal, chairman of All Myanmar Hindu Central Board and members.

Those present paid respects to Saraswati. Chairman of Organizing Committee U Ba Ni and Director-General U Arnt Maung spoke.

Hindu traditional dances were presented to the audience in the musical evening programme.

(8) Minister for Transport inspects Mandalay International Airport Project

YANGON, 7 Dec - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected Mandalay International Airport Project yesterday.

He flew to Mandalay yesterday morning and was welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and officials.

Together with the commander and officials, he proceeded to Mandalay International Airport Project in TadaU Township.

At the project hall, Superintending Engineer U Boon Kyi briefed them on construction of the runway and the apron.

Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation U Tin Aye and officials of Italian Thai Co and MMM Co also briefed them on implementation, of project tasks, and other foreign companies on construction of runway and apron.

The minister and the commander gave suggestions on completion of the project as scheduled.

After inspecting construction of the airport terminal and runway, the minister gave instructions on future tasks.

Minister Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe met departmental officials and personnel of the ministry at Yadanabon Dockyard of Inland Water Transport on Strand Road in Aungmyaythazan Township and later inspected the dockyard.

Afterwards, he inspected the dockyard workshop of the Transport Administration Department in Chananayethazan Township, Inland Water Transport (Ayeyawady Branch) in Seinban Ward, Maha Aungmyay Township, and expansion of the runway at Mandalay Airport.

(9) Eight repaved streets put back into service in Kyaukmyaunggyi Ward

YANGON, 7 Dec - An opening ceremony of the streets repaved on self-reliance in Kyaukmyaunggyi Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon East District, was held there today, attended by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of YCDC Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Joint Secretary Col Myint Aung, district and township authorities, YCDC officials, members of Red Cross, Auxiliary Fire Brigades and Union Solidarity and Development Associations, teachers, pupils and ward residents.

The streets opened today are Thida Streets, 16 feet wide and 1,444 feet long, repaved at a cost of nearly K2 million, Aung Mingala Street, 16 feet wide and 2,135 feet long, repaved at a cost of over K3.5 million, Dagon Thiri Street, 16 feet wide and 1,129 feet long, repaved at a cost of over K 1.5 million, Kyauk yaydwin Street, 16 feet wide and 875 feet long, repaved at a cost of over K .4 million, Thukha Street, 16 feet wide and 1,382 feet long, repaved at a cost of over K 1.5 million, Natsin Street, 14 feet wide and 485 feet

long, repaved at a cost of over K 600,000, Aungbalay Street, 12 feet wide and 294 feet long, repaved at a cost of over K 290,000, and Aungban Street, 12 feet wide and 322 feet long, repaved at a cost of over K 300,000.

(10) Minister visits fish and prawn breeding station in Hmawby

YANGON, 7 Dec - Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Pyi Sone together with Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement Brig-Gen Maung Kyi and officials, inspected fish and prawn breeding station at Hlapada Village in Hmawby Township today.

They heard reports on functions of the station which is built on 140 acres leased by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Deputy Minister U Aung Thein briefed the minister on the support provided by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to the private sector for successful fish and prawn breeding.

(10) Over 350 kilos of raw opium seized at Kalaw

YANGON, 7 Dec - A total of 351.34 kilos of raw opium was seized by a combined team of Tatmadaw intelligence unit and Taunggyi anti-drug squad at Kalaw on 3 December.

The team stopped the car No Tha/7869 travelling from Taunggyi to Mandalay at about 11 pm but the driver tried to run away.

When the team followed him, he stopped the car and asked for permission to go on offering them a bag containing K 750,325.

Nevertheless, the team searched the car and seized 351.34 kilos of raw opium from Kyi Aung, son of U Yi Shin, of Kyainglon Village, Kunhing Township, Sai Pan Aung, son of U Law Hla, of the same village, and Sai Tun Naung, son of U San Mya, of Mongpun Village, Loilem Township.

Action is taken against the culprits in accord with the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

(11) Heroin seized at Mongyu

YANGON, 7 Dec - Personnel of Tatmadaw intelligence unit and anti-drug squad seized 0.28 kilo of heroin at Mongyu 105th Mile Station checkpoint on 23 November.

They stopped and searched a car coming from Kyukok (Pangsai) and seized the heroin from Maung Pa Kat, 24, son of U Da Baha Du, of Myitkyina.

Action is being taken against him.
