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YYANGON, 10 Dec-At the invitation of His Excellency the Prime Minister Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia, His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will attend the Second ASEAN Informal Summit Meeting, 30th ASIAN Anniversary Commemorative Summit, Informal Summit Meeting of ASIAN Heads of State/ Government and Heads of State/Government of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea scheduled to be held in Kuala Lumpur from 14 December 1997.

- (2) The State Peace and Development Council Law No 2/97-3**

The State Peace and Development Council
The Law Amending the Development Committees Law
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The 10th Waxing Day of Nadaw 1359 ME
(9 December, 1997)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:

1. This Law shall be called the Law Amending the Development committees Law.
- 2 Sub-section (b), sub-section (c), sub-section (d), sub-section (e) and sub-section (f) of section 2 of the Development Committees Law shall be substituted by the following sub-sections:

(b) Ministry means the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs;

(c) Minister means the Minister for the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs;

(d) Department means the Department of Development Affairs;

(e) Director General means the Director General of the Department of Development Affairs;

(f) Head of State/Division means the Head of the service personnel of the State/Division Development Committee.

3. Section 37 of the Development Committees Law shall be substituted as follows:

37. The Township Administrative Officer of the Township General Administration Department may, in accordance with the directive of the Ministry of Home Affairs grant permission for the slaughter of cattle in any area for religious and other purposes other than for public consumption. 4. Section 39 of the Development Committees Law shall be substituted as follows:

39. The Ministry may issue necessary stipulations in respect of animal slaughter and sale of meat.

Sd Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman
The State Peace and Development Council

(3) Kanbawzathadi Palace will be resplendent, matching King Bayintnaung's honour

YANGON, 9 Dec-Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this morning visited the construction site at King Bayintnaung's Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago, accepted cash donated towards rebuilding of the Seinthalyaung Reclining Buddha Image Tazaung and inspected Hanthawady International Airport Construction Project.

He was accompanied by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Information Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Than Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and development Affairs U Kyaw U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Electric Power Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein, departmental heads and historians. The Secretary-1 and party left here this morning and arrived at the construction site of the King

Bayintnaung's Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago at 8 am. They were welcomed by member of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Tin Aye and departmental officials.

At the meeting hall of construction site later, Secretary of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Htein Win read the agenda of the meeting. Senior Engineer U Kyi Tun of Bago Division Construction 14 explained progress of the building of King Bayintnaung's Kan bawzathadi Palace, Director General of Archaeology Department U Nyunt Han briefed on excavation of the palace site and future tasks; and Director of the Division Development Affairs Department Lt-Col Nyo Win Myint reported on construction of the Palace Park. The Ministers and historians also presented supplementary reports.

The Secretary-1 then said King Bayintnaung' s Kanbawzathadi Palace is being reconstructed preserving its original designs so that the visitors will realize the fact that high standard of culture and civilization of Myanmar people did exist many years ago. In other words, he said, it is an undertaking to contribute towards uplift of national prestige and integrity.

A cultural museum displaying cultural objects of Hanthawady Period, a lake and a park are to be constructed along with the Kanbawzathadi Palace, he said, adding that he believed those who have collected cultural heritage of Hanthawady Period will donate the articles they have kept since the time of ancestors to the State when the museum comes into being. The cultural objects will then be on display gracefully, he said.

He pointed out King Bayintnaung was a leading emperor in Meander history and it would be necessary to build the complete and majestic Kanbawzathadi Palace matching his honour without contradicting historical evidence and he called on all the responsible personnel to collect evidence on the history of Hanthawady fully and to make concerted efforts to build the cultural museum on the Hanthawady Period along with a lake and a park.

The Secretary-1 and party next visited the completed Bee Throne Hall and the right wing and left wing of the Lion Throne Hall under construction. Selnthalyaung They proceeded to the Seinthalayaung (Maha Bulddha Rupa) Reclining Buddha Image in Bago where they were welcomed by the Board of Trustees, members of the USDA, students and wellwishers.

They later heard a report on the history of the Reclining Buddha Image by Assistant Director U Kyi Pe of Division Religious Affairs Department.

The Secretary-1 then said that it is a tradition in Myanmar where Theravada Buddhism flourishes to keep Buddha images in proper accommodations like tzaungs.

Hence, he said, arrangements are being made to build a new tazaung for the Seinthalyaung (Maha Buddha Rupa) Reclining Buddha Image, an ancient image.

Since wellwishers have come forward to donate cash for building of the tazaung, he said, the State will build it after seeking Ovada from the Nayaka Sayadaws. The Secretary-1 then accepted the cash donations. Today's cash donations were: US \$ 5,000 by U Sein Than-Daw Sein Kyi and family, K 500,000 by U Khway Daw Yein and family of Thanbyuzayat, K 300,000 by U Tin Aung-Daw Kyi and family of Bago, K 160,000 by Moe Myint Hein Construction family led by U Kyi Thaung, K 10,000 by Bago Division Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Manager U Hla-Daw Mya T4an and family, K 100,000 each by Daw Chit Tin and family of Bagp, U Kyi Win-Daw Yi Lay Cho and family of Yangon, U Kbin Win-Daw Myint Aye and family of Yangon, U Sein Hla-Dr Nyo Nyo Win and family of Yangon, U Than Nyunt-Dr Kbin Oo of Yangon and U Aung Kha-Daw Thein Win; and K 656,000 by 11 wellwishers. Today's donations were US \$ 5,000 and K 1,726,000. The Secretary-1 and party toured the precincts of the Reclining Buddha image- At the ceremony to donate cash at the National Museum Yangon on 5 September 1997 towards the funds of the Seinthalyaung Reclining Buddha Image, wellwishers donated US \$ 10,000 and K 1,530,000. Altogether the donations towards the funds so far amounted to US \$ 15,000 and K 3,256,000. Seinthahyaung is an ancient Buddha image known as Maba Buddha Rupa Image in Kalayanithein Stone Inscriptions and as Shinpin Paungle Image in Kyaik daeyon Kyaung Treatise. The image is estimated to be over 600 years old as it was built around 663 ME and 673 Mk by King of Bagan Saw Hnit Min and Governor of Bago Migadipa the II. In the afternoon, the Secretary-1 and party paid respects to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visudha of Dhamma Linkara Kyaung in Bago. They asked after the Sayadaw's health and presented offertories. They then inspected Hanthawady International Airport Project. Minister Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe briefed them on salient points of the project and Project Engineer U Saw David on progress in building the runway. Officials of the respective ministries also took part in the discussions.

The Secretary 1 looked into their requirements. He also inspected the scale model of the project.

(4) Minister inspects branches of Labour Department

YANGON, 9 Dec- Minister for Labour Vice-Admiral Tin Aye inspected branches, training school and head office under the Labour Department today. The minister first inspected Yankin Township Labour Department and its functions this morning and heard reports- by the township officer. He then proceeded to On-job Training School for workers in Kanbe in the township where he was welcomed by Principal U Khin Maung Lay and officials.

U Khin Maung Lay briefed the minister on facts about the school and its functions.

After inspecting the school, the minister gave instructions to the personnel to give priority to conducting training courses which assist private sector.

At noon, he arrived at the head office of the Labour Department and gave instructions after hearing reports on the departmental work by the deputy director general and directors.

The minister stressed the need to instil sense of responsibility in building a new moderns and developed nation and realizing the objectives of the department, meeting of Labour Department.

(5) Minister visits-Institute of Medicine 2

YANGON, 9 Dec-Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein, accompanied by Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, inspected the Institute of Medicine 2 this morning. They were welcomed there by Acting Director General of Medical Science Department Dr Myo Myint, Rector of IM 2 Dr Tha Hla Shwe, the Medical Superintendent of North Okkalapa Hospital, Professor Myint Maung Maung, professors and officials.

Dr Tha Hla Shwe briefed the minister on the history of the institute, under- and postgraduate medical courses, strength of staff and their departmental work, extension of the institute and programmes for staff welfare and Deputy Director (Architecture) U Win Zaw of Public Works on construction of the new lecture hall for the institute.

Meeting IM 2 staff, the minister explained functions of the State Peace and Development Council and objectives of the Ministry of Health and means to realize them and spoke of producing new generation health experts for the nation and teaching medicine applying advanced methods.

He also called on them to be dutiful in discharging duties. The minister then toured the units of the institute and attended to the needs after hearing reports on hostels of the institute by officials.

The minister then arrived at Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory where he was welcomed by Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Col Than Zin, Managing Director of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries Col Myint Oo and officials.

He discussed with officials production of medicines and arrangement for production of hepatitis B Vaccine. Afterwards, the minister inspected the factory and the site and building designated for producing the vaccine.

(6) Myanmar delegation leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 9 Dec-A three-member Myanmar delegation comprising Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and

Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung led by Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of MIC Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin left here to attend the meeting of Heads of Investment Organizations from ASEAN member nations to be held in Bangkok. The delegation was seen off at the airport by Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen Tin Tun, Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha and officials.

(7) Central Committee for Organizing "Myanma Trade Fair 98" meets

YANGON, 9 Dec - Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than addressed the meeting held by the Central Committee for Organizing Myanma Trade Fair 98n at the ministry this afternoon.

In his address, he said the Ministry of Commerce sponsors Myanma trade fairs every year, and added the Central Committee for Organizing "Myanma Trade Fair 98", led by deputy ministers, was reformed with a view to successfully holding the fair. He called for participation of private entrepreneurs and foreign companies, and stated 30 companies from the People's Republic of China will participate in the fair. He called on members of the central committee to make concerted efforts to be able to hold the trade fair successfully on an international scale. Members of the work committee reported on progress of work. The minister gave instructions.

Also present were Deputy Ministers for Commerce Brig-Gen Myo Tint and Col Kyaw Shwe, advisers, directors-general and managing directors.-

(8) MHI urged to boost sales

YANGON, 9 Dec - Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen H1a Myint Swe inspected warehouses and Sales Division of Myanma Heavy Industries in North Okkalapa Township this morning.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister U Thein Tun and officials, he heard a report on the warehouses presented by officials.

The minister stressed the need to speedily distribute car tyres, pumps and power-tillers, to assess monthly sales, to lay down plans for boosting sales and to open showrooms.

He inspected dry cell workshop and warehouses on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

(9) Singapore takes measures against illegal arrivals

YANGON, 9 Dec-In response to the steady growth in the number of illegal arrivals, the Singapore authorities are reported to be taking necessary precautionary measures.

They said illegal arrivals from Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are a large number and that they have to find ways to prevent them since it is difficult to keep the situation under control.

As an initial measure which will come into effect beginning 29 December 1997, the Singapore Embassy in Yangon will issue visas to those with Myanmar passport wishing to enter Singapore only when they can produce a bank statement worth 3,000 Singapore dollars as show money. The measure is directed only at holders of ordinary passports and holders of official and diplomatic passports are not affected.

(10) More transformers added in Yangon to ensure uninterrupted power supply

YANGON, 9 Dec-Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut looked into the requirements in boosting power supply for Yadanamon and Thukhamyaing housing estates in Hline Township today.

Accompanied by officials of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprises, he, supervised installation of meters at the estates.He attended to the needs in extension of a new transformer in Ward 13, and in distribution of meters at Myainghaywyn Housing Estate in Mayangon Township.

In Thingangyun Town ship, he inspected a power Supply and power supply to Pale Paper Mill.More powers will be supplied to cottage industries, he assured, warning them against over use of power and cheating electricity fees m collaboration with dishonest service personnel.

The minister made arrangements for installation of two new 300-kva transfonmers in the township, one at the corner of Thanthuma Road and Sanpya 4th Street and another at the corner of Yangonthit 12th Street.

At his meeting with local authorities and the public, he discussed installation and maintenance of new transfonmers .

He also urged local people to systematically use power to prevent power failures and destruction of equipment during his inspection of a S00-kva which is being installed in Ward 3 in the township.
