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YANGON, 12 Dec On the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Kenya, which falls on 12 December 1997, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Daniel Arap Moi, President of the Republic of Kenya.

(2) **Secretary-1 receives nationalities leaders of Special Region 2 in Shan State**

YANGON, 11 Dec - Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary- 1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received nationalities leaders U Pau Yu Chan, U Aung Myint and U Sam Malu of Special Region 2 in Shan State (North) at Tatmadaw Guest House at 3 pm today. Also present together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Electric Power. Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Forestry U Aung Phone, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Director-General of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein and senior Tatmadaw officers.

They discussed development of transport, generating hydro-electric power, agriculture, education, eradication of narcotic drug and other sectors in the region.

(3) **Minister for Health receives officials of Japan Committee Vaccines for the World's Children**

YANGON, 11 Dec - Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein received Mrs Kayoko Hosakawa and party of Japan Committee Vaccines for the World's Children, accompanied by Resident Representative of UNICEF, at his office this morning.

They discussed rendering of assistance for polio control programme.

Present also were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and officials of the ministry.

(4) All service personnel must work with firm conviction, goodwill for promotion of race, their region and country Must be exemplary in observing laws and principles, avoid corruption, work without ego

YANGON, 11 Dec- Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo met the commissioners of states and divisions, deputy commissioners of districts and township officers of General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs at the ministry this afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were member of the State Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Minister for Immigration and Population U Saw Tun, Minister for Information Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung and Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Officer on Special Duty at the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Than Tint, and heads of departments of the Ministry of Home Affairs and other ministries.

Highlights

National unity is now reconsolidated as mutual understanding and trust among national races could be constructed stage by stage and that these political, economic and social improvements can be attributed to harmonious cooperation of officials at the central level and those at the grassroots, and right and practical policy.

The GAD's major task is to smoothly and effectively run the administrative machinery of the State, and maintain law and order and peace and tranquillity.

In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the GAD officers retained their positions and obligations as members and chairmen of the Councils at different levels, he said, speaking of their need to discharge community welfare duties extensively and effectively.

It is essential for departmental officials and members of the Councils to properly understand the crucial role of the Councils, and GAD officers who are occupied with the administrative duties should properly comprehend the importance of their obligations and apply the government's policy always judiciously.

Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that projects must be implemented successfully with goodwill for one's race, region and country, that a region will not prosper under the poor leadership, that progress cannot be made if tasks are carried out with just the spirit of service personnel, that red-tapism must be removed from the community of service personnel.

If some people work perfunctorily or with intent to subvert the working community and to delay the functions, they must be removed instantly, that all

service personnel have to work efficiently and diligently with goodwill, and that care must be taken not to cause any loss to the nation.

(5) K 29.3 million for renovation of northern stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 11 Dec Yuzana family today donated K 10 million toward the funds for offering meal to members of the Sangha of State Pariyatti Sasana Tekkatho.

The cash was presented at the second donation ceremony for construction of northern stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda, which was held under the patronage of the State Peace and Development Council for flourishing and perpetuating the race and the Sasana.

Patron of Leading Committee for Allround Renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt accepted donations amounting to over K 29.3 million and US \$ 30,000

The ceremony at ancient Buddha Images Tazaung of the pagoda was also attended by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein, Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Transport Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Leading Committee members, Chairman of Sub-committee for, renovation of northern stairway of the Shwedagon Pagoda Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Saw Hla Min and sub-committee members, members of the Board of Trustees and guests.

First, Col Saw Hla Min explained salient points about the donation.

Today's donations: K 10.8 million donated by Dr Sai San Tun of Loi Hein Co Ltd, US \$ 30,000 by Delta International Company 'Project, K 2.7 million by U Tin Maung and U Maung Gyi, 2 million by Col Thein Ngwe (Retired)-Daw Hta Hta Yin, K 100,000 by with the patronage of Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, families of Ministry of Industry-2, K 100,000 by with the patronage of Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, families of Ministry of Commerce, K 100,000 by with the patronage of Minister Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, families of Ministry of Transport, K 100,000 by with the patronage of Minister U Than Aung, families of Ministry of Cooperatives, K 1.5 million by U Htay Myint of Yuzana Construction, K 1 million by Shwethazin Syndicate, K 1 million by U Mya Han of Lucky Gold Star, K 1 million by U Ohn Myint of Htut Khaung Construction, K 1 million by U Shein Win of Tetlan Construction, K 500,000 by U Shwe Kyaing of Wa Wa Win Construction, K 500,000 by U Maung Maung of Asia Expresses, K 500,000 by U Ko Ko Htwe of Royal Construction, K 300,000 by U Khin Shwe of Zaykaba, K 300,000 by U Win Aung of Dagon International, K 300,000 by Daw, Thin Thin Aye of Eiksitan Construction; K 300,000 by U Zaw Win of AryonU Construction, K 300,000 by U Kyaw Lwin of Shwethanlwin Company, K 300,000 by U Art Chon of Paint and Chemical Industries Co, K 300,000 by PWJS Co, K 300,000 by U Kyaw Aung of Benhur Co Ltd, K,300,000 by U Zaw Gan-Daw Yin Yin, K 200,000 by Managing Director Daw Thin Thin of Focus Enterprise and K 180,000 by U Myint Wai-Daw Hla Htay Aung.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and ministers accepted- the donations and presented certificates of honour.

Then, Yuzana family donated K 10 million toward funds for offering meal to members of the Sangha of State Pariyatti Sasana Tekkatho to Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt who presented certificate of honour to him.

Yuzana U Htay Myint presented a commemorative photo to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

The Secretary-1, ministers and party received the Five Precepts from the Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pinfiindabhivamsa who delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared

(6) New dams being built to boost irrigated areas

YANGON, 11 Dec Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin supervised process of production at sugar mill No 2 in Pyinmana Township on 9 December.

In his meeting with personnel of the mill, he urged them to strive to meet the production target and to improve the quality of products .

At Yadashe Sugar Mill, he observed the production sector and manufacturing of parts for the mill.

The minister met officials at the Yeiktha of the 1,500-ton capacity mill. He inspected construction of outlet conduit, dam and spillway at Yaytho Reservoir Project near Letpankhon village, Ottwin Township.

Officials briefed him on progress of work.

The dam, 750 feet long and 60 feet high, will irrigate 2,000 acres and will supply drinking water to the region and the Bawdigon Sugar Mill, which has been projected to built in the area.

He observed the chosen sites for building of a diversion dam of the reservoir project and the mill and attended to the needs of officials.

In Phyu Township, he visited Ngamwechaung Reservoir Project.

Located four miles west of Zeyawady, it will be 800 feet long and 55 feet high. The reservoir project including another two dams, one 1,000 long and another 460 feet, will irrigate 1,200 areas and will supply 1.2 billion gallons of water per year to Zeyawady Sugar Mill.

The minister supervised work at Bawni Reservoir Project near Bawniywathit village, DaikU Township.

The dam, 5,615 feet long and 85 feet high, will irrigate 9,000 areas of crops when completed.

Included in Sittoung River Basin Project, it will prevent silting and erosion at streams flowing between the river and Bago Yoma.

During his tour, the minister met officials and attended to their needs in summer paddy cultivation, storing water, raising per acre yield and cultivation of edible oil crops and winter crops.

(7) Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back from Thailand

YANGON, 11 Dec Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw arrived back here by air yesterday after attending the Fourth Meeting of the Myanmar-Thailand Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation held in Bangkok on 9 December 1997.

He was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Ambassador of Thailand Mr Poksak Nilubol and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During his stay in Thailand, Minister U Ohn Gyaw paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Chuan Leekpai in the morning of 9 December and had close and cordial exchange of views on bilateral cooperation between the two countries as well as on regional matters.

The Fourth Meeting of the Myanmar-Thailand Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation, co-chaired by Minister U Ohn Gyaw and his counterpart Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Surin Pitsuwan, was held in the afternoon of 9 December.

The two delegations discussed a wide range of bilateral issues of mutual interest with a view to further enhancing the existing ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

The two sides expressed their satisfaction at the expansion and deepening of friendship and cooperation between the Myanmar and Thailand and agreed to further strengthen the cooperation in the field of culture, health, education agriculture, tourism, trade, investment, finance, forestry, communications, fishery, energy and narcotics suppression.

As Myanmar and Thailand will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary Golden jubilee of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the two nations, the two foreign ministers also decided to commemorate the auspicious occasion in a befitting manner.

(8) Housing & Building '97 at Tatmadaw Convention Centre

YANGON, 11 dec Housing & Building '97 sponsored by TTF (Yangon) Co Ltd with the collaboration of the Ministry of Construction was opened at Tatmadaw Convention Centre this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Col Ye Htut, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Saw Hla Min, Commander of No 4 Military Region Col Myo Myint, Director-General of Human Settlement and Housing Development Department U Arnt Kyaw, Managing Director U Tint Swe of Public Works, Managing Director U Tin Kha of News and Periodicals Enterprise, officials of TTF (Yangon) Ltd and guests.

U Arnt Kyaw and Managing Director of TTF (Yangon) Mr Anant Prasertsit spoke on the occasion and then formally opened the exhibition.

Housing projects, items of office equipment, household goods, safes and tiles, construction equipment and technology are on display at the exhibition till 14 December.

It is being held with the aims of development of housing, emergence of worldclass buildings, exchange of new construction technology between local and foreign entrepreneurs and extensive and effective use of construction equipment.

(9) Myayeiknyo magazine available

YANGON, 11 Dec How to retrieve and convey King Dhammazedì's bell from the bottom of Pazundaung Creek is the cover story of Myayeiknyo magazine published this month.

The bell was sunk at the mouth of the creek 400 years ago.

Contributions Min Thu Wun, Mya Than Tint, Khin Swe Oo, Ludu Sein Win, Htila Sitthu, Win Pe, blaung Nyo Pya, Kyu Hnit, Soe Aung (Mandalay), Toe Toe, Paragu, Moe Kyi Lwin, Soe Myint Thein, Arnt Maung, Maung Ni Htet, Chit Lay Myat (Wundwin); Maung Yi Myint (Monywa), Tun Wai Myint, Khin Khin Latt, Dr Mya Mya, Maung Zeya, Kyaw Than Myint, Dr Nang Ohnma and La Min Ein are featured in the magazine.