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(1) Donations invited for International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Project

YANGON, 12 DEC - Donations are invited for building the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, which will help overcome the language barrier for foreigners who will study the Buddha Dhamma in Yangon.

Buddhist treatises and the Dhamma will be taught in English at the university, which is being constructed in the precinct of Buddha's Tooth Relic Pagoda on Dhammapala Hill, Mayangon Township.

Foreigners desirous of learning and practising Buddhism find Myanmar one of the most suitable places to visit as the country has over four million members of the Sangha, over 2,000 monasteries teaching Buddhist treatises, over 600 centres offering kamahtana (meditation) practises, over 5,000 lecturer Sayadaws and over 1,000 kamahtanacariya Sayadaws (meditation instructors).

However, foreigners including yogis studying Buddhist practises at the centres could not make good progress as expected due to language difficulties.

The university will help foreigners overcome this barrier and propagate Buddhism around the world.

Construction of lecture halls, sponsor hsaung (messing hall), hostels and kyaungsaungs for Patron Sayadaws are under way at present.

Donors may contact U Maung Maung Myint, Head of Office, Ministry of Religious Affairs, or dial 665621, 665620 and 665616.

(2) Yangon International Airport Extension Project in progress

YANGON, 12 Dec - Secretary- I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended to the needs of officials in building the Hall of Honour and extending the runway at Yangon International Airport today.

Accompanied by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Ba Htay Chit, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental personnel, he supervised building of the hall .

Officials briefed him of architectural design of the hall and progress of work.

He gave suggestions on its timely completion and for coordination among the respective departments undertaking the project sectorwise.

At the runway extension project site, he heard a report on progress of work, future programmes, shifting of water mains and electricity supply presented by officials.

The Secretary- I looked into their requirements.

(3) Enforcing to obey the laws and discipline is safeguarding human society

YANGON, 12 Dec -The Crime Reduction, Education and Information Committee held its annual coordination meeting at the Ministry of Home Affairs this afternoon, with an address by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

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 Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chief Justice U Aung Toe; Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office,, departmental heads and chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils of Yangon Division.

(4) Ministers inspect factories in Dagon Myothit (South) Industrial Zone

YANGON, 12 Dec- Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Vice-Chairman Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspected factories in Dagon Myothit (South) Industrial Zone this morning.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, departmental heads and

officials of MIDC, they arrived at the office of the Dagon Myothit (South) Industrial Zone Development Committee. They were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Committee Lt-Col Aye Lwin and officials.

Officials briefed the ministers on industries in the zone and their products

After hearing reports, the ministers gave instructions.

The ministers then inspected South Dagon Oil Mill Co Ltd, Rainbow Industry Ltd and Soe Electronic and Machinery Co Ltd and Zamu Plastic Packaging Factory there.

They urged entrepreneurs to strive for industrial development through innovation and studying modern technology and pledged MICD assistance.

(5) Minister meets GAD officers

YANGON, 12 Dec - Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing met the commissioners of States and Divisions, deputy commissioners of districts and township administrative officers at the ministry this morning.

The minister said instructions have been given regarding the enhancement of the impression and essence of the department, four tasks namely, morale, training, welfare and administration, implementation of future tasks, strictly abiding by laws, by-laws, rules, regulations and discipline, exactly following mottos of the department and the ministry and discharging duties assigned to the Peace and Development Councils at different levels.

He noted the General Administration Department has a crucial role in smoothly running administrative machinery of the State, calling on all to uphold Our Three Main National Causes, the national policy, and the 12 National Objectives in striving to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

He urged all to crush destructive elements in accord with the four-point the People's Desire and serve the interest of the people by adopting disciplined democracy.

Stressing three points to be followed and four points to be avoided, he called on all to diligently and honestly discharge their duties with four outlooks.

He spoke of the need for all to take innovative measures.

He stressed the need for administrative officers to try to be efficient.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, directors-general and deputy directors-general of the departments under the ministry and the deputy director-general of the Myanmar Police Force.

(6) Minister for Health receives Ambassadors of Israel, Singapore

YANGON, 12 Dec- Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein received Ambassador of Republic of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow at 9 am and Ambassador of Israel Mr Gad Nathan at his office at 10 am today.

Likewise, the Minister received Director Mr T C Shin and party of Daewoo Corporation (Myanmar) at his office this afternoon.

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

(7) Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation receives Ambassador of Russian Federation

YANGON, 12 Dec- Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin received Ambassador of Russian Federation Mr Gleb A Ivashentsov at his office this afternoon.

Present were directors general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

(8) Savings at Myanmar Economic Bank reach nearly K 60b

YANGON, 12 Dec Savings at Myanmar Economic Bank have reached nearly K 60 billion to date while it has disbursed loans amounting to K 31 billion as of October, said Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin.

He was speaking at MEB second four-monthly meeting this morning.

MEB's accomplishment could not be assumed satisfactory as its disbursement of loans is only 51 per cent of the savings, he pointed out, speaking of the need to seek means to increase its earnings.

MEB requires more effective and speedy services as drawing accounts at private banks lasted just ten minutes while branches under MEB take one or two hours in doing the same job, he noted, stressing the need to improve its services to be able to compete with private counterparts.

Division officials should continuously supervise functions at branches under their respective management to be in line with the banking principles, he said.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance to work with better ideas, to work zealously, to tour down to the grassroots-levels and to avoid selfishness in discharging national duties, the minister said.

He then elaborated on the importance of banks in implementing the market-oriented economic system.

General managers looked into the requirements presented by division managers.

The meeting at MEB Branch 1 was also attended by Deputy Minister BrigGen Than Tun, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry and other officials.

It continues on 13 December.

(9) Minister for Industry-1 inspects Towel Factories of Myanma Textile Enterprise

YANGON, 12 Dec - Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, accompanied by Managing Director of Myanma Textile Enterprise U San Kyi and officials, met factory manager and services personnel of Towel Factory in Kan Yeiktha Street in Mayangon Township this morning.

Officials should make arrangements to ensure continuous raw material supply, assessing future requirements in boosting products, the minister said. Drawing of targets should be based on constructive conditions to ensure there are no loopholes, he said.

He said that combination of labour force mechanical power and management system is required to fulfil national needs.

Then, the minister and party inspected the factory and looked into the requirements.

The minister also met factory managers and service personnel at Branch No 2 of Thingangyun Towel Factory in Natsin Street in Thingangyun Township at 10 am and Branch No 1 of Thingangyun Towel Factory in U Ba Han Street in Thingangyun Township at 11 am today.

Minister U Aung Thaung gave necessary instructions and inspected the factories.

(10) MD of MOA Travels & Tours calls on Minister for H & T

YANGON, 12 Dec-Managing Director Mr Takao Kanehata and party of MOA Travels & Tours Co Ltd (Japan) paid a courtesy call on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Saw Lwin at his office this afternoon.

Present also were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and officials of the ministry.

(11) \$ 1,000 for MMCWA

YANGON, 12 Dec Suzuyo Company of Japan presented US \$ 1,000 to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in the meeting hall of the association this morning.

Vice-Chairperson of MMCWA Dr Khin Win Shwe accepted the cash presented by Mrs Suzuki of Suzuyo Company.

Also present were Chairperson of MMCWA Professor Daw Kyu Kyu Swe and executives and personnel of Suzuyo Company.

(12) 326 drug-related cases exposed in October

YANGON, 12 Dec - The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department could expose 326 drug-related cases including 78 cases for failure to register for drug dependency treatment and 13 other cases in October. They could seize 262.7255 kilos of opium in 46 cases, 9.1791 kilos of heroin in 121 cases, 1.545 kilos of marijuana in 24 cases, 4.8939 kilos of lower-grade opium in 17 cases, 3.4757 kilos of opium oil in four cases, 31.525 litres of Phensedyl in four cases, 0.96 litre of Marsadine in two cases, 37.8841 kilos of pounded opium in six cases, 143,900 tablets of amphetamine in nine cases, 0.1 litre of cough syrup in one case, 264 gallons of ether, 87 gallons of Lysol, 40 gallons of chloroform, 30 gallons of acid, four gallons of sulphuric acid, 84 gallons of spirit and 1250 kilos of ammonium chloride in one case.

Tatmadaw

During the period, battalions and units of the Tatmadaw seized 98.1337 kilos of opium, 1.7417 kilos of heroin, 192 gallons of ether, 79 gallons of Lysol, 40 gallons of chloroform, 30 gallons of acid and 16 gallons of spirit.

Myanmar Police Force

Myanmar Police Force seized 156.7918 kilos of opium in 45 cases, 7.0723 kilos of heroin in 120 cases, 1.545 kilos of marijuana in 24 cases, 4.8889 kilos of lower-grade opium in 16 cases, 3.4757 kilos of opium oil in four cases, 31.525 litres of Phensedyl in four cases, 0.96 litre of Marsadine in two cases, 37.8841 kilos of pounded opium in six cases, 143,900 tablets of amphetamine in nine cases, 0.1 litre of cough syrup in one case, 72 gallons of ether, 8 gallons of Lysol, four gallons of sulphuric acid, 68 gallons of spirit and 1250 kilos of ammonium chloride in one case and exposed 78 cases for failure to register for drug dependency treatment and 13 other cases. MPF, in cooperation with the Tatmadaw, also seized 7.0663 kilos of heroin in

12 cases, 46.2436 kilos of opium in 10 cases, 3.125 kilos of marijuana in one case and 140,000 tablets of amphetamine.

Customs Department

Customs Department, in cooperation with MPF, seized 7.8 kilos of opium in one case, 0.3651 kilo of heroin in one cases and 0.005 kilo of lower-grade opium in one case.

The authorities arrested 410 persons-339 men and 71 women- in connection with the cases and booked them.

(13) Heroin seized in Muse

YANGON, 12 Dec- Personnel of Tatmadaw intelligence unit and anti-drug squad seized 40 plastic bags of heroin weighing 0.72 kilos hidden in soap boxes from hand bag of Nang Saw Hla.

The team found a suspect, Nang Saw Hla, beside Muse-Namtu motor road near Namtu Hotel, Kaunghmuton Ward, Muse Township, on 2 November evening.

The authorities nabbed Nang Saw Hla, 23, daughter of U Mai Hein of Namkham Township and Maung Kha Li, 27, son of U Maw Gun Hla and Aung Myint (a) Chin Zaut, 23, son of U Kyaw Kyar Li of Namkham, two men related to the case.

Action has been taken against them under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
