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YANGON, 23 Dec-Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance at the conclusion of the Management Course No 12 for USDA Executives in the Pyidaungsu Hall of the Central public Relations Unit in Hmawby, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

Also present were members of the Central Panel of Patrons Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Secretary-3 Lt-Gen Win Myint, Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Acting Auditor-General, other members of the USDA Central Panel of Patrons, members of the USDA Central Executive Committee, the deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises concerned, the guests, In-charge of the Training Course Lt-Col Aung Kyi Tun, course supervisors and trainees.

Highlights of the address

USDA executives urged to value every strength and every resource at a time when all are building the nation right from the start.

Success of the first short-term four-year economic plan was due to collective efforts at every stage based on the love for the nation and the race.

All the national people need to pool their strength to achieve success in the five-year economic plan being implemented.

It would be necessary to successfully implement the projects laid down for the specific periods to ensure sustained progress of the people in the long run.

All the citizens are to sincerely carry out the peace and development programme of the State.

The people will overcome difficulties and fulfil the economic plan targets if they work in cooperation with the love of the nation and the race.

Economic changes taking place all over the world and technological advancement call for changes in socio-economic environment.

The country will have to build its economy for long-term development of the nation and the people from the very basic.

(2) Myanmar-Singapore Ministerial-Level Work Committee helps develop Myanmar's economic and technical sectors

YANGON, 23 Dec - A meeting was held today to coordinate progress in implementing projects which were laid down by Myanmar-Singapore Ministerial-Level Work Committee meetings with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

A committee was formed in 1993 for development of Myanmar-Singapore trade and investment, he said.

Singapore-Myanmar Ministerial-Level Work Committee was formed with the participation of ministers and high-level officials of Singapore to realize the aims, he said.

Similarly, Myanmar-Singapore Ministerial-Level Work Committee was also formed in Myanmar with the Secretary-1 and ministers as members, he said.

Myanmar-Singapore Ministerial-Level Joint Work Committee meetings have been held once each in Myanmar and Singapore, he recounted.

Many business sectors in Myanmar including tourism, agriculture, livestock and fisheries, human resources development, economic and trade could be implemented in accord with the decisions of the meetings, he noted.

Pilot projects are being implemented to transfer knowhow to Myanmar, he stated.

The Secretary-1 urged the respective ministries to give priority to implementing projects arranged by the Singaporean Government according to coordinations between leaders of the two nations.

Success in implementing the projects will help develop Myanmar, he pointed out, saying Singapore is the second largest investor in Myanmar.

Ministers should strive with added momentum in implementing the projects which are the results of Myanmar-Singapore Ministerial-Level Work Committee meetings, he stated.

Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Abel presented accomplishments concerning tasks which are being implemented under Myanmar-Singapore economic cooperation programme.

Ministers who are members of MSMLWC presented accomplishments and future programmes sectorwise.

The Secretary- 1 looked into their requirements, indicating the cordial and frank relations between the two nations.

Formation of the committee is a great help toward Myanmar's economic and technical development and in forging mutual benefits in investment, trade and economic sectors, he stated.

He urged the respective ministers and officials for speedy implementation of tasks laid down by the first and second MSMLWC meetings before the commencement of the third ministerial meeting in Yangon in 1998.

The meeting at Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development was also attended by ministers who are members of MSMLWC, the Mayor of Yangon, the deputy minister for NPED, officials of the State Peace and Development Council and heads of department.

(3) Gifts, cash donations presented to two doyen literati

YANGON, 23 Dec - Gifts and cash donations were presented to writer Daw Khin Myo Chit (Khin Myo Chit) of No 505/8, Pyayyeiktha Street, Ward-8, Kamaryut Township, and writer U Htin Fatt (Maung Htin) of No 248, 4th Street, Myothit Ward-A, Insein Township, who were unable to attend the ceremony to observe 1359 ME Myanmar Sarsodaw Nay and pay respects to the doyen literati held at City Hall, at the respective houses today.

Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), Vice-Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Joint Secretary Daw Mya Mya Than (Ma Hnin Phwe) and member of the Central Executive Committee Managing Director of News and . Periodicals Enterprise U Tin Kha (Tekkatho

Tin Kha) presented gifts and cash donations and paid respects to the two literati.

(4) YMCA pre-Christmas ceremony

YANGON, 23 Dec - YMCA held a pre-Christmas ceremony, yesterday evening at Golden Butterfly Hotel, praising the virtues of Jesus Christ. Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen Sein Htwa delivered an address, elaborating on loving kindness, which is included in the teachings of all religions.

YMCA members sang hymns and carols praising the virtues of Jesus Christ.

Chairman of YMCA Andrei Mya Han extended greetings .

Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Arnt Maung, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Sann Lwin, Deputy Director-General of RAD Dr Myo Myint, No 3 Military Region Commander Col Saw Hla Min, YMCA members, members of other Christian associations and guests were also present.

(5) Gravel supply for construction of Yangon City Central Road coordinated

YANGON, 23 Dec-A coordination meeting for supply of gravel for construction of Yangon City Central Road was held at the hall of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council this afternoon.

Present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee Col Myint Aung, Director-General of Prisons Department U Kyaw Tun, Managing Director of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise U Aung Hlaing, Chairman of All Bus Lines Control Committee (Highway) U Zaw Min, Chairmen of Yangon Division East, West, South and North District Peace and Development Councils, Deputy General Manager of Myanmar Railways U Khaing Soe and suppliers of gravel.

Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than said traffic jams often occur on Pyay and Kaba Aye Pagoda Roads due to increased number of cars. This is why the central road parallel to those roads is being constructed, he said.

The new road, over eightmile long, links Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw and Station Road in Insein Township, through Sangyoung, Kamayut, Hline and Mayangon Townships.

Col Myint Aung, U Kyaw Tun and U Aung Hlaing also took part in the discussions.

(6) 210 publications donated to IPRD

YANGON, 23 Dec - Daw Khin Myo Thant of Room 2, Building 5, Bo Ya Nyunt Street, Dagon Township, donated 210 publications for the libraries of the Information and Public Relations Department today.

Director-General of IPRD Lt-Col Chit Naing accepted the donation and thanked the donor.

(7) Minister for Home Affairs arrives back from ASEAN Home Affairs Ministerial Meeting

YANGON, 23 Dec - Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing attended Home Affairs Ministerial Meeting of ASEAN countries held in Manila, the Philippines from 19 to 20 December.

President Fidel Ramos of the Philippines formally opened and addressed the meeting. It was attended by Ministers for Home Affairs of ASEAN countries, Deputy Ministers and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN.

Promotion of cooperation among nations for effective control of illicit drug trafficking in the region, money launderings terrorism, arms and man trafficking and piracy, exchange of news, closer cooperation with international organizations including the UN and other organizations in ASEAN and drafting of project in cooperation with senior officials were discussed and a joint communique was released.

Myanmar delegation led by Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Soe Win attended the preliminary meeting of senior officials held on 17-18 December.

Myanmar delegation led by Minister Col Tin Hlaing arrived back here yesterday.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Industry-I U Aung Thaung, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and heads of departments.

(8) Myanma Tatmadaw new generation soccer team arrives back

YANGON, 23 Dec, The new generation soccer team of Myanma Tatmadaw arrived back at Mingaladon Airbase by air at 4 pm yesterday after playing goodwill soccer

matches in Vietnam at the invitation of Vietnam People's Army for strengthening friendly relations between the two countries' Tatmadaws.

The Tatmadaw soccer team was welcomed back at the airbase by Secretary-3 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Maung Nyo, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han, Provost Marshal Col Saw Hla, Colonel General Staff (Air) Lt-Col Nyan Tun Aung, Commandant of Defence Services Self-defence and Sports Institute Col Sein Tin Win, senior military officers and relatives.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw soccer team played four friendly matches-one win, two draws and one lost-in Vietnam.

(9) Trainees of USDA Executives Management Course, Computer Diploma Course tour Yangon

YANGON, 23 Dec - Trainees of Management Course No 12 for Executives of Union Solidarity and Development Association and Computer Diploma Course No I toured Yangon today.

Accompanied by Deputy Commandant of Central Public Relations Unit Maj Kyaw Kyaw Soe and supervisors, they visited Hlinethaya Industrial Zone.

Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of Human Settlement and Housing Development Department briefed them on progress in implementing Yangon city development projects and industrial zones.

The trainees visited the industrial zones and housing projects.

They then went to Yangon-Thanyin Bridge.

At Thakayta View Point Resort, they enjoyed riding roller coasters. Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay hosted dinner in their honour in the Yangon City Central Market hall.

USDA Central Executive Committee members, YCDC members and guests also attended it.

Later, they enjoyed Golden Jubilee Independence Day commemorative traditional dances at the National Theatre.
