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1. Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Uzbekistan

YANGON, 1 Sept– 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. Islam A Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which falls on 1 September, 2005.

2. Secretary-1 inspects progress of development tasks in Mandalay

YANGON, 31 Aug – Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected development tasks in Mandalay and progress of construction tasks at Ayeyawady River Bridge (Yadanabon) on 29 and 30 August. On 29 August morning, the Secretary-1 and party attended the ceremony to hoe the soil and broadcast fertilizers at quality paddy fields in Gwaygyigon Village of Patheingyi Township. Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace

and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, ministers, the Mandalay Mayor, deputy ministers, departmental heads, local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. Mandalay Division Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Aung Kyin reported on cultivation of 10 crops, cultivation of 439,400 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 874,000 acres and the plans to grow new strains of paddy. The Secretary-1 and party viewed quality paddy strains and varieties of paddy species produced in Mandalay Division, chemical and natural fertilizers. The Secretary-1 and party oversaw scattering of fertilizers in the paddy fields in the village and met with local farmers. On arrival at No 1 Agricultural and Livestock Breeding Farm (Yedagun Hill) of Mandalay City Development Committee near Yegyi Village of Patheingyi Township, Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials explained poultry farming and fish breeding of the farm to them. No 1 Agricultural and Livestock Breeding Farm (Yedagun Hill) is located on 230 acres of land and No 2 Farm on 20 acres of land. A total of 16,380 layers are being bred at 16 poultry farms, and 30 pigs are also bred. Arrangements are being made for producing piglets. The plan is to produce 150 fingerlings in 2005-06. Now, 42 million fingerlings have been distributed. A total of 138 goats are being bred. Vegetables and perennial crops are grown on 100 acres of land. Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein proceeded to War Veterans Training School of MWVO at the foot of Yedagun Hill. Commandant of the school Lt-Col Aung Soe (Retd) briefed them on matters related to the school and its functions. The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions. At Mandalay Teaching Hospital (300-bed), Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint reported on matters concerning the teaching hospital. Medical Superintendent Dr U Khin Maung Pyone explained facts about the hospital, units, completion of the main building (c), teaching and treatment works at the hospital and others. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint gave a supplementary report. After hearing the reports, Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the Head of State gave guidance to open specialist hospitals installed with modern health facilities in Mandalay City to have health standard like Yangon City for providing health care services to the local people in Upper Myanmar. The Mandalay 300-bed Teaching Hospital was established in Mandalay in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. The hospital is essential not only for giving medical treatment to the people but also for teaching the new generation. Physicians and specialists are urged to provide health care services to the people with goodwill. And, they are to turn out qualified new generation while studying themselves progress of medical sciences. The NHC Chairman and party inspected completion of the C Hall of the hospital, the operation theatre, the X-ray, the Pathology Unit and other medical wards. The construction of the teaching hospital has been completed by 78 per cent. Yesterday morning, the Secretary-1, accompanied by Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, ministers, deputy ministers, the Mandalay Mayor and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at Maha Lawkamarazein Kuthodaw Pagoda in Aungmyethazan Township. On behalf of the chairman of Maha Lawkamarazein Kutho-daw and Sandamuni Pagodas All-round Renovation Committee, Major Aung Zaw Win reported on progress of the renovation tasks. Deputy Director-General U Aung Kyaing of Archaeology Department (Upper Myanmar) and Deputy Director U Khin Maung Win of Mandalay Division Religious Affairs Department submitted reports on coordination of respective ministries for the renovation tasks. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw gave a supplementary report. Next, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint explained guidance of the Head of State and gave instructions on renovation tasks to be carried out without losing original style. The Secretary-1 in his speech said that in the precinct of the Maha Lawka Marazein Buddha Image are a lot of erected stone inscriptions describing three treatises of Sutta, five treaties of Vinaya and seven treatises of Abhidhamma, and the number of pagodas built in it is equal to the stone inscriptions. Thus, the stone inscriptions are famous as the largest book in the world. The stone inscriptions in the precincts of the Kuthodaw Buddha Image and the Çanda Muni Buddha Image built with the aim of flourishing Theravada Buddhism reflect the archaeological heritage with sentimental value. The Head of State has given guidance on preservation of archaeological edifices. He called for cooperation of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Culture and local authorities in carrying out tasks for renovation of the ancient religious buildings. Next, the Secretary-1 and party observed the scale model of Dhamma Ceti stone inscriptions in the precinct of the Maha Lawka Marazein Buddha Image, the stone inscriptions on the pagoda platform and all-round renovation tasks. They inspected stone inscriptions in the precinct of Çanda Muni Pagoda and all-round renovation tasks. A total of 729 stone inscriptions were set up in the precinct of the Maha Lawka Marazein Buddha Image and 1,774 in the precinct of the Çanda Muni Pagoda. Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Lt-Gen Thein Sein proceeded to the convocation hall construction project site of Mandalay University being undertaken by Mandalay Division Public Works under the Ministry of Construction in Mandalay. Rector Dr Nyunt Lwin reported on academic matters, progress in constructing convocation hall, and the programme for conferring certificates on the graduates who got degrees from the universities in Upper Myanmar; senior engineers U Kyu Hin and U Khin Maung Swe, on work progress; and Lt-Gen Ye Myint, on construction matters. Afterwards, the Secretary-1 inspected the site of the project that is scheduled to be completed this October. They went to the project for construction of a six-storey plaza and a 25-storey condominium of Zaygyo Market between 84th and 85th streets and 27th and 28th streets in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay. Chairman of Mann-MyanmarConstruction Co Ltd U Than Win reported on facts about the project, construction of the two buildings, and work progress. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han gave supplementary reports. The Secretary-1 inspected the scale models of Zaygyo market and Condominium Tower and progress in implementation of the two projects. The tower can withstand earthquakes of up to 8.5 Richter Scale. He then oversaw the construction of drainage conduits near Shwekhe village in Amarapura Township. On arrival at Ayeyawady River Bridge (Yadanabon) Project, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials. Project officials explained the construction of approach structures and the main bridge. Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint made arrangements for work facilitation. When completed the bridge will be 5,614 feet long, supporting a 49-foot wide four-lane road. Up to 79.98 per cent of the project have been completed to this date. The Secretary-1 and party observed the construction of Mandalay Strand Road, Kandawgyi Ring Road and Taungthaman Lake Ring Road. They arrived back here in the evening by air.

3. 20-mile radius of Mandalay International Airport...

YANGON, 31 Aug - Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence attended the meeting on greening the environs of Mandalay International Airport at the hall of the airport in TadaU Township yesterday afternoon. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, officials and local authorities. Secretary of Mandalay Division PDC Lt-Col Kyi Thein reported on greening tasks to be carried out in 373.54 square-miles area of Kyaukse, Singaing, TadaU and Amarapura Townships for greening the environs of Mandalay International Airport, rainfalls, land utilization, and arrangements being made for greening the 20-mile radius of Mandalay International Airport. Director of Mandalay Division Forest Department U Win Naing briefed them on greening tasks for 52,973 acres of land and irrigation, growing saplings and future tasks. Mandalay Division Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Aung Kyin submitted reports on agricultural tasks and water supply system in Mandalay Division. Director of Mandalay Division Irrigation Department U Aye Thein explained maintenance of dams, water supply works and river water pumping stations. Secretary of Mandalay Division PDC Lt-Col Kyi Thein reported on setting up of the supervisory committee, sub-committees, the water supply sub-committee, the cultivation sub-committee and the greening subcommittee. Chairman of Kyaukse District PDC Lt-Col Tin Ohn briefed them on greening of the airport's environs. The commander gave a supplementary report. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that it is necessary to grow trees in 20-mile radius of Mandalay International Airport all the year round, and priority is to be given to extended cultivation of seasonal crops there. Forest plantations should be established in the places where crops cannot be grown. He stressed the need to reclaim vacant and virgin lands. Local farmers need to put the area between Thangedaw Lake and Ayeyawady River under various crops all the year round. All are to make efforts for greening the environs of the airport the whole year. Watershed plantations are to be set up in the areas where crops cannot be cultivated. The plans are to be drawn for carrying out the greening tasks in three seasons. It is necessary to supply water to the greening tasks the whole year. Local authorities are to build small dams and lakes on a self-reliant basis for the water supply tasks. After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint went to Phayagyigon Village of Kanchaw Village-tract near Kyaukse-TadaU Road. Officials reported on greening and water supply tasks. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected cultivation of 119 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 144 acres with the use of water from Thittetkon Diversion Dam. At Thangedaw Lake in TadaU Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed flow of water into the lake and gave necessary instructions. Next, he cordially met with local farmers and attended to their needs. Afterwards, he oversaw the sluice gate of the lake and instructed officials to store water from Thittetkon Diversion Dam through the canal and to dredge the lake for increasing its water storage capacity. Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected completion of monsoon paddy plantations at Thangedaw Village and Thinpan Village and met with local farmers. At Thinpan Bridge on TadaU-Myingyan Road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected flow of water into Thittetkon Dam, and gave instructions to officials on utilization of water from the dam for the agricultural purpose.

4. Gems Emporium on 5 October

YANGON, 31 Aug – Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium 2005 will take place at Myanma Gems Mart starting 5 October. The Myanmar citizens who are engaged in gem mining in accord with the Myanma Gems Law and those who are engaged in sale of gems will be allowed to attend the Emporium according to the prescribed rules and regulations. Moreover, sale counters are being arranged for national entrepreneurs who are engaged in sale of gems in accord with the Myanma Gems Law to enable them to sell gems on the ground floor of MGM during the special sale period. Those wishing to attend the special sales and those wishing to obtain sales counters are to contact Myanma Gems Enterprise beginning 5 September.

5. Thai Foreign Minister arrives

YANGON, 31 Aug– At the invitation of U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, a Thai goodwill delegation led by Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and Madame arrived here by special aircraft this evening on an official visit to Myanmar. His Excellency Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon, Minister for foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and Madame were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Madame, responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Suphot Dhirakaosal, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar and Madame and staff members of the Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon. Dr Kantathi Suphamongkhon, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and Madame were accompanied by Second Lieutenant Prapas Limpabandhu, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and other high ranking officials of the government of the Kingdom of Thailand.

6. Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Uzbekistan

YANGON, 1 Sept– U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Elyor M Ganiyev, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which falls on 1 September, 2005.

7. Sagaing Division USDA members urged to help local farmers boost agricultural production

YANGON, 31 Aug – Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo called on Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn, local authorities, departmental officials, Sagaing Division Agricultural Coordination Committee and USDA executives at the Yeiktha of Irrigation Department in ChaungU on 27 August. The Secretary-General called on USDA members to cooperate with local farmers in an effort to boost agricultural production in Sagaing Division. Patron of Sagaing Division USDA Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Maj-Gen

Htay Oo also met with USDA executives at division, district and township levels and local people in Sagaing Division USDA Office in Monywa in the evening. On 29 August morning, the commander and the secretary-general met with executives of Shwebo, Wetlet, KhinU, YeU, Dabayin, Taze, Kanbalu and Kyunhla Townships at Shwebo District USDA Office, and urged them to discharge the national duties in conformity with objectives and principles of the association.

8. Minister opens tubewell in Kyaukka Village, Taungtha Township

YANGON, 31 Aug - Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 28 August formally opened a tubewell in Kyaukka Village in Taungtha Township. Wellwishers contributed cash to the sinking of tubewell at the village. Afterwards, Minister U Aung Thaung attended a ceremony to honour the outstanding students who passed matriculation exam with distinctions held at the Town Hall in Myingyan. At a ceremony, Minister U Aung Thaung awarded prizes to the students and teachers, and accepted 500 dozens of exercises books donated by wellwishers for schools in rural areas. Afterwards, Minister U Aung Thaung went to Kaungkwe Village in the township and laid the foundations of a newschool building of the village. Later, the minister attended an inauguration ceremony of village-to-village linking road in Myingyan Township constructed with the contribution of local people. The road linking Kaungkwe and Kan villages is 2,350 ft in length and 30 ft in width. It was constructed at a cost of K 3 million. The minister also met with local people and members of social organizations at Kaungkwe Village. Minister U Aung Thaung went to the site of Ceramics and Steel Ware Factory project being implemented by Myanma General and Maintenance Industries and gave instructions.

9. Yangon East District opens Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 31 Aug - Yangon East District opened its Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions for 2005 at Yankin Education College here this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay. Chairman of District PDC Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein reported on the purpose of holding the competitions. A total of 385 contestants of 14 townships in the district are taking part in the competitions including singing and song composing contests at Thingangyun Education College, and dance and music contests at Thingangyun Township Peace and Development Council Office. Vocalists and students of University of Culture (Yangon) sang songs and performed dances to entertain the guests including the commander and wife, Commander of Yangon Station Brig-Gen Myo Myint, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Hla Aye, No 2 Military Region Command Col Tin Tun, Secretary of Division PDC Lt-Col Myint Kyi, officials, doyen artistes, social organizations and guests.

10. Commander, CEC member meet departmental personnel in Kyaukpyu

YANGON, 31 Aug – Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and USDA CEC Member Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe attended the ceremony to donate rice, oil, salt and provisions held at Sasana Beikman in Kyaukpyu Township on 29 August. Afterwards, the commander and CEC Member donated 150 bags of rice, 100 viss of oil, 100 viss of salt and provisions to members of Sangha and shared the merits gained. Next, the commander and the CEC member met the principal and faculty members at Kyaukpyu Education College and donated cash for the college through the principal. Later, the commander and the CEC member met with USDA members at the office of Township USDA.

11. Outstanding students of CICS (Upper Myanmar)'s BEHS honored

YANGON, 31 Aug– Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun on 28 August awarded prizes to 14 outstanding students of Basic Education High School at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar). Students who passed matriculation for 2004-2005 academic year with flying colours were among the outstanding students. After the ceremony, Dr Than Nyun and party inspected construction of a lecture hall which has a seating capacity of 500 and the institute's farming and welfare shops. They also inspected the mess and staff quarters. CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun also met with the Rector, Prorectors, heads of department, lecturers and employees of the institute and gave instructions.

12. List of prize winners announced

YANGON, 31 Aug – Prize winners of International Literacy Day and UN Literacy Decade Commemorative Article, Essay and Poster Competitions were announced by authorities concerned today. SAT Daw Khin Mar Kyi (Khin Khin Kyaw-Education) of No 2 BEHS in Latha Township secured the first prize, Principal U Kyaw Nyunt (Yenantha-Maung Kyaw Nyunt) of Chankan Village BEPS in Yenangyoung Township, second and Maung Than Min Htaik (Than Min Htaik-Myanmarsar) who majors in Master of Arts from Yangon University, third in the open-class article contest with the titled "Education for Development". Second year student Ma Phyu Zin Thein of Pyay Education College grabbed the first prize, second year student Ma Myo Thazin of Mawlamyine Education College, second and first year (BEd) Ma Hnin Oo Yi of Yangon Institute of Education, third in the education university/college level essay competition with the titled "Literacy Campaign in Myanmar". Ninth standard student Ma Nu Nu Maing of No 3 BEHS in Myitkyina won the first prize, eighth standard student Ma Khin Myat Mon of No 4 BEHS in Kengtung and ninth standard student Ma Phu Mon Thwe Oo of No 2 BEHS in Sagaing in the basic education high school level essay competition with the titled "Literacy Campaign in Myanmar". Seventh standard student Ma Kyi Phyu Zeyar of No 3 BEHS in Bago earned the first prize, sixth standard Maung Kyaw Zin Tun of No 13 BEHS in Maha Aungmyay of Mandalay, second and seventh standard student Maung Thet Paing Soe of No 6 BEHS in Pathein, third in the basic education middle level poster competition with the titled " Let's Help Illiterate Persons". The prize winners are to report in person at Education

Planning and Training Department (Ph-556388) on Netmauk Street in Bahan Township not later than 10 am of 6th September.

13. DPRPW Performing arts competitions continue

YANGON, 31 Aug - The fifth performing arts competitions organized by the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Welfare under the Ministry of Defense, continued at the theatre of No 3 Public Relations Unit in Mandalay yesterday morning. First, Script Academy U Nyein Min gave a lecture on drama and maestros awarded cash to contestants. Afterwards, Director of DPRPW Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defense made the concluding remarks on previous drama and Anyeint competitions. Next, the contestants of Myanma traditional orchestras from Defence Services TV Broadcasting Unit and No 1, No 2, No 3 and No 4 Mobile Public Relations Units participated in the competitions.

14. Health Care Foundation (Canada) donates medical equipment and an ambulance

YANGON, 31 Aug - Frontier Labourers Care/Health Care Foundation (Canada) donated medical equipment and an ambulance worth US \$ 209,977.43 to Yangon General Hospital and Putao Hospital this afternoon. At a donation ceremony held at Health Department here, U Hpungya Sar (a) Mr. Deniel Kalnin of the foundation handed over the donations to Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung.

15. Doh Kyeywa Journal Volume 2 No 17 published

YANGON, 31 Aug - Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information has already published Doh Kyeywa Journal Volume 2 No 17 today. The newly-distributed journal features the Indian trumpet's medical effect, Chinkon small village, prevention against bacteria of paddy, life security for Myanmar women, new Hsinthwelat paddy strain, good news for Doh Kyeywa, growing methods for Mayan fruit (Bouea burmanica) and its effect, citronella oil penetrating the world market, the writer emerged from Doh Kyeywa journal, article of breast related disease as well as short stories, tales, humour, cartoon, poems and miscellaneous topics. Manuscripts and advertisements for Doh Kyeywa Journal are to be sent to No (30-32), 10th Street, Lanmadaw Township (Tel: 371342, 252452 and 379768).

16. Perspectives

Increase Production of traditional medicine

Health and fitness of the people is one of the important factors in our effort to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. To provide full health care service to the people, it is necessary for

the health sector to improve itself constantly. Only then will it be able to take care of immediate and chronic health problems.

Regarding the need for providing better health care service, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that common household medicines should be produced sufficiently so that they were within easy reach of the people and that it was also necessary to produce potent medicines for malaria, TB, diabetes, hypertension, cholera, dysentery and a few others that are very common in the country.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 started the construction of a pharmaceutical factory in PyinOoLwin Township in October, 2003. The first phase of the test running of the factory started in April, 2005 and the second phase is scheduled to start from December 2006 to March 2007. In the first phase of the test running, tablets and capsules are to be produced and injections, syrup, embrocation and powder in the second phase. Industrial crops are also being grown in herbal plantations and gardens. Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by responsible officials, visited the project site of PyinOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory on 28 August and met with responsible personnel of the project. At the meeting, the Secretary-1 said that the Head of State had given guidance that extensive research should be done in each and every sector, that arrangements should be made to train experts and researchers and that the sooner the results of research are available, the more effectively the work of prevention and cure can be carried out.

Myanmar traditional medicines are potent and have stood the test of time. Therefore, the national people of Myanmar, especially those in rural areas, have always relied on traditional medicines since the time of their forefathers. Now traditional medicines can be easily distributed to the people due to thorough research and modern production methods.

We would like to call on all those responsible to try their best to be able to provide better health care service to the people by increasing the production of traditional medicines and reducing the import.