(1) Senior General Than Shwe inspects exhibits at Defence Services Museum and Tatmadaw Hall

YANGON, 24 March - Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected the exhibits in the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative booths at the Defence Services Museum and Tatmadaw Hall this morning.

The Senior General, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and Secretary-2 Chairman of the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Observance Leading Committee Chief of the Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, arrived at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road at 9.20 am. They were greeted by members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the ministers and senior Tatmadaw officers.

Senior General Than Shwe and party first viewed the photographs of members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the ministers and senior Tatmadaw officers put on display in the main hall.

They next visited the section highlighting the 12 State objectives. They also met members of the Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations of Dagon Myothit (North) and Lanmadaw Townships taking part in the competition on the State’s 12 objectives using computers.
The Senior General and party then inspected Booth No 2 on the history of Defence Services organized by the Directorate of the Defence Services Museum and Institute of Historical Research, the booth on nationbuilding tasks and that on the Tatmadaw (Air).

At 10.30 am, Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to the Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Road, the venue of the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Literary and Art Competition and Exhibition. They were greeted there by Chairman of the Literary and Art Competition Organizing Committee Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, member of the Committee Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt and officials.

The Senior General and party inspected the entries, prize-winning works of art and bio-data of the prize winners in the Armed Forces Day commemorative photo competition, TV Quiz, military and marching song competitions, painting, essay, poetry, extempore talk, computer art and sculpture competitions as well as large paintings honouring the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party conversed with literati, artists and artisans and prize winners in the competitions. They left the Tatmadaw Hall at 11.30 am.

(2) MIC Chairman receives C & P Myanmar Chairman

YANGON, 24 March - Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Chairman of C & P Myanmar Pte Ltd of Singapore Mr Loi Kai Meng and party at his office this afternoon.

They discussed progress in implementation of Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa Project and future programmes and investment.

Joint secretary of MIC and officials of Myanmar Port Authority were present.

(3) Secretary-1 receives entrepreneur of USA

YANGON, 24 March - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Dr M Segal and entrepreneur Mrs M Segal of United States of America at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet were also present.

(4) PRC State Councillor and Secretary-General of State Council arrives

YANGON, 24 March - At the invitation of the Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, the State Councillor and Secretary-General of the State Council of the People’s
Republic of China Mr Luo Gan together with a 15-member delegation arrived here by air this evening on a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar.

The State Councillor and Secretary-General of the State Council and party were welcomed by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Nyunt Swe, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials of the Embassy of the PRC M Chen Baoliu and officials at Yangon International Airport.

(5) Secretary-1 receives Chairman of Daewoo Group

YANGON, 24 March - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Chairman of Daewoo Group Mr Woo Choong Kim and party of the Republic of Korea at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet were also present.

(6) K 15m Minhla passenger and cargo vessel built by Dalla Shipyard Launched

YANGON, 24 March - A ceremony to launch Minhla passenger and cargo vessel built by Dalla Shipyard of the Inland Water Transport at a cost of K 15 million was held at Dalla Shipyard this afternoon as a gesture hailing the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

Built by the workers and engineers of Dalla Shipyard within one year, the vessel is equipped with two 440HP engines. It is 43.9 metres long and 8.84 metres wide and has a depth of 1.83 metres and a draught of 1.37 metres with full load. With 330 passengers and 60 tons of cargo, the vessel can run 11 nautical miles per hour.

Speaking at the ceremony, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win spoke of the accomplishments of Dalla Shipyard which is the oldest and biggest one in Myanmar.

(7) Minister U Ohn Gyaw sends felicitations to Foreign Minister of the Hellenic Republic

YANGON, 25 March - U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Theodoros Pangalos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, on the occasion of the Anniversary of the National Day of the Hellenic Republic which falls on 25 March, 1997.
(8) Minister receives Chew Eu Hock Holdings MD

YANGON, 24 March - Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Managing Director of Chew Eu Hock Holdings Pte Ltd Mr Chew Eu Hock and party at his office this afternoon.

They discussed opening of Orchid Hotel at 91, Anawrahta Street in Yangon, on 28 March and construction of more hotels in Bagan-NyaungU.


Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt, Managing Director of Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise U Myo Min, Managing Director of Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein and officials were also present.

(9) Feasibility Study shows existence of 400 million tons of copper deposits

YANGON, 24 March - A three-member team of Myanmar Ivanhoe Copper Co Ltd led by Vice-Chairman Mr Jack Devitt presented a feasibility study report on the Letpadaung Hill mineral deposit for No 1 Mining Enterprise and Myanmar Ivanhoe Copper Co Ltd joint venture under taking at the former’s office at 3 pm today.

(10) Students of Azin and Kyaikdon regions in Kya-in-Seikkyi on excursion in Yangon

YANGON, 24 March - Altogether 86 students and teachers of Azin and Kyaikdon regions in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township led by U Pan Laung, accompanied by Major Zaw Win Kyu of No 44 LID, visited Yangon Tharlyin Bridge this morning.

They visited Hsandawshin Keaikkhauk Pagoda.

They went to Kyaikhmawwun Yayle Pagoda in Kyauktan Township where they were welcomed by Chairman of Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Lu Maw and members of the Board of Trustees. They visited Shukhintha Amusement Park in Thakayta.

The students went to National Indoor Stadium-1 where they were welcomed by Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department Col Hla Myint Kyaw and officials.