

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Monday 31 March, 1997)

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YANGON,- 30 March - Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Khamtay Siphandone and goodwill delegation members, currently here on an official State visit at-the invitation of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, visited South Nawin Dam and inspected Ayeyawady River Bridge (Pyay) Project today.

Accompanied by Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Ambassador of Myanmar to LPDR U Thein Han, Ambassador of LPDR to Myanmar Mr Ly Bounkham and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, the visiting Prime Minister and delegation members left here by special flight for Pyay.

They were welcomed at Pyay Khittaya Airport by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Tactical Operations Commander of No 66 Light Infantry Division Col Hla Aye, military officers, departmental officials and members of the Union Solidarity and Development,As sociation, Red- Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades.

Accompanied by Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun, the visiting Prime Minister and entourage proceeded from Pyay to South Nawin Dam in Paukkaung Township by helicopter.

They were welcomed there by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung and departmental heads.

They were also accorded a rousing welcome by township departmental personnel, members of the USDA and students who waved miniature flags of the two countries and chanted slogans for consolidation of friendship between the two countries.

(2) Secretary-1 inspects construction of Ministry of Transport Dhammayon, building of jetty for coastal trawlers

YANGON, 30 March Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected construction of the Dhammayon of the Ministry of Transport and building of the jetty for coastal trawlers and gave necessary instructions to officials this evening.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials of the office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, arrived at construction site of Dhammayon of the Ministry of Transport in the precincts of Maha Wizaya Pagoda.

They were welcomed by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Deputy Minister U Sann Wai, Managing Director of Myanmar Shipyards U Percy Maung Maung and officials.

The Secretary-1 heard a report on progress of construction work of Dhammayon and works of Myanmar arts and crafts presented by U Percy Maung Maung, designer of Myanmar arts and crafts U Aye Myint and officials.

The Secretary- 1 gave necessary instructions.

The Secretary- 1 and party proceeded to construction site of a jetty for coastal trawlers near Chaungwa Monastery in Hlaing Township. Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win and Managing Director of Myanmar Port Authority U Tin Oo reported on the purpose of the construction of the jetty and progress of construction work.

The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions.

Then, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction work and left there.

(3) Mann Creek Bridge commissioned into service in Minbu (Sagu) Township

YANGON, 30 March - Mann Creek Bridge, 90a feet long and 12.5 feet wide, was inaugurated in Minbu (Sagu) Township in the western sector of Ayeyawady River this morning. Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee for Secure and Smooth Transport Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo addressed the ceremony.

Also present were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Ministers U Khin Maung Yin, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha, Minister at the

Office of Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin and local authorities and officials.

In his address, Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo said Mann Creek Bridge is crucial for development of Minbu region and smooth transport in the region.

(4) Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win receives LPDR Minister

YANGON, 30 March- Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win received Minister of Communications, Transport, Posts and Construction of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Phao Bounnaphonh at his office- this afternoon.

They discussed matters concerning bilateral cooperation in aviation and water transport.

Also present were Deputy Minister U Sann Wai, Managing Director U Tin Oo of Myanma Port Authority and officials under the ministry.

(5) Deputy Minister inspects summer paddy cultivation

YANGON, 30 March Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Tin Hlaing and departmental officials arrived at Sitpinkwin Village in Thanhlyin Township, Yangon South District today.

He inspected harvesting of summer paddy and called on division, district and township-level employees to carry out organizational works and give necessary assistance for cultivation of various crops and beans after monsoon paddy in Thanhlyin Township.

Then, the 1 deputy minister and party proceeded to Thaikukan Village in Thongwa Township, where he met over 500 farmers from nine village-tracts of Thongwa Township and over 200 employees from Yangon South District.

He gave instructions on full cultivation of monsoon paddy and techniques to be employed for promoting peracre yield.

He also called on employees to provide quality strains, fertilizer and agricultural loans.

(6) Madame Thongvanh Siphandone visits Shwegondine Day Nursery, Women's Training School

YANGON, 30 March Madame Thongvanh Siphandone of LPDR and party, accompanied by wife of Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, wife of Ambassador of Myanmar to Lao People's Democratic Republic U Thein Han, wife of Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Ly Bounkham and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visited Shwegondine Day Nursery and Women's Training School this morning.

They arrived at Shwegondine Day Nursery of Social Welfare Department at 8.40 am and they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Maung Kyi and wife, Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Than Po and officials. Director-General U Than Po briefed them on objectives of Day Nursery and their functions.

Then, Madame Thongvanh Siphandone donated cash \$ 300 to Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Maung Kyi for the Day Nursery funds.

Madame Thongvanh Siphandone and party then observed the tasks to accommodate and nurture children.

They proceeded to Women's Training School where they were welcomed by officials and trainees.

Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department U Myat Swe briefed them on background history of the school and training and nurturing of school girls.

Madame Thongvanh Siphandone then presented gifts to Deputy Director U Myat Swe.

Madame Thongvanh Siphandone and party observed hostels, breeding of livestock and sewing machine and cordially greeted yein troupe practicing to take part in the Maha Thingyan Festival.

They proceeded to Women's Yeiktha in Kamayut Township where they were welcomed by administrator and officials.

Daw Htar Yaw of Social Welfare Department briefed them on background history of the yeiktha and professional training.

Madame Thongvan Siphandone and party and officials exchanged gifts.

They observed the washing, jewellery industry, tailoring, weaving and shops an left there.

(7) Kayin hill nationals go on study tour

YANGON, 30 March-A study group including hill national races of Papun region in Kayin State went on their study tour and this morning visited at Pyidaungsu Ayeyeiknye. Township Development Department Officer U Win Htein and officials welcomed and conducted round them.

Next, they went to the Zoo where they were welcomed by Staff Officer Daw Khin Moe Shwe and responsible officials.

In the afternoon, they arrived at Thuwunna Sports Ground and were welcomed by Manager U Than Htut and officials.

They also visited Kandawgyi Bogyoke Park and Karawaik Hotel where Manager U Aung Kyaw Oo and responsible officials welcomed them.
