(1) Senior General Than Shwe welcomes General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Mr Do Muoi

YANGON, 22 May - At the invitation of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe, Mr Do Muoi, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (CPVCC), and goodwill delegation arrived here this morning by special flight on an officials visit to Myanmar.

(2) Senior General Than Shwe receives General Secretary Mr Do Muoi of the Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

YANGON, 22 May - Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe received General Secretary of the Central Committee(cc) of the communist party of the socialist Republic of Vietnam (CPV) Mr Do Muoi in Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw building at 2.30 pm today.

Present together with the Senior General were 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 Lt-Gen
Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw. The General Secretary was accompanied by Member of Political Bureau, CPVCC’s Deputy Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai and Member of Political Bureau, CPVCC, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Nguyen Manh Cam.

Souvenir photographs were taken after the call.

(3) General Secretary Mr Do Muoi of CPVCC, goodwill delegation of SRV visit National Museum, People’s Park

YANGON, 22 May - General Secretary Mr Do Muoi of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and goodwill delegation, on a State Visit here at the invitation of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe, visited the National Museum; and then planted a commemorative tree in the People’s Park today.

General Secretary Mr Do Muoi and goodwill delegation, accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to SRV U Khin Soe and Ambassador of SRV Mr Tran Viet Tan and officials, visited the National Museum on Pyay Road this afternoon. On arrival there at 4.25 pm, they were welcomed by Minister for Culture U Aung San and officials.

They studied Thihathana Throne and booths. They were conducted round and briefed by officials. General Secretary Mr Do Muoi signed in the Visitors’ Book. Afterwards, Mr Do Muoi and Minister for Culture U Aung San exchanged souvenirs.

The guests proceeded to the People’s Square and People’s Park where they were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay and officials.

The General Secretary planted a padauk tree near Pyidaungsu Ayeyeiknyein to mark his goodwill visit. They posed for souvenir photos.

The guests left the People’s Square and People’s Park for Seinle Kantha State Guest House at 5 pm.

(4) Secretary-1 calls General Secretary of the Communist Party of SRV

YANGON, 22 May - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt paid a courtesy call on General Secretary, of the Central Committee (CC) of the Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (CPV) Mr Do Muoi at Seinle Kantha State Guest House at 11.30 am today.
Present together with the General Secretary were Member of Political Bureau, CPVCC, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Nguyen Manh Can, Assistant to the General Secretary Mr Hong Ha and Ambassador of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Tran Viet Tan and high-ranking officials.

The Secretary-1 was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Education -U Pan Aung, Ambassador of Myanmar to Vietnam U Khin Soe and Director-General, of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

(5)  Myanmar Road, Motor & Rail Transport Expo’97, Myanmar Construction & Computer Expo’97 open

YANGON, 22 May-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended the opening ceremony of Myanmar Road, Motor & Rail Transport Expo’97 and Myanmar Construction & Computer Expo’97 at Yangon Convention Center (Tatmadaw Hall) on U Wisara Road at 8.20 am today.

The exhibition was jointly sponsored by Ministry of Rail Transportation, Ministry of Construction CP Exhibition of Hong Kong and Silver Kris of Myanmar.

Present also were ministers, officials of the Office of State Law and Order Restoration Council and departments, organizers and guests. The Secretary-1 formally opened the exhibition.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and ministers inspected the exhibition.

Managing Director of CP Exhibition of Hong Kong Mr Andrew Kay and Managing Director of Silver Kris of Myanmar U Shein Win briefed them on the exhibition.

Twenty-seven companies including those from Myanmar- displayed equipment for transport, construction, telecommunication and computers.

The exhibition is open to all from 9 am to noon and 2 pm to 6 pm, till 26 May.

(6)  Myanmar, China agree to build 16m dollar sugar mill

YANGON, 22 May - Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Gon Nong Technological and Import and
Export Services of Zhu Hai Corporation of the People’s Republic of China will build two sugar mills, capable of milling 1,500 tons of sugarcane per day, in Myanmar.

One will be built in Zeyawady in Bago Division and another in Taung Zin Aye area in Lewe in Mandalay Division.

The agreement on building the sugar mill in Zeyawady at a cost of US $ 16.43 million was signed at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning. Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo attended the ceremony.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung explained plan to build the sugar mill in Zeyawady under the programme of economic cooperation between the two countries. He said another mill will be built six Months later.

Managing Director of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise U Myo Myint and Chairman of Gon Nong Technological and Import and Export Services Mr Haung Yi Sin signed the agreement.

The vice-chairman of Zhu Kaung Group thanked the dignitaries and persons concerned.

Also present were Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Finance and Revenue Br4Gen Win Tin, Ambassador of PRC Ms Chen Baoliu, the Vice-Mayor of Zhu Hai, the chairman of Zhu Kaung Group and other Chinese officials and heads of department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

(7) The Revenue and Accounts Management Instructor Course No 1/97 Opened

YANGON, 22 May-The Revenue and Accounts Management Instructor Course No 1/97 of the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs opened at the Training Centre of the Ministry of Construction at Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township, today with an address by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

The opening ceremony was also attended by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein and Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, directors general, managing directors and officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, departments and enterprises, invited guests, course instructors and trainees.
(8)  Myanmar delegation returns from Japan

YANGON, 22 May Myanmar delegation led by Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Ministers and Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung arrived back here from Japan by air yesterday after attending the 3rd International Conference on the Future of Asia held in Tokyo, Japan.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister at the Office of Prime Minister U Than Shwe, member of Security and Management Committee Brig-Gen Thaung Myint, Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi, heads of department and officials.

(9)  Minister meets kidney transplant team, patients

YANGON, 22 May Minister for Health U Saw Tun today lauded surgeons, specialists, other doctors, nurses and staff who successfully performed two kidney transplants recently.

The minister was welcomed at the Renal Unit of Yangon General Hospital by Director-General of Department of Health Dr Hla Myint, Director General of Department of Medical Science Dr Mya Oo, Rector of Institute of Medicine-1 Dr Kyaw Myint Tun, YGH Medical Superintendent Dr Toe Aung, professors, specialists and health personnel and officials concerned.

Professor Dr Paing Soe and Professor Dr Than Aye briefed the minister on the operations. The minister lauded them and said it was the first ever kidney transplant performed by Myanmar surgeons’ and a landmark in Myanmar medical history.

(10)  Cooperation in production of export quality crops discussed

YANGON, 22 May - Ambassador of Israel Mr Gad Nathan, accompanied by Production Manager Mr Y Fuksman of Netafim Irrigation Equipment Dr Sein Myint, called on Chairman of May Flower Trading Co Ltd U Kyaw Win at Myanmar May Flower Bank (Head Office) at 9th Mile, Pyay Road at 11 am today.

They discussed cooperation in production of export quality crops with advanced method and drip system and testing high-yield quality seeds in Myanmar.
(11) **Daewoo MD calls on Minister Energy**

YANGON, 22 May - Managing Director of Daewoo Corporation of the Republic of Korea - Mr Hoon Choi called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein at his office on Pyay Road today.

Energy sector, investments in projects for construction of hydroelectric power plants and cooperation were discussed.

Director-General U Soe Myint of Department of Energy Planning, Managing Director U Zaw Win of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and officials concerned were present.

(12) **Aunglan-Hsatthwa section of Yoma Ring Railroad Project commissioned into service**

YANGON, 22 May - Aunglan-Hsatthwa section of Yangon-Mandalay - Bagan-Pyay-Yangon Railroad (Yoma Ring Railroad) Project was commissioned into services this morning.

The ceremony to put it into service held at Aunglan Railway Station was attended by Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Commander of No 66 LID Brig-Gen Soe Win, Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt, Managing Director Thura U Thaung Lwin of Myanmar Railways, the adviser at the Ministry of Rail Transportation and heads of department under the ministry, officials, members of USDA and Red Cross, guests and local people exceeding 55,000.

(13) **Seminar on AFTA Process: Implications and Future Directions for Myanmar**

YANGON, 22 May - The two-day Seminar on the AFTA Process: Implications and Future Directions for Myanmar was jointly sponsored by Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Information and Resource Centre (IRC) of Singapore with the support of Sasakawa South-East Asia Cooperation Fund at Traders Hotel today.