(1) Chairman of State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Pakistan

YANGON, 9 July-Mr Javed Hafiz, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning.

(2) Chairman of State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Kingdom of Norway

YANGON, 9 July-Mr Knut Solem, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning.

(3) Minister look into expansion of sericulture, boosting production of export-oriented crops

YANGON, 9 July-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung left Mandalay for PyinOoLwin yesterday afternoon and visited the Silk Factory of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in town.

The minister, Commander of PyinOoLwin Station Commandant of the Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and officials inspected silk production process, quality of the silk produced and mulberry plantations. The minister called for boosting production not
only for domestic use but also for export since quality of the products has improved.

The PyinOoLwin Silk Factory has targeted to produce 16,000 pounds of silk this year.

While in PyinOoLwin, the minister also inspected the vegetable farm of Myanma Agriculture Service. He called for replacement of unproductive crops such as pear and damson.

The minister next visited the Doegwin Coffee Plantation where he inspected cultivation of Shitaki mushrooms which can secure ready markets in the world. He also looked into the factory producing raw materials needed for mushroom cultivation. The minister instructed to work in cooperation with private sector to boost production of the export-oriented item.

Minister Lt-Gen Myint Aung this morning left PyinOoLwin for Nawngkio by car. He was greeted at the border of Mandalay Division and Shan State by Chairman of Shan State (North) Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and senior military officers and departmental officials.

(4) **Myanmar Shipyards deliver three 250-ton barges to Myanmar Timber Enterprise**

YANGON, 9 July - A ceremony for delivering of three 250-ton barges built at Myanma Shipyards of the Ministry of Transport to Myanmar Timber Enterprise was held at the Myanma Shipyards, Hsinmalaik, Kamayut, here this morning.

(5) **Chairman of Management Committee visits warded National Convention delegates**

YANGON, 9 July - Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Brig-Gen Tin Aye, accompanied by Chairman of Invitation and Accommodation Sub-committee Col Myo Myint, Secretary of Management Committee Lt-Col Lin Maung, Secretary of Health Sub-committee Lt-Col Kyi Lin and members, visited National Convention delegates warded at Yangon General Hospital, this morning.

Chairman Brig-Gen Tin Aye and party were welcomed by Medical Superintendent U Toe Aung and officials.

Brig-Gen Tin Aye asked after the health of National Convention delegates U Mahn Tha Hsin and U San Bik.

(6) **Trainees of National Defence College of Thailand conclude visit**

YANGON, 9 July - One hundred and ninety five trainees of National Defence College of Thailand led by Commandant Air Marshal Chanchai
Chan-chidchingchai and faculty staff left here for home by Air this morning.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Commandant of National Defence College of Myanmar Maj-Gen San Aung, senior military officers, officials of the ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of Thailand Mr Poksak Nilubol and military attaches.

(7) **Minister inspect unloading of car parts from mv Feng Qing**

YANGON, 9 July-Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Kyaw Than, together with Chairman of Committee for Smooth and speedy Handing of Freight Minister at the office of the Chairman of State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun, arrived at No 5 Sule Wharf this Afternoon.

They were welcomed by officials of Myanmar Port Authority and Myanmar Heavy Industries at the Wharf.

(8) **University of Culture Council holds seventh meeting**

YANGON, 9 July-The University of Culture Council held its seventh meeting at the Ministry of Culture on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road at 2 pm today attended by Minister for Culture U Aung San, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, the directors-general of the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education and Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Rector of Yangon University and Council member theatrical artistes and sculptors.

First, Minister U Aung San called for discussions on tasks to be undertaken for the University and organizing convocations on a grand scale.

The Principal of the University of Culture next presented work done, matters to be approved and decisions to be made.

The Council members discussed organizing the first convocation of the University, prescribing the gowns, designating the University flag, admitting students for the 1997-98 academic year, appointment of teachers to fill vacancies and to fill a vacancy for the Council member and miscellaneous matters.

Minister U Aung San delivered the closing address.

(9) **Minister for Finance and Revenue receives Ambassador of Finland**

YANGON, 9 July Minister for finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin received Mr Tauno Koaria, Ambassador of Finland based in Bang-kok at his office this Afternoon.

Present was Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyi Aye.