(1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of the Republic of Korea

YANGON, 15 Aug-Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kim Young Sam, President of the Republic of Korea, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Korea which falls on 15 August 1997.

(2) General Maung Aye inspects condition of Union Highway, tours Shan State (North)


He was accompanied by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Adjutant General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Tin Hla, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Health U Saw Tun, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Judge Advocate General Maj-Gen Than Oo, Defence Services Inspector General Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Director of Artillery and Armour Brig-Gen Lun...
Thi, Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han and departmental officials.

They flew from Yangon to Lashio yesterday afternoon.

They were welcomed at Lashio Airport by Chairman of Shan State (North) Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Thein, military officers, departmental officials, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association and local nationals.

They next helicoptered to Sint-in Bridge located at the border of Lashio and Hsipaw Townships.

At the temporary office near the bridge, Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe briefed the General and party on the condition of Hsipaw-Sint-in-Lashio Section and Hsipaw-MongsanLashio Section of Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway, condition of the 190-foot-long Sint-in Bridge and maintenance work, plans for construction of new Sint-in Bridge and condition of Gokhteik Viaduct, Kyinthi Bridge and Hsipaw Bridge.

They also heard reports on the work to be carried out for increasing of durability of the bridge and conditions and maintenance of Nawngkhio Lashio Section.

General Maung Aye said that permission for rebuilding of the busy Nawngkhio Lashio-Muse Road was granted to local entrepreneurs with the aim contributing toward secure and smooth transport.

He spoke of the need for the companies to pay serious attention on completion of respective sections of the road as scheduled.

(3) Secretary-1 receives Chairman of Daewoo corporation Daewoo Group

YANGON, 14 Aug - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Chairman of Daewoo Corporation, Daewoo Group Mr Woo Choong Kim and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning.

Present also were 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.

(4) Deputy Prime Minister receives Senior Vice-President of Delta International Company

YANGON, 14 Aug - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Senior Vice-President of Delta International Company Mr Nasir Al Shiha and party at his office this afternoon.

Present also were Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials.
(5) Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning of the Philippines concludes Visit

YANGON, 14 Aug - The economic planning delegation led by Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning Dr Cielito F Habito of Republic of the Philippines, currently here at the invitation of the Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, left here by air this morning.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Mrs Sonia C Brady and officials of the ministry.

(6) Myanmar national team draws 1-1 in goodwill match with Tero Sasana

YANGON, 14 Aug - Tentatively selected Myanmar national team played a 1-1 draw with Thailand's First Division Tero Sasana in the friendly soccer match at Youth Training Centre Stadium this afternoon.

Among the spectators were Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein 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, Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun and senior Tatmadaw officers.

In the first half, the guest team scored its goal through a corner kick.

But Myanmar's midfielder Maung Maung Oo equalized minutes later. The match paused for a few minutes in the second half due to the heavy rains which left the field waterlogged.

Both teams' efforts to score more goals in the second half were hampered by the water.

Maung Maung Oo won the Man of the Match Award for Myanmar team and Srimaka-Worawoot for Tero Sasana.

The Thais will meet Aung San Selected of Myanmar Football Federation in the second goodwill match at the stadium on 16 August.

(7) Myanmar, ROK sign Agreed Minutes on avoidance of double taxation on income and prevention of financial irregularities

YANGON, 14 Aug - A delegation of the Republic of Korea led by Deputy Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs Mr Nam Koong Hoon arrived here on 7 August and held discussions with Myanmar counterparts the following day.

The Myanmar side comprised of the director-general and officials of the Internal Revenue Department led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Naing.
Further discussions were held from 11 to 14 August at IRD on a draft agreement on avoidance of double taxation on income and prevention of financial irregularities between the two countries.

Myanmar officials led by IRD Director-General U Than Nyunt and Korean counterparts including Director Mr Lee Kwang-Ho and Deputy Director Mr Lee Kyung-Geun of the ROK Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and Counsellor Mr Chang Suk-Chul of the ROK Embassy took part in the discussions. Afterwards, the leaders signed the note.

Mr Lee Kwang-Ho and Mr Lee Kyung-Geun were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Director General U Than Nyunt and other officials yesterday.

(8) **Minister for Education inspects high schools in Yangon, Bago Divisions**

YANGON, 14 Aug- Minister for Education U Pan Aung inspected basic education high schools in Yangon and Bago Divisions yesterday. He was accompanied by Director-General U Bo Win of Basic Education Department, Chairman of Myanmar Education Research Bureau U Tin Nyo, Head of Office U Hla Myint and officials.

Yesterday morning, the minister arrived at Thongwa Township Basic Education High School and coordinated renovation of the school buildings destroyed by heavy rain with officials.

At BEHS 1 in Khayan, he arranged relocation of a middle school and four primary schools which were inundated due to the rain in coordination with officials.

He also instructed the headmaster and teachers to nurture students for their all-round development and to implement cooperation between parents and teachers in students' affairs.

In the afternoon, the minister discussed with officials of Peinkan Basic Education High School education for all.

In Kawa Township, Bago Division, he inspected classrooms of Thakkala Village BEHS and gave instructions to extend teaching hours.

At Thanatpin BEHS, he discussed with officials renovation of a primary school destroyed by floods due to the heavy rain.

(9) **Myanmar delegation seeks economic cooperation with PRC, Thai Vietnams Lao officials at Kunming Trade Fair 97**

YANGON, 14 Aug- Myanmar economic delegation led by Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi attended inauguration of Kunming Trade Fair 97 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, on 8 August.

They are there as guests of Minister of External Trade and Economic Cooperation of PRC Madame Su Yi and Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Fle Zhi Qiang.
During their meeting with PRC officials led by Mr He on 7 August, they discussed further strengthening of existing bilateral friendly ties and economic cooperation and establishment of regular border trade.

Mr He hosted dinner in their honour at Kunming Hotel.

After the inauguration ceremony, Myanmar delegation met officials of Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos and governors of other provinces of PRC attending the fair. Talks were on promotion of economic cooperation.

They also met the Chairman of China National Complete Plant Import and Export Yunnan Corporation and vice-chairman of Yunnan International Economic Corporation.

During their visit to Dong Fang car assembly plant, they discussed economic cooperation with Chinese officials led by the chairman of YMIEC.

Lt-Gen Tun Kyi looked into the requirements of Myanmar booths at the fair the day before the inauguration.

On arrival in Kunming on 6 August evening, they were welcomed by Consul-General U Win Aung and Yunnan officials.

The trade fair continues till 6 August.

(10) Prawn breeding ponds inspected

YANGON, 14 Aug - Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung inspected prawn ponds and reclamation of land for prawn breeding, undertaken by SP Import & Export Co Ltd, at Chaungwa Village in Kyaunktan Township, Yangon Division this morning.

Company officials briefed the minister on prawn breeding at the camp.

The minister, together with officials, left for the fresh water and sea prawn breeding centre, jointly undertaken by Fisheries Department and Super Group Ltd at Chaungwa.

The centre applies scientific and systematic methods in prawn breeding and has achieved success. It has harvested ponds No 1 to 4 and prawns are also raised in ponds No 5 to 10. The remaining ponds will be harvested at the end of October. At the time of harvest, the Prawns have equal size and each is about six inches long.

The minister and party also inspected the Fish Breeding Training School in West Gyogon in Insein Township. Director-General U Soe Win and Deputy Director-General U Than Tun of Fisheries Department briefed the minister on building of a pontoon bridge by the Hline River and of modern cold storages and ice factories.

(11) Malaysian delegation visits Golden Triangle area

YANGON, 14 Aug - An economic delegation led by Managing Director Mr Norman Ch'ng Ping Teong of Timber Master Industries Berhad of Malaysia, currently in Myanmar, visited eastern Shan State from 10 to 12 August.
Their visit to Myanmar is aimed at studying areas of economic interest so as to enable them to cooperate with May Flower Group for mutual interest:

Accompanied by Chairman of May Flower Group U Kyaw Win, District Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Lt-Col Sein Win and officials, they studied development of Tachilek Township in eastern Shan State and Wanpon jetty in Golden Triangle area.

They also visited a branch of May Flower Bank and housing projects being undertaken by May Flower Group.

The delegation will visit housing projects and industrial zones and enterprises of May Flower in Yangon before leaving for home on 16 August.