(1) Secretary-1 receives State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan

YANGON, 18 Aug-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr Masahiko Koumura and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning.

Present also were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Director-General of Political Department U Khin Maung Win.

The guests were accompanied by Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi.

(2) Chief of Bureau of Special Operations, Chief of Staff (Army) receives Chief of Staff (Army) of the Armed Forces of Bangladesh

YANGON, 18 Aug - Chief of Bureau of Special Operations and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo received Chief of Staff (Army) of the Armed Forces of People's Republic of Bangladesh Maj-Gen Mohammad Anwar Hossain and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 3 pm today.

They discussed friendly relations between the armed forces of the two nations.

Present also were Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander of National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung and senior Tatmadaw officers.
The guests were accompanied by Defence Attache of Bangladesh Embassy Brig-Gen Nasiruddin Sarwar.

(3) Chief of Staff (Army) of Armed Forces of Bangladesh arrives

YANGON, 18 Aug At the invitation of Chief of Bureau of Special Operations and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Chief of Staff (Army) of the Armed Forces of People's Republic of Bangladesh Maj-Gen Mohammad Anwar Hossain and party arrived here by air for a goodwill visit at 9.15 am today.

They were welcomed at the airport by Chief of Bureau of Special Operations and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Colonel General Staff Col Myint Swe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Ambassador of Bangladesh Mr Jahangir Saadat and embassy staff and Defence Attache Brig-Gen Nasiruddin Sarwar.

The Chief of Staff (Army) of the Armed Forces of Bangladesh and party visited Defence Services Museum at 10.30 am.

They were welcomed by Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research-Institute Col Ye Htut and officials who took them on a tour.

In the evening the goodwill delegation visited the National Museum on Pyay Road where they were welcomed by Director-General of Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Thein Swe and officials.

(4) Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation inspects Hline-tet Canning Factory

YANGON, 18 Aug - Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected Hline-tet Canning Factory in Thazi Township on 16 August.

Accompanied by officials, he inspected quality of fruit juice, fruit jam, fruit molasses, dried fruit and other foodstuff at the factory.

Test production of preserved tea, lime jam and dried jackfruit are in progress at the factory.

It is exporting baby-corn and palm molasses.

The minister observed various production stages and urged officials to strive to boost exports.

The next morning, he inspected a mobile cotton mill in Meiktila Township.
The mobile mill can be run with electric or diesel power. The eight roller gins of the mill can process 900 viss of cotton in an eighthour shift.

He looked into the requirements in successful devising of twin-rollers, improving and using spare parts to produce quality ginning.

(5) Construction projects in Kengtung looked into

YANGON, 18 Aug - Chairman of Shan State (East) Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Thein Sein visited the site for construction of a digital microwave station in the compound of the Satellite Ground Station in Kengtung on 14 August.

Chairman of District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and U Kyaw Swa Thwin briefed him on construction of the building and the microwave station under construction on Pankyu Yingwe Hill.

Maj-Gen Thein Sein and officers then inspected greening of the Naungton Lake carried out by the battalions and units in Kengtung Station and establishment of a recreation centre near the Golden Triangle Department Store in Kengtung.

(6) National Convention Convening Commission meets

YANGON, 18 Aug - Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, accompanied by officials, visited Thakayta Amusement Park this morning. He inspected construction of Shukhintha modern swimming pool and recreation centre and extension work of roller coaster.

U Ko Lay gave instructions on keeping environment of the water slide and swimming pool clean and pleasant and systematic arrangements of food stalls, bodybuilding rooms, Jacuzzi, beauty parlours and karaoke rooms in the recreation centre.

(7) Myanmar delegation arrives back from Kunming

YANGON, 18 Aug - Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi arrived back here by air at 3.15 pm today after attending Kunming Trade Fair 97 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, at the invitation of the Minister of External Trade and Economic Cooperation of PRC and the Governor of Yunnan Province.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Counsellor of PRC Embassy Mr Yu Tiegen, advisers, directors-general and managing directors of the
departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Commerce and departmental officials.

(8) MIC Secretary receives Director of South-East Asia Division Ministry of Finance of France

YANGON, 18 Aug - Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung received Director of South-East Asia Division, Ministry of Finance in Paris Mr Federic Mey together with Commercial Counsellor of French Embassy Mr Eric Sayettat at Myanmar Investment Commission Office this morning. Present also were officials of Directorate of Investment and Companies.

(9) Paddy cultivation, irrigation inspected in Pwintbyu Township

YANGON, 18 Aug - Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt inspected cultivation of paddy and irrigation in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, on 14 August.

Accompanied by the chairman of Minbu District Law and Order Restoration Council and divisional departmental officials, he inspected cultivation of paddy by directseeding method and collective transplanting of paddy and ploughing at Leiphila Village in Pwintbyu Township.

He gave instructions on proper ploughing of land, and application of systematic cultivation methods. He urged efforts for completion of cultivation by the end of this month.

He later inspected outlets and conduits of Mezali Dam.

Meeting departmental officials at Mezali Yeiktha, he discussed cultivation, adequate water supply and maintenance of old canals.

Later, he inspected ploughing of 114 acres with the help of 458 yokes and 18 tractors.

(10) Pale Ekari Anyeint troupes of South-East Command arrive

YANGON, 18 Aug - Two Pale Ekari Anyeint troupes arrived here by boat today to represent the South-East Command in the Second Myawady Anyeint Competition.

The troupes were led by Maj Soe Lwin of the SouthEast Command and comprise 45 artistes. They were welcomed at the jetty by Chairman of the Reception Committee Lt-Col Tin Kyaing, members of Seikkan Township Law and Order Restoration Council,
members of Union Solidarity and Development Association and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and personnel of Myanma Port Authority.

(11) Secretary-2 inspects hostel arrangements for anyeint artistes

YANGON, 18 Aug—Patron of the 1997 Second Myawady Anyeint Competition Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo this afternoon inspected hostel arrangements for anyeint artistes of Commands who will be taking part in the Second Myawady Anyeint Competition at No 1 Transit Centre on Bayintnaung Road, Hline Township.

Accompanied by Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Aung Thein and Director of Resettlement Commander of No 1 Military Region Col Thaik Tun, the Secretary-2, on arrival at the Transit Centre, was welcomed by Minister for Culture U Aung San, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Win, Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Tin Htoo, officials and military officers.

The Secretary-2 inspected arrangements for food, measures undertaken for health and preparations at hostels.