(1) MEC Chairman inspects schools in Thingangyun, South and North Okkalapa Townships

YANGON, 24 Aug Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected six Basic Education Primary Schools in Thingangyun, South Okkalapa and South Okkalapa townships in Yangon Division this morning.

The Secretary-1 was welcomed at the schools by Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Basic Education Department, heads of department, local authorities, township education officers, school heads, teachers, Parent-Teacher Association members, members of the Township and Ward Union Solidarity and Development Associations and pupils.

Headmistress Daw Khin Shwe of BEPS No, 17 and Headmistress Daw Naw Philomena of BEPS No 16 in Thingangyun Township, Headmistress Daw Myint Myint Than of BEPS No 14 and Headmistress Daw Hla Myint of BEPS No 10 in South Okkalapa Township and Headmistress Daw Myint Myint Yi of BEPS No 31 and Headmistress Daw San San Win of BEPS No 4 in North Okkalapa Township briefed the Secretary-1 on their schools and requirements.

Deputy Minister Col Kyi Maung, officials and TEOs also submitted supplementary reports.

The Secretary-1 arranged for the renovation of school buildings. He spoke of the need for every child of the school-going age to have access to primary education and continue to attend middle and high schools.

He also underscored the need for teachers to nurture their pupils for improvement in morality, education and discipline and enable them to
adhere to civic duties, realize the meaning of patriotism and appreciate Myanmar culture.

The Secretary-1 told the teachers to make clean water available to their pupils and laid emphasis on cleanliness at their schools and sanitation to be carried out with the sponsorship of local authorities and volunteers of wellwisher organizations.

He called on the teachers to strive for achieving good pass rates and the officials to make field tours and fulfil requirements at schools.

(2) **Chief of Staff (Army) sees off delegation to 15th Meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee**

YANGON, 24 Aug - A 30-member Myanmar delegation led by Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Ket Sein left here by special Tatmadaw flight this morning for Thailand via Kengtung to attend the 15th Meeting of the Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee from 25 to 30 August in Chiangrai Province, Thailand.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Vice-Quartermaster-General Brig-Gen Thein Tun, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Ba Htay Chit, senior military officers and officials of departments concerned.

(3) **Opening ceremony of the Second Myawady Anyeint Competition held**

YANGON, 24 Aug - A ceremony to mark opening of the Second Myawady Anyeint Competition was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street this evening.

It was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Khin Win Shwe, Patron of the Committee for Organizing Myawady Anyeint Competition Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo and wife Daw Khin Than Nwe, members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, ministers, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Adjutant-General, the Quartermaster-General, senior officers of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air), the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers and their wives, chairmen and members of the Leading Committee for Organizing Myawady
Anyeint Competition and various work committees, directors-general and managing directors of ministries, guests, members of the panel of judges, managers and artistes of 21 anyeint troupes of the military commands and audience.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Second Myawady Anyeint Competition Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Brig-Gen Aung Thein formally opened the competition by cutting a ribbon at the entrance to the National Theatre.

The opening ceremony continued in the National Theatre.

(4) Perennial trees planted at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 24 Aug - As part of measures for creating a beautiful, pleasant environment at Yangon International Airport, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win and Director-General U Tin Aye of Department of Civil Aviation and personnel planted perennial trees along the airport approach road this morning.

The minister told the officials to plant flower trees on both sides at the entrance to the terminal building and inspected building of the Special Guests Hall. Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lwin briefed the minister on progress of work.

The minister told the officials to raise the momentum of work, stressing quality.

At the Construction Project Office, Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lwin reported to the minister on projects and difficulties. The minister coordinated their difficulties and gave instructions.

(5) Myanmar to attend WHO ministerial meeting

YANGON, 24 Aug - At the invitation of the of Health of Thailand, a Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health U Saw Tun will attend the 15th Meeting of Health Ministers of WHO Member Countries of South-East Asia Region in Bangkok from 26 to 29 August.

The delegation left here for Thailand by air this morning and was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, Minister Mr Uthai Silthorn of the Embassy of Thailand, the Acting WHO Resident Representative, officials of the Ministry of Health and relatives.
It comprises as members Director-General Dr Hla Myint of the Department of Health, Professor Dr Kyaw Myint of Chest Unit of Yangon General Hospital and Minister's Personal Staff Officer U Kyaw Nyunt.

(7) **Branch bank of AWB opens in Pyay**

YANGON, 24 Aug Asia Wealth Bank Ltd opened a branch bank in Pyay today. Present were Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Director-General of Human Settlement and Housing Development Department U Arnt Kyaw, Deputy Commander of No 66 LID Col Kyaw Kyaw, Tactical Operations Commander Lt-Col Khin Maung Aye, General Staff Officer (Grade I) Lt-Col Tin Hla, Chairman of Pyay District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Soe Nyunt and officials, Chairman of Pyay Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Tin Shwe Yin and officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, chairman, vice-chairman and members of the Board of Directors of AWB, guests and film stars.

Vice-Chairman of AWB U Aik Tun spoke.

Lt-Col Soe Nyunt, Chairman of AWB U Win Maung (a) U Khaung Hsin Yan and U Aik Tun formally opened the branch bank.

(7) **Myanmar delegation arrives back from 20th Meeting on ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters**

YANGON, 24 Aug - Myanmar delegation including Secretary of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Soe Win and Deputy Director of CCDAC Office Police Lt-Col Khan Aung arrived back here by air this evening after attending the 20th Meeting on ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters held from 19 to 22 August in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalem.

The meeting focused on measures taken by each country for anti-drug programmes, accelerating cooperation among ASEAN countries in anti-drug programmes, cooperation in public education, providing medical treatment and rehabilitation, suppression of narcotic drugs and research.

(8) **Myanmar to attend Meeting of S-Gs of ASEAN Red Cross, Red Crescent**

YANGON, 24 Aug - A Myanmar Red Cross delegation led by Honorary Secretary Dr Ko Ko Gyi of Myanmar Red Cross Society left here by air this morning for Thailand to attend the Meeting of Secretaries-General of ASEAN Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Bangkok from 25 to 27 August.

Dr Ko Ko Gyi and members MRCS Central Council member U Ganesh and Administrative Officer U Shein Myint of MRCS headquarters were seen off.
at the Yangon International Airport by MRCS President Dr Hla Bu, members and relatives.