General Maung Aye, Lt-Gen Tin Oo meet USDA executives attending Management Course No 11

YANGON, 25 Aug Member of the Panel of the Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye met trainees of the Management Course No 11 for the Executives of the Union Solidarity and Development Association at Pyidaungsu Hall of Central Public Relations Unit in Hmawby this morning

General Maung Aye stressed the need for the executives to strive for materialization of the aims and objectives of the association, and elaborated on the situations through which the State had gone, endeavours for the development of economic, political and defence sectors and the need to strengthen the association.

The General also spoke of the need for USDA members to undergo training and improve their qualities to be able to discharge assigned duties.

Then, General Maung Aye cordially conversed with the trainees.

Similarly, Member of the Panel of the Patrons of the USDA Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo also met them at 9.50 am.

He gave counsel and cordially conversed with them.

Present on the occasion were the Secretary-General, members of the Secretariat of the Association, executives, course-in-charge and trainees.
(2) Foundation laid for construction of World Theravada Buddhist Missionary University

YANGON, 25 Aug - A foundation-laying ceremony for construction of the World Theravada Buddhist Missionary University was held in the designated compound near Yangon Tooth Relic Pagoda on Dhammapala Hill here this morning.

It was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, member of the Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin, Vice-Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Arnt Maung, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana U Sann Lwin and departmental officials.

At the auspicious time, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt laid the Nawarat casket at the base of Uru Pillar of the main building, Mawgun bronze plate and gem foundation. After that, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and ministers laid cornerstones at designated places.

Later, scented water was sprinkled on the foundation and the ceremony ended with dispensing of metta and showering of confetti.

Division Construction Group 14 of Public Works will build the main building of the university.

The Secretary-1 and party later inspected preparations being made for renovation of hostels for yogis.

(3) Secretary-1 inspects construction of world class swimming pool

YANGON, 25 Aug - Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, inspected construction of the world class swimming pool in Dagon Myothit (North) Township this evening. On arrival at the construction site, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and party were welcomed by Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department Col Hla Myint Kyaw, Commander of No 2 Military Region Col Hsan Hsint and departmental officials.
The Secretary-1 inspected the diving-board under construction, the swimming pool 50 metres by 25 metres in which ten swimmers can compete at the same time, machinery installed for cleaning of the swimming pool and swimmers.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the swimming pool.

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(4) **ASEAN Steering Committee meets**

YANGON, 25 Aug-The third meeting of the ASEAN Steering Committee was held at the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), the Ministry of Defence, at 1.30 pm today with an address by Chairman of the Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Than Oo, members of the Steering Committee, members of National Search and Rescue Committee, officials of National AFTA Unit, members of ASEAN Ministerial Economic Policy Committee, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, heads of departments and other officials were also present.

Secretary of the Steering Committee Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe sought the approval on the minutes of the second meeting and special meeting.

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(5) **Seminar on Export Market Development opens**

YANGON, 25 Aug Seminar on Export Market Development, jointly organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Singapore Trade Development Board, was opened at the ministry this morning.

Heads of departments under the Ministry of Commerce, officials of Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Singaporean instructors were also present.

Thirty-five trainees of the respective Ministries, UMCCI and private enterprises and companies are attending the course which is being conducted by four Singaporean instructors till 5 September.

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(6) **Minister for Energy tours oil fields in Magway Division**

YANGON, 25 Aug Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein toured Letpando, Kyaukkhwet and Mann Oil Fields in Magway Division on 23 August.
At Letpando Oil Field in Pauk, Township, Pakokku District, he heard reports on production. He spoke about selling of fuel oil under the new system 2nd called for boosting production of crude oil.

He also explained the plans for development of Kyaukkhwet-Letpando region, establishment of small-scale oil refineries, natural gas-powered generators and installation of power lines in the neighbouring area.

He later inspected the site designated for building a small-scale oil refinery, construction of two million gallons capacity tank, transport of crude oil and drilling of crude oil, test-burning of natural gas and tanks.

He proceeded to Kyaukkhwet Oil Field.

Managing Director of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U Kyaw Nyein briefed him on production of oil and gas at Kyaukkhwet Oil Field and Col Aung Thein Lin on construction of railroad for transport of crude oil.

The minister inspected oil exploration work at Kyaukkhwet Oil Field.

At Mann Oil Field in Minbu Township, he met general managers of Mann-Htaukshabin region oil fields and factories, and officials of Baker Hughes Co which is working in cooperation for boosting production at Mann Oil Field.

Managing Director U Kyaw Nyein, General Manager U Kyaw Naing and Manager Mr Larry Hartnett of Baker Hughes briefed him.

On 24 August, Minister U Khin Maung Thein inspected No 3 Fertilizer Plant (Kyawswa).

Managing Director of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise Col Kyaw Shein and managers of Sale, Kyunchaung and Kyawswa fertilizer plants presented reports on production.

He also toured factory projects in Pyay Township and inspected filling stations on his way back to Yangon.

(7) National Convention Convening Commission meets

YANGON, 25 Aug The National Convention Convening Commission held its meeting at the Commission meeting hall this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of the Commission Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairmen Lt-Gen Maung Thint and Brig-Gen Myo Thant, and members.

Meeting Chairman Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt delivered an address.
The National Convention Convening Work Committee and Management Committee presented reports pertaining to the National Convention which were discussed by the Commission members.

(8) Medical specialists on health tour

YANGON, 25 Aug - A team of medical specialists led by Deputy Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Thein Win Naing and Medical Superintendent of South Okkalapa Women's and Children's Hospital Dr Hla Myint treated 282 patients in Htantabin Township, Yangon North District, on 23 August.

They operated on six patients at Htantabin Township People's Hospital and also gave health talks.