YANGON, 14 Sept- Bagan-Aunglan-Pyay section of Yangon-Mandalay-BaganPyay-Yangon (Yoma) Beltway Railroad was commissioned into service in Bagan-NyaungU and Pyay today.

Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye addressed the ceremony and presented prizes to LIDs.

Present were Chairman of Central Supervisory Committee to Ensure Smooth and Secure Transport Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba and Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min, Tatmadaw Officials, departmental officials in Magway Division, military officers, chairmen of District and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils, Tatmadawmen who participated in building of the railroad, teachers, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people.

General Maung Aye pays homage to ancient pagodas in Bagan

YANGON, 14 Sept Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye and Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo paid homage to Ahlodawpyi Pagoda at Bagan at 8.40 am today.
General Maung Aye donated cash for the pagoda funds.

Later, General Maung Aye and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo and party inspected renovation of Pagoda No 392 and paid homage to the pagoda.

General Maung Aye then presented cash to Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint for renovation of the pagoda. The General, the Secretary-2 and party also paid homage to Hsinmyashin Pagoda.

Then, General Maung Aye gave suggestions to officials on preservation of ancient crafts in Bagan Region.

(3) Acetylene Factory launched at Ahlon Shipyard

YANGON, 14 Sept Hailing the Anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Inland Water Transport of the Ministry of Transport formally inaugurated the newly constructed Acetylene Factory at Ahlon Shipyard this afternoon.

Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt pressed the button to unveil the signboard.

The factory was purchased under contract from Yunnan Machinery import-export Corporation (YMIEC) for IWT shipyards and built by the Technical Services of the Ministry of Industry-2.

Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win said Technical Services, in cooperation with the engineers and workers of the IWT and Chinese technicians, under took construction of an oxygen factory at Dalla Shipyard and this Acetylene Factory at Ahlon Shipyard for distribution to the IWT shipyards.

He said that due to the inadequacy of oxygen and acetylene at the shipyards, workers could not work fully for the projects, and expressed hope that repair and construction of ships will improve in quality and the number.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than explained construction of the factory undertaken by the Technical Services.

The Secretary-1, ministers and guests were taken on a tour of the factory.

Technical Services took seven months, beginning 9 February 1997, to complete the construction of the factory on which K 21 million was spent.

It will produce 200 (40litre) cylinders of liquefied gas per day. As all the IWT ships use 100 cylinders per day, the remaining 100 cylinders will be distributed to organizations including those under the ministry.

Also present were Ministers Deputy Ministers and Officials and guests.
Mingaladon Garden City Project hails anniversary of State Law and Order Restoration Council

YANGON, 14 Sept Hailing the anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the inauguration ceremony of Mingaladon Garden City project, jointly established by Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development of the Ministry of Construction and Zaykaba Co Ltd, was held at the garden city in Mingaladon Township at 8.30 am today. Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended the ceremony.

Present were Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command BrigGen Thura Myint Maung, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, heads of departments, Executive Director of Zaykaba Co Ltd U Khin Shwe and officials and guests.

Tun Foundation Bank donates K 15.4m for education, religious, health, social welfare and other sectors

YANGON, 14 - Tun Foundation Bank donated K 15.4 million toward education, religious, health, social welfare and other sectors at National Theatre today with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

The State Law and Order Restoration Council is striving for the Union of Myanmar to become a peaceful, modern and developed nation on self-reliance basis overcoming many obstacles, he said, elaborating on its endeavours in adopting a market-oriented economic system, inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad and promoting local entrepreneurs for the national economy to be in their hands.

As the Government is encouraging local entrepreneurs more successful local companies are taking part in the Government's noble nation-building endeavours, he remarked.

Tun Foundation Bank, a successful business, set up by nationals to contribute toward the Government's religious, education, health and other welfare activities, is practically implementing its objective, he noted.
The bank donated its net profit of K 3.6 million for 1994-95 fiscal to education, health, social welfare, religious and other sectors and net profit of K 6.5 million for fiscal 1995-96 and net profit of K 15.4 million for fiscal 1996-97, he said, enumerating the amounts of its contributions to the respective sectors.

The Government is promoting the education sector with National outlook to produce intellectuals and intelligentsia, who are essential in its endeavours in building a new modern and developed nation, he said, urging the entire nation to join hands with the Government in its efforts to promote patriotism and nationalist fervour to destroy troy axe handles and their masters' attempts to hamper national developments. Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin and Chairman of the bank U Thein Tun spoke.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung, Minister for Health U Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers for Education Col Kyi Maung and Dr Than Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Naing, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, heads of departments, members of the Board of Directors of the bank and others were also present.

(5) New Bago Market hails anniversary of State Law and Order Restoration Council

YANGON, 14 Sept Hailing the anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the opening ceremony of new Bago Market under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, was held in front of the market this morning.

The three-storey Bago Market was built by Myanma General & Maintenance Industries at a cost of K 97.8 million.

Present were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, members of the Security and Management Committee Lt-Gen Aye Thaung and Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun and guests.

(6) Hsin-haing 4 pusher-tug launched

YANGON, 14 Sept-The medium sized Hsin-haing 4 pusher-tug, built at Dalla Shipyard under an agreement between the Inland Water Transport and the Machinery Import and Export Corporation of Yunnan Province (YMC), People's Republic of China, was launched at the shipyards
this afternoon to hail the Anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council which falls on 18 September.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai, the directors-general and managing directors, the principal and advisers of the departments under the Ministry of Transport, PRC Ambassador Mr Liang Dong, officials of YMC, departmental personnel, Superintending Engineer U Maung Maung Tin and staff of the Dalla Shipyard.

In his address, Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win said ships are being built in the country by Myanmar engineers and professionals after upgrading the shipyards.

(7) Agreement on purchase of cable-stayed superstructure

YANGON, 14 Sept - An agreement on purchase of cable-stayed superstructure was signed by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and China Shipbuilding Trading Co Ltd at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this evening.

Present were Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, member of the Security and Management Committee Brig-Gen Thaung Myint, department heads of the Ministry of Construction, Vice-President Mr Wan Hui Er and officials from CST Co Ltd and guests.

Managing Director of Public Works U Tint Swe and Vice-President Mr Wan Hui Er extended greetings.

U Tint Swe and Mr Wan Hui Er signed the agreement, and exchanged documents.

(8) Minister for SWRR receives Indonesian Minister of Women's Affairs

YANGON, 14 Sept - Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint received Minister of Women's Affairs of Indonesia Madame Mien Sugandhi and goodwill delegation at his office today.

Vice-Chairman Dr May May Yi of Myanmar National Working Committee for Women's Affairs and officials of the departments under the Ministry of SWRR were also present.