YANGON, 23 Oct - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended the inauguration ceremony of Sibinthaya Myoma Market in Kyauktan Township this morning.

Present also were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, members of Security and Management Committee Lt-Gen Aye Thoung and Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Chief-Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, Minister at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Secretary of Multiparty Democracy General Election Commission U Aye Maung, Work Committee member U Thaung Nyunt, Commder of Yangon command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than directors-general and officials, members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, dance troupe and students. At the auspicious time 10.10 am, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt unveiled the signboard of Sibinthaya Myoma Market and Minister Lt-Gen Maung Thint formally opened the market.

Then, the Secretary-1, ministers and party inspected it.

Township Executive Officer U Tun Aung Khin briefed the Secretary-1 and party on the construction of market and U Kyi Win thanked the officials.

U Tun Aung Khin presented commemorative pennant and gifts to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and ministers.
The two-storey iron reinforced concrete market comprises 200-shops. The construction began on 11 May 1996 and it cost over K30 million.

(2) Thanlyin Yadana Housing Project inspected

YANGON, 23 Oct Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Director-General of Human Settlement and Housing Development Department U Arnt Kyaw and officials of Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, inspected Thanlyin Yadana Housing Project this morning and gave necessary instructions. The project is situated on the site of Thanlyin Township near the confluence- of Bago River and Yangon River, jointly implemented by Human Settlement and Housing Development Department and Htut Khaung Development Co Ltd. Accompanied by officials, the Secretary-1 arrived at the office of the housing project and was welcomed by officials. First, Director-General U Arnt Kyaw and Managing Director of Htut Khaung Development Co Ltd U Ohn Myint briefed the Secretary-1 on progress of work and future programmes. The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions to officials and inspected scale model of the project.

(3) Deputy Minister for Education leaves to attend 29th UNESCO Session

YANGON, 23 Oct Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Naing-Ngan UNESCO National Commission Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung and Secretary of the Commission Rector of Yangon Institute of Education U Han Tin left here by air for Paris to attend the 29th Session of the UNESCO General Conference from 21 October to 12 November.

They were seen off by Deputy Minister for Education Dr Than Nyunt, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP Mr lames Rawley, departmental heads under the Ministry of Education and their families.

Myanmar's Permanent Representative to UNESCO Ambassador to France U Nyunt Tin, Counsellor U Than Tun of Myanmar Embassy in Paris and Second Secretary U Aung Myint will also attend the session as Myanmar delegation members.

(4) Secretary-1 receives Mon national leaders

YANGON, 23 Oct Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Chairman of New Mon State Party (NMSP) Nai Shwe Kyin, General Secretary Nai Yattha and members, and peace negotiators at Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road at 3 pm today.
Present also were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin, Minister for Health U Saw Tun, Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Forestry U Aung Phone, Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies and Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt- Col Pe Nstein heads of department and officials.

They discussed smooth transport, education, health and development of the region.

(5) Nikko Senior MD calls on Minister for H&T

YANGON, 23 Oct - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Senior Managing Director Mr Takehiko Kato of Nikko International Ltd of Japan, President Mr Yasuhiro Matsuda of Connection International Ltd and party at his office at 1 pm today.

Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services and other officials were also present.

(6) Minister for Energy receives Senior V-P of Sambawang Marine & Offshore Engineering

YANGON, 23 Oct - Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein received Senior Vice-President of Sambawang Marine & Offshore Engineering Mr M P Premraj at his office yesterday.

Present also were Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint and Managing Director of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise U Kyaw Nyein.

(7) WIPO National Seminar on Intellectual Property concludes

YANGON, 23 Oct-The WIPO International Seminar on Intellectual Property at the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Conference Center on Pyay Road, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization in cooperation with the Ministry of Science and Technology, concluded today.

The seminar started off today with Salient features of the Agreement of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement, 1994), with Mr Patrick Smith taking up General Provisions, Basic Principles, Transitional and Institutional Arrangements. He was later joined by Mr Henry
Olsson in clarifying Standards Concerning the Availability, Scope and Use of Intellectual Property Rights.

The two speakers then took up Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights under the TRIPS Agreement.

Then, U Kyaw Aye, Director-General, Office of the Attorney-General, spoke on Intellectual Property Legislation and Administration in Myanmar.

After lunch, Main Features of a Modern Intellectual Property System were elucidated, Mr Smith taking up Industrial Property Rights and Mr Olsson, Copyright.

After Panel Discussion on Modernization of the Intellectual Property System in Myanmar, the seminar drew to a close Dinner was hosted in honour of the occasion at Shukhintha Restaurant in Thakayta.

(7) 188 jade lots fetch over $850,000

YANGON, 23 Oct - Patron of Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min inspected the Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium this morning.

He was welcomed at the emporium by Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Hlaing Win, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director Myanma Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and officials.

He attended the sale of jade lots by tender.

Today, gem merchants purchased altogether 188 jade lots valued at US $850,196.

Jewellery and jade figurines sold at fixed prices fetched US $46,801.

Jade lots will also be sold by tender on 24 and 25 October at the emporium which 411 local and foreign gem merchants are attending.

(8) Minister for H&T receives MI of Jardine Matheson

YANGON, 23 Oct - Managing Director Mr Boon Yoon Chiang of Jardine Matheson South-East Asia Pte Ltd of Singapore and party called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office at 2 pm today.
Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services and other officials were also present.

(9) **MIC Chairman receives MD of Fritz Werner Co**

YANGON, 23 Oct Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Managing Director of Fritz Werner Co Mr Werner Schoeltzke and party at his office at 3 pm today.

Present also were officials of the Government Office and Myanmar Investment Commission.

(10) **LSG to launch aircraft catering services in Yangon**

YANGON, 23 Oct LSG Lufthansa Services Enterprises Ltd, a Hong Kong-based firm, and Department of Civil Aviation have agreed this morning to set up a factory to launch aircraft catering services on board international airlines.

Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended the signing ceremony of MoU between the two at the International Business Centre to set up the factory under BOT system near Yangon International Airport.

Under the contract, LSG, which is catering food to 75 international airlines for aircraft catering services, will build the factory within one year, said Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win.

The factory will produce 2,500 food packets daily in accord with the international standard ISO 9000, he added. Eighteen international airlines are operating regular runs and chartered flights to YIA, which is handling more and more passengers and freight yearly due to development of the nation's economy and tourism industry, he said.

LSG- will invest three million dollars to operate aircraft catering services for ten years in Myanmar before transferring the business and the factory to DCA. DCA is building Hanthawady International Airport and Mandalay International Airport and has plans to upgrade airports at Bagan-NyaungU, Heho and Thandwe to become world class facilities by the year 2000, said the minister.

Managing Director of LSG Mr Dieter Hemmer also spoke.

Mr Hemmer and Director-General of DCA U Tin Aye signed the contract.
Lt-Gen Thein Win presented the MIC permit to Mr Hemmer

Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Sew, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Ministers at Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant and Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister at Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe, Minister at Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Member of Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Tin Aye, Ambassador of Germany to Myanmar Dr Wolfgang Wiesner, heads of departments, member of the Board of Directors of LSG and guests were also present.

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