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YANGON, 24 Oct - An opening ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 3 for Development Affairs Department Officers was held at Ohndaw Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service in Hlegu Township today with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein and U Than Shwe, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, deputy ministers, senior military officers, Director-General of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein, departmental heads, Rector of CICS U Tin Tun and trainees.

Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt said DAD officers are discharging duties for rural and urban development for uplift of socio-economic life of the public, and special refresher courses are being conducted to let them understand the State policy and objectives, the Government's nation-building endeavours for realization of the objectives and the disturbances to these endeavours, so that they can shoulder their duties with far sightedness.
(2) Ceremony to mark 52nd Anniversary of UN held at Pyithu Hluttaw building

YANGON, 24 Oct - A ceremony to commemorate the 52nd Anniversary United Nations Day was held at Thabin Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw building on Pyay Road this evening.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw read the message from Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister at the Office of Prime Minister Col Pe Thein, 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 the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Mayor U Ko Lay, Supreme Court justices, deputy ministers, the Dean of Diplomatic Corps and diplomats, officials of the UN agencies, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, local and foreign journalists and guests.

-First, Minister U Ohn Gyaw read the message from Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 52nd Anniversary United Nations Day. (Message reported separately.)

Next, Resident Coordinator ai of the United Nations System and Resident Representative of FAO Dr Prem Nath read the message from UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi A Annan. (Message reported separately.)

Later, the guests enjoyed the entertainment presented by the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture.

(3) Dawtacha Dam commissioned into service

YANGON, 24 Oct - Dawtacha Dam, built by Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Bawlake, Bawlake District, Kayah State, was commissioned into service this morning.

Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo addressed the ceremony.

Present also were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Chairman of Shan State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of East Command Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Brig-Gen Win Myint of Pekhone Station, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, Chairman of Kayah State Law and Order Restoration Council BrigGen Kyaw Win, directors-general and managing directors of the Office of the State Law-and Order Restoration Council and respective departments, department heads of Kayah State, Tactical Operations Commander Col Ye Myint
and senior military officers, Chairman of Bawlake District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Aung Min, Chairman of Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Htin Aung and district and township-level departmental officials, service personnel, teachers and students, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade members and local nationals.

(4) **PRC Vice-Premier to pay an official visit to Union of Myanmar**

YANGON, 25 Oct-At the invitation of the Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Deputy Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar His Excellency Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin, His Excellency Mr Wu Bangguo, Vice-Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, will pay an official visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future.

(5) **Minister visits Yadana Offshore Gas Project**

YANGON, 24 Oct Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein visited Yadana Offshore Gas Project this morning.

At Rig 2, Managing Director of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U Kyaw Nyein, General Manager Mr H Madeo of Total Myanmar Exploration and Production Co and Operation Manager Mr F Rafin briefed him on drilling of the 4,685-foot deep vertical well and the 8,421-foot-long horizontal well and progress of work in laying of gas pipeline.

Later, the minister and party inspected the rig on board Marine 305.

Rig 1 and Rig 2 of Yadana Offshore Gas Project will drill one vertical well and six horizontal wells each totalling 14 wells.

(6) **Conservation of Innlay Lake, Moebye Reservoir vital for energy sector**

YANGON, 24 Oct Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo attended to the needs of officials in beautifying Innlay Lake and in supplying water to irrigated areas in Kayah State to the full on 23 and 24 October in Kayah State.

Accompanied by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister at Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun and officials, he flew to Loikaw in Kayah State, yesterday morning.

On arrival at Loikaw Airport, they were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Chairman of Kayah State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and personnel concerned.
The Secretary-2 and party observed inflow of water to Moebye Reservoir and Innlay Lake by helicopter.

At Tuhnone village near Baluchuang Creek in Nyaunghwe Township, Shan State, they heard a report on annual water inflow to Moebye and Innlay and their storage capacities, the volume of water flowing into the lake by 29 tributaries of Innlay and Irrigation Department's undertakings for beautifying and long-term existence of Innlay presented by Director-General of ID U Ohn Myint.

Director of ID U Khin Maung Nyunt, Director of Shan State ID U Soe Tint, Director of Forest Department U Thein and other officials briefed them on progress in beautifying and long-term existence of Innlay and forest conservation and tree plantation in the area.

Deputy Minister U Tin Tun explained power generation potentials of Baluchuang Hydel Power Plant.

(7) Secretary-1 receives MD of Fritz Werner Co

YANGON, 24 Oct Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Managing Director of Fritz Werner Co Mr Werner Schoeltzke and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 4.30 pm today.

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.

(8) 36 jade lots fetch over $492,000

YANGON, 24 Oct - The sales of jade lots by tender continued at the Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium for the second day today.

Altogether 36 jade lots fetched $492,027 and the gems and jewellery sold at fixed prices also fetched $17,297.

The sales continue tomorrow.

(9) MIC Chairman receives Jardine Matheson Chairman

YANGON, 24 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 Chairman of Jardine Matheson South-East Asia Pte Ltd of Singapore Mr Boon Yoon Chiang at his office this morning.
Present also were officials of the Commission and Director of Jardine U
Nyein Nyein.

They discussed future programmes and investment opportunities in Myanmar.