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(1) MRCS to be expanded to become consolidated force to be ready in times of emergencies

YANGON, 4 Nov-Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt today met Myanmar Red Cross Society Central Council members in the Assembly Hall of the Institute of Nursing and discussed expansion of Red Cross activities.

Also present were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Health U Saw Tun, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and NHC members, Director-General of the State Law and Order Restoration Council-Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and heads of departments, officials, MRCS Central Council members and guests.

(2) Thanlyin Yadana Modern Housing Project launched

YANGON, 4 Nov Thanlyin Yadana Modern Housing Project was launched this morning at the project site in Thanlyin Township.

Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt formally unveiled the signboard of the project, which will be jointly implemented by Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and Htut Khaung Development Co Ltd.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Chairman of the company U Myat Kaung and Managing Director U Ohn Myint formally inaugurated the project which is included in Thanlyin-Kyauktan Region Development Project.

The Secretary-1 and party observed scaled-models of the project.
The project will be implemented to fulfil housing requirements and to transform marsh lands of Thanlyin-Kyauktan region in Yangon South District into modern housing estate to be matched with Thanlyin Bridge.

The master design of the project was drawn by Myanmar and Malaysian architects after an agreement was reached between the company and DHSHD on 10 October 1996. It is scheduled to be implemented in five stages within five years.

The first phase includes construction of 431 single houses at an estimated cost of K 7 billion.

When completed it will become a modern town with single houses, double-unit two-storey buildings, shop houses, complexes, diplomatic residences, parks, floating market, floating hotel, resorts, a tower, a wharf, economic zones, super markets, filling stations, lakes, schools, clinics and playgrounds.

The town will have underground wiring and telephone systems and central water supply.

The inauguration ceremony was also attended by Minister members and other officials and guests.

(3) Minister for A & I tours Yangon Division

YANGON, 4 Nov Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, together with officials, inspected departmental work in Yangon Division this morning.

The minister inspected the pesticide plant of Myanma Agriculture Service near Wanetchaung Village in Hmawby Township.

The minister was briefed by officials and the factory manager on sorts of pesticide produced from the plant, accomplishment of the target set for current year and purchase and supply of raw materials for the plant.

The minister called for arrangement to meet the target for production of pesticide in December, pesticide production by domestic plants, import of pesticide if necessary, cooperation with external organizations and production of weed-killer for paddy.

Hmawby Pesticide Plant is producing pesticide for paddy, pulses and beans and cotton crops and for domestic use.

Next, the minister inspected process of pesticide production and quality control.
He then proceeded to the Central Paddy Cultivation Model Farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Hmawby.

The minister inspected the farm and met officials, the farm manager and employees.

He called for arrangement to boost per-acre yield from 80 to 100 baskets and cultivation of hybrid paddy of high per-acre yield. Afterwards, the minister inspected the machine used for polishing rice, fields on which various paddy species have been cultivated, monsoon paddy field and harvesting of monsoon paddy by machines.

Then, the minister went to Central Agricultural Development Training and Education Centre of MAS at Zayatkwin, Hlegu Township.

He met trainees of the Finance and Management Training Course of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise at the Training and Education Department.

He urged trainees to work hard and spoke of the purpose of the course.

At the training hall, he met the principal, instructors and employees.

The minister was briefed by the principal on courses being conducted at the Centre.

He urged the instructors to impart their knowledge and advanced technology gained at home and abroad.

The minister then went to Vegetables and Fruit Research and Development Centre of MAS.

He inspected the centre, and then met officials, those in charge of departments and employees.

He gave instructions.

(4) **New Mingala Market Project Inspected**

YANGON, 4 Nov Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay inspected the sites of New Mingala Market Project, Mingala Shopping Complex, Mingala City Project and Yuzana Trade Centre at the corner of Banyadala Road and Setyon Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

They were welcomed by YCDC member U Kyi Win and officials and Chairman U Htay Myint of Yuzana Construction Group reported on progress of work. The Chief Justice, the Attorney-General and the Mayor inspected construction of Mingala Shopping Complex and Yuzana Trade Centre.
Mingala Shopping Complex with four main buildings includes stalls, showrooms, offices and bank and the biggest escalator in Myanmar and lifts will be installed.

Yuzana Trade Centre comprises seven, nine and ten-storey buildings. Altogether 2,000 vehicles can park at the top of the eight storey shopping mall.

The whole projects will be completed by June 1998.

(5) **Seminar on Current Asian Currency Issues and Outlook for the Future opens**

YANGON, 4 NOV - The Seminar on Current Asian Currency Issues and Outlook for the Future, organized by the representative office of Fuji Bank Ltd, opened at the Branch 1 of Myanma Economic Bank (Head Office) on Pansodan Street this morning.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin addressed the opening ceremony.

Present also were Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Naing, Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, directors-general and managing directors under the ministry, representatives of private banks, Representative of Fuji Bank Ltd Mr Masahiro Sagawa and members and bank employees.

(6) **Ministry of Transport holds first bi-annual co-ord meeting**

YANGON, 4 Nov-The first bi-annual coordination meeting of the Ministry of Transport for 1997-98 was held at Myanma Five Star Line Head Office this afternoon and Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win delivered an address.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Sann Wai, advisers, directors-general managing directors, the Principal, deputy directors, general managers, chief accountants and officials of the departments, enterprises and the school under the Ministry.

(7) **President of CP Agro Industry calls on Minister for L & F**

YANGON, 4 NOV - President of CP Agro Industry Co Ltd of Thailand and Managing Director of Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd Mr Adirek Sripratak and party paid a courtesy call on Acting Minister for Industry-1 Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung at his office this afternoon.

Present also were Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein, director-General of Directorate of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries U Kyaw Lwin, Managing Director of Livestock Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise
U Maung Maung Nyunt, Deputy Director General of the Fisheries Department U Than Tun, Deputy Director-General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department U Aung Kyaw Lin, Deputy Director of the Fisheries Department U Wai Lwin and Head of Office U Myint Shwe.

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