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**(1) Efforts urged for perpetual existence of Myoma national spirit**

YANGON, 24 Nov - A ceremony to mark the second anniversary of the Diamond Jubilee of Myoma National School was held at Dagon Basic Education High School 2 (former Myoma Amyotha Kyaung) this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

The ceremony was held together with the prize-distribution ceremony for new generation students, cash donation ceremony for education trust fund and get-together of old students and new generation students of Myoma National School.

Also present were Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Col Than Zin, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Deputy Minister for Mines U Hlaing Win, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, township authorities, members of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, and teachers and pupils of Dagon BEHS 2 and 3.

First, Patron of Myoma Boys' and Girls' School Diamond Jubilee Education Trust Fund Rear-Admiral Chit Hlaing (Retd) spoke.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt said that in his capacity as Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee, he participated in and provided support in the activities of the old students and new generation students in their effort to uphold Myoma national spirit.

He noted that as a result of these activities, the second anniversary of the Diamond Jubilee of Myoma National School could be held successfully

together with the prize-distribution ceremony for new generation and cash donation ceremony for education trust fund.

As these ceremonies were organized with the aim of upholding fine traditions of Myoma National School, it was also a fine tradition for the government and the race, he said, adding it was also auspicious for it was organized by the trust fund committee formed with old students for the purpose of utilizing the funds donated at the Diamond Jubilee of Myoma National School for new generations.

He said Myoma National School played a very important role for the 1920 anti-colonialist movement which gave birth to the National Day.

He said that after the 1920 University Boycott, national schools headed by Myanmar nationals emerged and among them, Myoma National School was in the forefront.

As National Day was designated to mark the 1920 Students' Boycott, Myoma National School and National Day are twins, he said, noting that since the time it came into being, students of Myoma school had taken active part in the national movement, discharging duties in the leading roles.

Ceremonies such as paying respects to old students including Myoma Sayagyi U Ba Lwin and get-togethers of the old students and new generation students were held to uphold the fine traditions of Myoma National School, he noted.

He spoke of the colonialists' suppression of Myanmar people, restrictions for Myanmar nationals in the pursuit of higher education, establishment of national schools after the students' boycott, noting that Myoma Boys' and Girls' School are the origin of the national education system and the place which produced national architects who strove for regaining independence.

The spirit to safeguard the race, the spirit of unity of national races, the spirit to love and cherish national culture and the determination to safeguard the Union and sovereignty were germinated from Myoma National School, he noted, calling for efforts for perpetual existence of these resolves in the minds of new generations.

He said the funds for the school totalled over K 2.5 million, and noted that Myoma National School's significant achievement is to seed patriotism in the new generations and nurture them to be able to work in the national interest.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt called for efforts to always uphold Myoma spirit, to promote national education system and uplift dynamism of patriotism, to always keep on upholding fine traditions of Myoma National School and to strive for materialization of the 77th Anniversary National Day objectives.

The donations for the school included K 200,000 by Yangon City Development Committee, K 200,000 by Tun Foundation, K 10,000 by U Thaung Tin of Taunggyi, K 5,000 by Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, K5,000 by Deputy Minister U Tin Tun, K5,000 by Deputy Minister U Nyunt Swe, K5,000 by Deputy Minister U Hlaing Win, K5,000 by Deputy Minister Col Than Zin, K 5,000 by Daw Myint Than (Lecturer Daw Myint Than), K 5,000 by Maj Kyaw Nyein (Retd) and K5,000 by U Myint Kywe.

Afterwards, prizes were presented to the outstanding pupils.

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## **(2) Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association's donation for restoration of Bagan pagodas transferred to Culture Ministry**

YANGON, 24 Nov Cash donated by Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association for restoration of ancient Bagan pagodas was transferred to Ministry of Culture with a ceremony this morning.

The association presented \$ 23,640 for restoration of ancient religious monuments in Bagan on 13 November.

Chairman of Central Committee for Reviving and Preserving Cultural Heritage Secretary- I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt said Japanese World War II Veterans, who served in Myanmar, and their children and grandchildren, who are successful entrepreneurs, are included in this association.

These War Veterans have urged their children and grandchildren not to forget the gratitude they owe to Myanmar who attended to their needs with goodwill during their Myanmar service and to render assistance to Myanmar whenever opportunities rise, he said.

After making contacts with Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, members of the association led by a World War II Veteran visited Myanmar for the first time.

The cash was transferred to Ministry of Culture with ceremony for the pleasure of the donors, he said.

Secretary-I Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt then transferred the cash to Minister for Culture U Aung San.

The ceremony at National Museum was also attended by Minister for Industry-I U Aung Thaung, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Minister at Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe, Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and guests.

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### **(3) Secretary-1 inspects renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda**

YANGON, 24 Nov - Patron of Shwedagon Pagoda General Renovation Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this morning attended to the needs of officials in renovating the pagoda. Accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, he arrived northern stairway of the pagoda at 10 am and was welcomed by Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Chairman of Leading Committee for General Renovation of the Shwedagon Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, officials and members of the Board of Trustees.

He inspected reconstruction of the stairway.

Later, he inspected renovation and restoration of religious buildings on the pagoda platform.

He then inspected construction of Swechanthamyaing Kayin Dhammayon.

Shwe Thanlwin Construction Company is undertaking the project.

In Tamway Township, he inspected building of Aungmyay Bodhi Dhammayeiktha Alodawpyi Kyaungtaik.

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### **(4) Minister for Energy inspects Letpando, Kyaukkhwet Oilfields**

YANGON, 24 Nov - Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials inspected Letpando Oilfield of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Pauk Township, Pakokku District yesterday.

Oilfield General Manager U Kyi Shein reported on drilling and production of oil and natural gas in Kyauk-khwet-Letpando Oilfield.

The minister fulfilled the requirements. He also called for efforts for emergence of a peaceful, modern developed nation and more production of oil and natural gas.

The minister and party inspected sample of crude oil and its tanks, refining of oil and sites for crude oil tanks, transport and burn-off of natural gas at Letpando Test Well No 12.

The minister went to Kyaukkhwet Oilfield where

he was welcomed by staff, members of Pakokku District and Myaing Township Peace and Development Councils and members of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The minister proceeded to Test Well No 21 and inspected production. He also inspected drilling at Kyaukkhwet Test Well No 23.

The minister spoke of national objectives and boosting of production of oil and gas in meeting with staff. He presented cash award to staff and Myaing and Pauk Township USDAs.

The minister and party went to the site of Kamma Natural Gas Power Station in Pakokku Township and inspected construction and gas distribution station.

The minister went to Shwetantip crude oil transport station where officials reported on transport of crude oil through Pakokku-Shwetantip Railroad. The minister inspected oil tank.

In the evening, the Minister met departmental officials and factory managers of Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions in Mandalay.

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#### **(5) Commerce Minister explains new paddy purchase system**

YANGON, 24 Nov - Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than explained new paddy purchase system in Htantabin Township in Yangon Division, and in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division, today.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister Col Kyaw Shwe and officials, he met paddy traders, farmers, rice mill owners, local authorities and officials at Township Peace and Development Council.

The Government is buying paddy to feed government service personnel and Tatmadawmen, who are relying on a single income, welfare organizations, project employees, prisons and hospitals, he pointed out.

Sealed tender system has been introduced in purchasing paddy for the convenience and benefit of farmers and for timely movement of paddy under shelter, he noted.

A reserved Price will be fixed according to the quality in purchasing paddy under the new system, he said, urging all to make cooperate for success.

Personnel at different levels should strive to ensure speedy service, he pointed out.

He also met paddy traders, farmers, rice mill owners, local authorities and officials at Nyaungdon Township Peace and Development Council in the afternoon.

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**(6) Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air), wellwishers offer dry rations to Shwemyine Thiri Nunnery Sarthintaik**

YANGON, 24 NOV Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) and wellwishers donated dry rations to Shwemyine Thiri Nunnery Sarthintaik at Ward ~5 in Mayangon Township this morning.

Present were Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung and Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, senior Tatmadaw officers, officials and wellwishers.

Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Seindayama Kyaung Bhaddanta Kosalla administered the Eight Precepts. Ministers and officials offered alms to the Sayadaws.

Assistant Adjutant-General Lt-Col Tin Oo, Captain Naval Staff Captain Kyi Min, Chief Technical Staff Officer (Air) Col Hlaing Bwa and Chairman of Myanmar Edible Oil Merchants and Dealers Association U Than Oo presented dry rations and edible oil to Presiding nun of Shwemyine Thiri Nunnery Sarthintaik Daw Indaracari.

Then, officials presented 63 bags of rice, 20 viss of edible oil, six bags of gram and offertories to Presiding nun.

U Tin Aung and Daw Khin Thwe Thwe and family presented K 500,000 and other wellwishers over K 300,000 to ministers and officials for the construction of Shwemyine Thiri Nunnery Sarthintaik.

Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Col San Lin supplicated on donation and Township Engineer U Tin Soe on construction of new building to Sayadaws.

Then, Naga Hlinegu Kalaywa Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

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**(7) Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation inspects unloading of heavy equipment**

YANGON, 24 Nov Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint and heads of departments, inspected unloading of heavy equipment from mv Mawlamyine at Sule Jetty this morning.

The heavy equipment including two tunneling machines, one stone driller, one excavator, three mobile concrete mixers, one drill and other equipment arrived here yesterday from Japan.

The heavy machines will be sent to Mone Creek Dam Project in Magway Division.

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### **(8) Minister inspects construction of staff quarters, training school**

YANGON, 24 Nov-Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt together with Deputy Minister U Kyaw Tin arrived at construction site of quarters for staff of Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races in Ward 51, Dagon Myothit (North), this morning.

They were welcomed by Director-General of Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races Lt-Col Thein Han and officials. Lt-Col Thein Han briefed the minister on progress of work.

The minister inspected the buildings and gave suggestions.

Minister Col Thein Nyunt proceeded to construction site of Training School of Development Affairs Department in Dagon Myothit (North) at 9.30 am.

Officials briefed the minister on the training school, architectural design and progress of work.

The minister inspected training hall, messing hall and hostels and urged to complete the construction of buildings in time as well as to plant trees.

The minister also went to construction site of Sabin Thayayay Bank Lapyiwun Plaza at 37, Alanpyaphaya Road in Dagon Township at 10 am.

Officials of Development Affairs Department and Lapyiwun Company briefed the minister on progress of work.

The minister then inspected construction work and gave suggestions.

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### **(9) Chothe Orchid to export flowers to Japan**

YANGON, 24 Nov Chothe Orchid Women's Development Cooperative Syndicate Ltd and Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association today sought means to export Myanmar flowers to Japan.

Director-General U Maung Hti of Cooperative Department and President of the Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Kobayashi Tatsuo spoke.

Chairperson of the syndicate Daw Tin Kyi explained arrangements to export a variety of flowers to Japan.

Also present were Japanese floriculturists, members of the syndicate, officials and guests.

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**(10) 49 Italian tourists arrive on three-day visit**

YANGON, 24 Nov-With the co-sponsorship of the Orchestra Travel Ltd of Myanmar and Toyo Co of Italy, 49 tourists-31 men and 18 women-in the First Italian Incentive Group arrived at Yangon International Airport this morning. During their three-day open season visit to Myanmar, the tourists will study Myanmar culture and pagodas in Yangon and Bago.

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