YANGON, 25 Nov-Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the opening of Management Course No 12 for USDA Executives and Computer Diploma Course No 1 in the Pyidaungsu Hall of the Central Public Relations Unit in Hmawby at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Central Panel of Patrons Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Secretary-3 Lt-Gen Win Myint, Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, members of the Central Panel of Patrons, members of the USDA Central Executive Committee, deputy ministers, senior officers of the Ministry of Defence, the directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises concerned, guests, course in-charge Lt-Col Aung Kyi Tun, supervisors and trainees.

Excerpts from the Senior General's address

-Human resource of a nation is the wealth of that nation.

-High level of human resource is capable of turning natural resources into invaluable commodities thereby raising the standard of the nation and the people.

-Industrialized nations are approaching the post-industrialization society which goes beyond the era of industrialization.
Developing nations are entering the industrially developing stage.

Some sections of the world are heading for a new era to achieve industrialization.

Technological development is national duty that should be performed by all in collaboration.

Government never loses sight of national and public interest. It will confront everything to protect the national and public interests.

USDA members urged to try to become those who can protect the nation and the people with sacrificing spirit.

Peaceful, prosperous and developed new nation is to be built in stages.

With the advancement of national economic life the nation will be on a par with others in the region, specifically with South-East Asian nations.

The nation will reach not only regional but also world class if it is politically and economically strong.

(2) Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee receives Chairman of Institute of World Peace

YANGON, 25 Nov - Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary 1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Chairman of the Institute of World Peace Mr Hideo Watanabe of Japan, Honourable Chairman of the 37th OSEAL Forum Organizing Committee Mr Masami Kato and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 4 pm today.

Present also were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Than Nyunt, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

Honourable Chairman of the 37th OSEAL Forum Organizing Committee Mr Masami Kato donated US $ 50,000 to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt for the development of basic education in Myanmar.

Then, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt handed over US $ 50,000 to Minister for Education U Pan Aung.

(3) Minister for Energy tours Sagaing, Mandalay Divisions

YANGON, 25 Nov - Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials, visited the storage and distribution branch under the Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise in Myinmu yesterday morning.
They were welcomed there by senior military officers of No 33 LID, district and township authorities, employees of the branch and executives of Myinmu Township Union Solidarity and Development Association.

In meeting employees of the branch, the minister elaborated on the goal and objectives of the State and projects relating to the energy sector being undertaken by the State.

He also gave instructions on sale and distribution of fuel.

Later, the minister and party inspected fuel tanks at Myinmu Branch.

The minister attended to the requirements.

Next, the minister and party inspected Filling Station No 0669.

Officials explained distribution of fuel through the new system.

The minister gave instructions.

Then, the minister and party inspected Filling Station No 0642 in Sagaing.

The minister gave instructions.

In the afternoon, the minister and party visited the storage and distribution depot under the MPPE in Seinban Ward, Mandalay.

They were welcomed there by officials.

General Manager U Soe reported on distribution of fuel.

The minister gave instructions.

Later, the minister and party inspected fuel tanks at the depot.

(4) Industry-2 Minister inspects No 6 Factory of Myanma Heavy Industries

YANGON, 25 Nov Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspected No 6 Factory of Myanma Heavy Industries in Thaton Township, Mon State, on 23 and 24 November.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister U Thein Tun and officials, he inspected the quality of products, production lines, quality control division, laboratory and marketing at the factory.

The factory manager briefed him on points of the history, strength of workers, production, financial matters, power supply, purchase of rubber, raw material requirement, research and innovation and welfare programmes,
joined in by Deputy Minister U Thein Tun and Managing Director of MHI U Khin Maung.

The minister stressed the need to boost the strength of workers, to form education and health committees to attend to the needs of workers and families, to serve free breakfast to workers and to extend rubber plantations, giving suggestions for the improvement of quality of products.

The factory is producing various types of tyres and machines for other factories.

The next day, the minister met staff of the factory.

It is time to strive with added momentum for the emergence of a new, modern and developed nation as peace and tranquillity has been maintained in the entire Myanmar, he said. The Ministry of Industry-2 is responsible for providing required machinery in implementing the four-pillar agriculture system, he said. Renovation as well as zealous efforts are required for the nation to leap forward with industrial power and to get abreast with other nations, he pointed out. Efforts are also needed to meet the local demand and to export, he said. He also urged employees to strive to upgrade the quality of their products, to be loyal to the State, to always keep in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, to obey the rules, to ensure effective management system and to conduct welfare for employees.

Deputy Minister U Thein Tun also gave suggestions.

Managing Director U Khin Maung, Managing Director of Technical Services U Ye Tun, local authorities and officials were also present.

(5) Exhibition on Socio-Economic Life of Myanmar National Races continues

YANGON, 25 Nov - The Exhibition on Socio-Economic Life of Myanmar National Races to mark the 77th Anniversary of Yangon University continued for the third day at Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall today.

Students of Yangon University, faculty members and students of the history department of the University of Culture and the Worker's College, students of the geology department of YU, faculty members of the chemistry department of the Institute of Agriculture, students of the University of Foreign Languages, Headmistress Daw Amar Kyi, teachers and students of No 2 Basic Education High School in Kamayut Township, employees of Yangon City Development Committee, monks and people visited the exhibition.

The exhibition is open at Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall from 10 am to 4 pm daily daily 29 November.
**Deputy Minister meets Public Works personnel**

YANGON, 25 NOV- On behalf of the Minister for Construction, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint clarified the guidelines of the State Peace and Development Council calling for energetically and vigorously discharging duties with dignity for national development, while meeting personnel of Public Works at the department this morning.

Present on the occasion were Managing Director U Tint Swe and personnel of Public Works.

Clarifying the guidelines, the deputy minister said the Government has been reconstituted in order that endeavours can be made for emergence of a new developed modern nation.

Personnel at different levels must discharge their duties with new conviction and conduct inspection tours at grassroots level to help find solutions to problems at grassroots level, providing supervision and coordination he noted.

Effective action will be taken against employees who breach service rules and regulations, he said.

The deputy minister spoke of the need to make efforts in discharging duties with new conviction, regarding Our Three Main National Causes, the 12 National Objectives as guidelines.

He also stressed the importance of being free from bribery and corruption.

**ASEAN poster competition**

YANGON, 25 Nov - The ASEAN Secretary-General has extended the last entry date for colour poster competition on the theme "A United and Cohesive Asean" to 24 December 1997.

Students of age group (13-17) are entitled to take part in the competition held in commemoration of the 30th ASEAN Founding Anniversary.

A total of 220 students have sent 249 entries to date.

First prize winner will be presented $ 2,000, second $ 1,500, third $ 1,000 and $ 250 each for nine consolation prizes.

Names of the winners will be announced in January 1998.

First, second and third prize winners are to attend the prize distribution ceremony which will be held February 1998.