(1) State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Nepal

YANGON, 28 Dec-On the occasion of the Birthday of the King of Nepal, which falls on 28 December 1997, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, King of Nepal.

(2) MEC Chairman inspects new modern buildings for Primary Schools in Dawbon

YANGON, 7 Dec -Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this afternoon inspected Basic Education Primary Schools No 2, 3 and 5 in Dawbon Township, which had-been built.

He arrived at BEPS No 2 on Myayadana Street, Waso Ward Dawbon, at 1 pm.

He was welcomed by Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, officials of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council, heads of departments, members of district, township and ward Peace and Development Councils, Director-General of Basic Education Department U Bo Win and officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Township Education Officer, Headmistress Daw Hla Kyi and teachers, members of Parent-Teacher Association and school children.

Headmistress Daw Hla Kyi briefed the Secretary-1 on number of pupils and teachers, academic work, welfare for teachers and renovation of the building.

The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions.
Chairman of Yuzana Construction Company U Htay Myint presented to Director-General U Bo Win K 100,000 each for Parent-Teacher Associations trust fund of BEPS No 2, 3 and 5 built by Yuzana Construction Co.

U Htay Myint also presented uniforms to Headmistress Daw Hla Kyi for teachers of the schools.

Then, U Htay Myint explained about the renovation of the school and cash donation for trust funds.

On behalf of the school heads, Daw Hla Kyi thanked the donors.

Then, the Secretary-1 inspected new building of BEPS No 2 built by Yuzana Construction Company at a cost of K 3,855,649.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to BEPS No 3 in Alinyaung Street, Patheinmyay Ward in Dawbon.

They were welcomed by Headmaster U Tun Win and teachers, members of USDA and PTA and school children.

Headmaster U Tun Win briefed the Secretary-1 on number of pupils and teachers, academic work, welfare for teachers and the building.

The Secretary-1 gave necessary suggestions and inspected the school built at a cost of K 4,360,645 by Yuzana Construction Company.

MEC Chairman and party then proceeded to BEPS No 5 in Minye Kyawswa Street, Bamar Aye Ward in Dawbon, where they were welcomed by Headmistress Daw Yin Hlaing and teachers, members of USDA and PTA and school children.

Daw Yin Hlaing briefed the Secretary-1 on number of pupils and teachers, academic work, welfare for teachers, the building and construction of new buildings.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions.

U Htay Myint of Yuzana Construction Company presented related documents for new buildings to Division Education Officer (Admin) U Htwe Aung.

Then, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the school built by Yuzana Construction Company at a cost of K 9,549,411.

U Htay Myint and family of Yuzana Construction Company spent K 18,324,705 for construction of buildings, school furniture, uniforms and trust funds for BEPS No 2, 3 and 5 in Dawbon Township.

In his suggestions to the school heads at the respective schools, the Secretary-1 said the modern school buildings have emerged because of generous
contribution of construction entrepreneurs and urged proper maintenance.

He said that as pupils can study peacefully, parents and teachers are pleased.

He urged the teachers to nurture their pupils to be clever, observe discipline, be cultured and to grow up into outstanding intelligentsia and intellectuals for the development of future nation.

The Secretary-1 spoke of the need teachers to inculcate Union spirit and patriotism in the pupils and train them to cherish the nation.

(3) Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt gives away prizes at Body-building and Physical Culture Contests

YANGON, 27 Dec - Body-building and Physical Culture Contests, sponsored by Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation, was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road this evening.

Present also were Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Labour Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, Director-General of Sports Physical Education Department Col Hla Myint Kyaw, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Saw Hla Min, executives of MBPCF and sports fans.

In the first stage, bodybuilding (junior division) contests for the under 5-ft 2-in event, under 5-ft 4-in event, under 5-ft 6-in event, body-building (senior division) contests for the under 5-ft 4-in event, under 5-ft 6-in event and above 5-ft 6in event and the physical culture contest were held.

Next, for overall final selection, body-building contests (junior division & senior division) and the physical culture contest (junior division & senior division) were held.

Executive Director of Minami Construction Enterprise donated K 1 million for the prize-distribution ceremony of the body-building and physical culture contests sponsored by MBPCF.

President of MBPCF U Kyaw Win accepted the donation and presented a certificate of honour to the donor.

Afterwards, Brig-Gen Sein Win awarded honorary prizes for the body-building (Junior division) contest.
Mayor U Ko Lay gave away first prize to Min Zaw Oo, second to Than Lin Oo and third to Nay Lin.

Maj-Gen Ket Sein presented honorary prizes for body-building (senior division) contest. Secretary-I Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt awarded first prize to Khine Lin, second to Soe Moe Aung and third to Khin Maung Htwe.

Then, Myanmar selected body-builders Naing Win Aung (Navy), Tun Tun Aung (Navy) and Aung Naing (YCDC) demonstrated their skills.

Daw Aye Aye Tint, wife of Brig-Gen Sein Win, presented honorary prizes for the physical culture (junior division) contest.

Daw Khin Khin, wife of Mayor U Ko Lay, gave away first prize to Saw Thiri Naing (Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation), second to Win Htaik Htaik Soe (South Okkalapa) and third to Sanda Cho (South Okkalapa).

Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, gave away honorary prizes for the physical culture (senior division) contest, and first prize to Pyone Shwe Zin Cho (YCDC), second to May The (YCDC) and third to Tin Ma Ma Myo (Ministry of A & 1).

(4) Lt-Gen Tin Oo takes part in donation of rice, edible oil, cash to blind school, day nursery

YYANGON, 27 Dec Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) and wellwishers donated rice, edible oil and cash to the school for the blind under the Social Welfare Department in Kyimyindine Township this morning.

Present were Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Maung Kyi, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior officers of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air), departmental officials, the principal of the school for the blind, teachers and blind school boys and girls.
Principal U Kyaw Win explained salient points about the school.

Deputy Adjutant-General Col Ye Tun, Captain Naval Staff Captain Kyi Min, officiating Colonel General Staff (Air) Lt-Col Nyan Tun Aung and Chairman of Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association U Than Oo handed rice donated by the Tatmadaw families and edible oil by MEODA to Brig-Gen Maung Kyi.
YCDC, Yangon West District and Kyimyindine Township Peace and Development Councils, Ward Peace and Development Councils of Kyimyindine Township and wellwishers, KN Company and U Win Swe and Dr Myat Thida Myint of Kanna Road donated 52 bags of rice and 25 viss of edible oil.


Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Col San Lin explained the purpose of the donation.

Brig-Gen Maung Kyi thanked the donors.

The blind school boys and girls presented a programme of musical entertainment.

Later, the Secretary-2 and party together with the blind school boys and girls had souvenir photos taken.

Afterwards, the Secretary-2 and party proceeded to Day Care Nursery of the Social Welfare Department on Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township.

They met the children being looked after.

Brig-Gen Maung Kyi reported on nurseries of the Social Welfare Department and their history, objectives of the nurseries, the number and types of children accepted at the nurseries, caring work and assistance provided by wellwishers.

Departments and wellwishers donated K 408,000 for Shwegondine Day Care Nursery.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo gave instructions on improvement of functions of the nurseries.


Children under three years of age are looked after at Shwegondine Child Care Centre, children from three to five at Htauukkyant Child Care Centre, children from six to 12 at Kyaikwaing Training School for Boys, children from 12 to 16 at Kaba Aye Training School for Boys, children from 6 to 16 at Hngetawsan Training School for Boys, Mandalay Training School for Boys, Lashio Training School for Boys, Mawlamyine Training School for Boys, Yangon Training School for Girls and Mandalay Training School for Girls.

Wellwishers may donate cash for the centres and schools.
(5) **First Inter-State/Division Basic Education (Mini) Tennis Tournament opens**

YANGON, 27 Dec Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win attended the opening ceremony of first Inter-State/Division Basic Education (Mini) Tennis Tournament at Theinbyu Tennis Plaza at 3 pm today.

It was attended by Director-General Col Hla Myint Kyaw of the Sports and Physical Education Department and officials, President U Ba Tun of Myanmar Tennis Federation and executives, headmistresses, students and athletes.

First, the athletes recited the Four Oaths of Sports.

President U Ba Tun spoke on the occasion.
U Ba Tun and Col Hla Myint Kyaw formally opened the tournament.

Then, minister and party inspected the gymnasium built in Theinbyu Tennis Plaza.

(6) **Minister attends ceremony to honour donors of modern equipment for NyaungU People's Hospital**

YANGON, 27 Dec Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein attended the ceremony to honour those who donated hospital equipment for NyaungU People's Hospital, at the hospital yesterday.

Present also were Chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Khin Maung Oo, Secretary Maj Myint Thein, District Police Commander Police Lt-Col San Lwin, Township Health Officer Dr Myo Win, departmental officials and wellwishers.

Minister Maj-Gen Ket Sein accepted the equipment and cash and thanked the donors.

The donations were medical equipment valued at $ 3,000 for Operation Theatre donated by Mr Heinz of Germany, one air-conditioner by U Aung Nyunt-Daw Myint Myint Khin and family of Bagan Sesar Restaurant, one air-conditioner valued at K 150,000 and marble slabs valued at K 200,000 by Bagan U Myint Han and family, one air-conditioner valued at K 150,000 by U Khin Maung Shwe and family of Bagan Sithu Restaurant, two tons of timber valued at K 80,000 by Daw Tin Nwe Aye and family, two tons of timber valued at K 80,000 by timber entrepreneurs, 50,000 bricks valued at K 150,000 by Brick entrepreneurs and K 50,000 by NyaungU All Private Bus Lines Control Committee.
(7) Minister for Education opens Bahan BEMS 2 Golden Jubilee

YANGON, 27 Dec- Minister for Education U Than Aung attended the ceremony to mark Golden Jubilee of Bahan Basic Education Middle School No 2 at 8.30 am today.

It was also attended by Director U Tin Maung of Basic Education Department, Bahan Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Soe Win and members, township education officers of Yangon West District and Bahan, Headmistress Daw Kyu Kyu Shwe and teachers, members of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, old and new generation pupils, members of Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and guests.

First, Minister U Than Aung and Headmistress Daw Kyu Kyu Shwe formally opened the ceremony of Golden Jubilee Bahan BEMS 2.

Then the minister and headmistress spoke.

Teacher Daw Nwe Nwe Than recited rau to mark the Golden Jubilee.

Wellwishers donated cash for school trust funds.

Teacher Daw Kyu Kyu Win read the history of school and students song Golden Jubilee song.

(8) 1,000 novitiated, ordained in Myaing Township

YANGON, 27 Dec-The ceremony for novitiation and ordination of 1,000 organized by the Office of the Strategic Studies and sponsored by Zaykabar U Khin Shwe, Daw San San Kywe and family, took place at Bahin Village in Bahin Village-tract in Myaing Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division, on 24 and 25 December.

At 10 am on 24 December, respects were paid to 100 elders 76 to 100 years. Zaykabar U Khin Shwe and family presented gifts to them.

At 1 pm, a traditional procession of 126 persons to be ordained and 874 to be novitiated from nine villages of Bahin Village-tract totalling 1,000 was held.

On 25 December, ordination ceremonies were held at seven simas in the village-tract Novitiation ceremony took place at the central pandal at 11 am. Over 40,000 visitors were served with lunch.

At 12.30 pm, all shared merits.
Present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Win, Commander of No 101 LID Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Thein Zaw, Tatmadaw officers and wellwishers Zaykabar U Khin Shwe and family.

(9) Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association gets new two-storey building

YANGON, 27 Dec - A ceremony to hand over two-storey new building for Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel at noon today.

Chairman of Tan Kee Kee Foundation Dr Sally Aw Sirum of Hong Kong donated the building for Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in memory of late mother Daw Tan Kee Kee.

Present were Chairperson of MMCWA Professor Daw Kyu Kyu Swe, ViceChairperson Dr Khin Win Shwe and EC members, wellwisher Dr Sally and family and guests.

Dr Sally presented related document on the new building to Professor Daw Kyu Kyu Swe.
Vice-Chairperson Dr Khin Win Shwe presented a certificate of honour to her.

Then, wellwisher Dr Sally hosted lunch in their honour.

Later, Daw Kyu Kyu Swe, Dr Khin Win Shwe and EC members, wellwisher Dr Sally and family inspected the new two-storey building.