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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host Union Day reception and dinner

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb - Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted a reception and dinner to mark the 64th Anniversary Union Day for 2011 at the square of the City Hall here this evening.

At 6.30 pm, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe arrived at the 64th Anniversary Union Day commemorative reception and dinner at the City Hall where he was welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice- Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Thura U Shwe Mann, Prime Minister U Thein Sein, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Dr. Sai Mauk Khan, Chairman of the Management Committee for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye and officials.

At the 64th Anniversary Union Day commemorative dinner, Senior General Than Shwe and party cordially greeted Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and guests.

The Senior General hosted the dinner to the guests. Also present at the reception and dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the SPDC Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the ministers, the Chief-Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General and their wives, members of the central committee and the management committee, deputy ministers, chief of Myanmar Police Force, directors-general of the SPDC Office and Government Office, departmental heads, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives and guests.

Before and during the dinner, national races and vocalists entertained the guests with songs to the accompaniment of Myanma Athan modern music band.

After the dinner, artistees of the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with dances at the open theatre at the square.

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SPDC Member U Tin Aye addresses Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) opening ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb - The opening ceremony of Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw), built by the Ministry of Forestry, took place at entrance plaza of the park here this morning, with an opening address by Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye.

It was also attended by Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig- Gen Maung Maung Aye, ministers, auditorgeneral, deputy ministers, departmental heads, officials from the Ministry of Forestry, staff of Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) and guests.

Songsters opened the ceremony with the commemorative song of opening ceremony.

In his speech, SPDC Member U Tin Aye said the State is upgrading the nation into a modern and developed one through all sectors in the time of the SPDC.

The newly-opened Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) will become a significant symbol reflecting the country's development in all sectors in broadening horizons of the people and helping them able to take nation-building measures effectively.

He expressed thanks to the Minister of Forestry, departmental staff and MRT Company which built the park for completing the construction of park only in five months.

As the park lies by Yangon-Mandalay motor road next to Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw), it is a good place for recreation and knowledge.

He continued to say that Uppatasanti Pagoda, Gems Museum, National Landmark Garden, Water Fountain Garden, Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) have been opened in Nay Pyi Taw as the State Peace and Development Council built the clean, scenic and internationalstandard capital of the nation since 2006 and world-class stadium, National Library, Cultural Museum, Defence Services Museum and Gems Emporium will also be opened soon.

In implementing the park, it was is designated near the already-built Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw), Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) and National Landmark Garden for public convenience.

He also stated that the country is rich in natural resources and biodiversities, with around 50 per cent forest coverage and over 20,000 biodiversities.

Now the government has established 43 natural forests including wildlife sanctuaries and Hukaung valley, world largest tiger reserve. Myanmar's six wild-life sanctuaries and national gardens have been recognized as heritages of ASEAN.

This brings honour to the nation.

The ecosystem has an influential role in survival of living things.

He quoted Head of State Senior-General Than Shwe as saying that the basic resources of the State are land, water and climate; if forests were spoiled, land and water will be ruined and climate change will happen; so it is needed to preserve forests.

The world is now suffering from natural disasters as implications of global warming and climate change. It is because the human beings have less knowledge on ecosystem. It is necessary to reduce harming to nature while boosting economy of the State, he said.He urged officials to make arrangements for development of the park with the help of the public.

The Forestry Minister said in his address that the Forestry Ministry is carrying out tasks for development of Yangon Zoological Garden, and Mandalay Yadanapon Zoological Garden and Nay Pyi

Taw Zoological Garden that emerged in the time of the Tatmadaw government on 26 March 2008.

Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park was constructed as a recreation centre for the people and to study the nature of wildlife, to conserve endangered species and to realize ecology system.

He continued that the Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park is a kind of day safari that stands on 291.52 acres, consisting of three parts-Asian, Australian and African safaris. There are 202 animals (16 species) in the park. Before long, another 58 animals (10 species) worth US$ two million will be added.

Next, Thai Sawat Import & Export Co Ltd donated a pair of giraffes to Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw), and Toseva Timber Private Ltd of Singapore, educative videos to Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw).

Acting Director- General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department presented certificate of honour to the chief engineer of MRT Co Ltd. After that, Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt and Forestry Minister U Thein Aung opened Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park.

SPDC Member U Tin Aye unveiled archway of the park, sprinkled scented water on inscription plaque and then together with the attendees posed for documentary photo.

SPDC Member U Tin Aye and party symbiotically planted hilly toddy palm plant in front of entrance plaza of Nay Pyi Taw Safari Park.

Minister U Thein Aung and officials also planted Gangaw, teak and hilly toddy palm plants.

SPDC Member U Tin Aye and party later looked around Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw), Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw), Aquarium and Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) lies on 291.52 acres on Yangon- Mandalay Road near milepost No. 257/0.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) is composed with three parts-Asian Safari, Australian Safari and African Safari.Unlike other zoological gardens, the people can observe Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) naturally alive with various kinds of rare animals across the world.

Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) is thrown open to public from 8 am to 4 pm daily.

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Special Refresher Course No. 40 for Basic Education Teachers concludes at CICS (Upper Myanmar)

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb- The Special Refresher Course No. 40 for Basic Education Teachers concluded at Yadana Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun, on behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, said the government is building a democratic nation as national goal while making endeavours for ensuring modern and developed nation. With a view to developing all regions of the Union in equal terms, the government is undertaking Border Areas and National Races Development Plan, Rural Development Tasks and 24-special development region plan.

Each special development region has been facilitated with one 200-bed specialist hospital, one arts and science university, technological university and university of computer studies for uplifting education and health standards of the local people. In addition, the 30-year long-term national education

promotion plan has been adopted, and the education tasks to be interrelated with higher and basic education sectors are being undertaken under the five-year short-term plans.

In implementing the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan with nine-point aim in the basic education sector, utmost efforts are being made for flourishing the basic education system in conformity with political, economic and social sectors of the State to be on a par with international education standard; for emerging human resources that can build a peaceful, modern and developed nation by applying advancement of science and technology; for turning out the qualified persons with innovative and creative capability in social-economic sector; for emerging the capable sons of the State who can preserve traditional culture with Union Spirit; for nurturing healthy and fit well-versed persons; for emerging the outstanding persons who can bring about peaceful co-existence in the human society; for shaping the constant learning society to uplift the standards of the State and themselves by accepting Lifelong Learning and Continuing Education; for creating learning opportunity for vocational education in urban and rural areas in equal term; and for shaping basic education schools as supporting centres for regional development.

In conclusion, he urged all to effectively utilize the education sound foundations and good opportunity created by the government, to adore life of educational staff and participate in ensuring perpetuity of a peaceful, modern and developed new nation with Union Spirit through strength of national education promotion.

Later, he presented prizes to outstanding trainees and trainee companies and completion certificates to the trainees.

The training course was attended by 1515 trainees.

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Patients with eyesight complaints in Sittway District receive free treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb-Under the aegis of Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, eye specialists from Yangon, in collaboration with Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Health, social organizations and wellwishers, provided treatment to patients with eyesight complaint in Sittway District of Rakhine State from 8 to 11 February.

In cooperation with Rakhine State Eye Specialist Dr Moe Kyaw, doctors, nurses and health staff from Sittway, a mobile medical team comprising eye specialist Professor/Dean of Department U Tin Win, Eye Specialist Dr Nilar Thein, 14 assistant doctors, one senior nurse and 12 nurses, technician U Win Naing Tun from Alcon Co Ltd, and optician U Win Naing Tun provided treatment to 1445 outpatients and surgical treatment to patients with glaucoma in Sittway, Yathetaung, Ponnagyun, MraukU, Minbya, Pauktaw and Myebon townships in Sittway District.

The team also donated sun glasses, cash assistance and medicines for the patients. A ceremony to mark the success of the free medical care was held at Rakhine State's General Hospital yesterday. U Hla Maung Tin of Rakhine State Union Solidarity and Development Party spoke on the occasion and Leader of the mobile team Dr U Tin Win recounted treatment works. Then, the ceremony came to an end with an eye patient words of thanks.

On behalf of the Transport Minister, Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport, officers and staff of Rakhine State IWT in Sittway, Rakhine State level departmental heads, members of social organizations, the head of Rakhine State Health Department assisted the mobile team and Dr Maung Maung Aye (Moehtet Kaba Co Ltd), U Aung Myat (Mother Trading Co Ltd), U Win Lwin (Kyawtha

Co Ltd), U Aung Moe Kyaw (Pyae Phyo Aung Co Ltd), U Htin Lin Aung-Daw Htet Htet Aung (Myanmar Prodigy Co Ltd) donated necessary medicines and operation costs for the treatment.

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Essay contest held to mark Union Day

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb-Hailing the 64th Anniversary Union Day, YaungkyiU Library Committee of Akyiban Village in Htilin Township, Magway Region organized an essay-writing contest and presented prizes to winners on 9 February.

The topic of the essay was "Our Library".

The township Peace and Development Council Chairman, the chairperson of the township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and the head of Gangaw District Information and Public Relations Department awarded four prize winners from the village Basic Education High School.

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State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw to mark 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb- The State Flag hoisting and saluting ceremony to mark the 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011 took place in front of the City Hall, here, this morning, attended by Chairman of the Central Committee for Organ-izing the 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011 Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the chairman of the Management Committee for for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011 Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, the Auditor- General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Mayor of Nay Pyi Taw, deputy ministers, senior military officers, members of the central committee and the management committee, departmental heads, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, service personnel, members of station and guests totalling over 1400.

Departmental personnel, social organization members and people took the designated places in the square of City Hall.

At 5.30 am, the Flag Hoisting Platoon hoisted the Flag of the Union of Myanmar.

The State Flag saluting ceremony for the 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011 took place at 7 am.

The Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) Guard of Honour took the designated place at the square of the City Hall.

Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 64th Anniversary Union Day 2011 Secretary- 1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo took the position on the dais.

After the Secretary-1 had taken the salute of the Guard of Honour, all the attendees together with the Secretary-1 and the Guard of Honour saluted the state Flag of the Union of Myanmar. Meanwhile, the National Anthem was played.

Next, the Secretary-1 read the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 64th Anniversary Union Day.

As a gesture of honouring the 64th Anniversary Union Day, government offices and buildings, the City Hall, roundabouts, schools and staff quarters were illuminated.

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Commander attends opening of new roads

NAY PYI TAw, 12 Feb-Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than attended opening of new roads in Hmawby and Taikkyi townships on 10 February.

The commander oversaw roadworks on Taikkyi-Oto-Chaungthongwa-Apyauk Road and attended opening of Apyauk Township Library.

The commander and personnel furnished the library with a colour TV set and publications.

The commander inspected renovation of embankment along the bank of Apyuak River. He went to the township's station hospital and provided cash assistance and refreshments to patients. The commander formally opened special sales festival in Bahan Township.

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Multiplier course on farmland census collection opened in Bilin

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb-The multiplier course on farmland census collection being conducted by Settlement and Land Records Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was opened at the office of Bilin Township Peace and Development Council on 2 February.

Secretary of Township PDC U Maung Maung Nyunt spoke on the occasion.

Head of Township SLRD U Htay Win explained collection of farmland census.

It was also attended by township departmental officials and members of Village PDCs.

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Stake driven for Aleinmar Library in Bilin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Feb-A ceremony to drive stake for construction of Aleinmar library in Thabyeni Village of Thebyuchaung Village-tract in Bilin Township, Thaton District, was held at the venue on 3 February morning.

Secretary of Township Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung Nyunt drove stake for construction of the library.

Also present on the occasion were township level departmental personnel of Myanma Agriculture Service, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Information and Public Relations Department, members of the library committee and townselders.

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Botany graduates pay respects to old teachers

YANGON, 12 Feb - The third respectpaying ceremony of Botany graduates of Yangon University was held at Universities' Dhammayon in Kamaryut Township here this morning.

First, old students paid respects and presented gifts to teachers aged 70 and above.

Next, Professor and Head of Department Dr Thet Thet May, chairperson of organizing the respect-paying ceremony, gave accounts of holding the ceremony. On behalf of the old teachers, a teacher spoke words of encouragement. Then Professor U Aye Pe presented gifts to lab staff aged 64 and above.

The ceremony came to an end with words of thanks by Lecturer Dr Soe Soe Aung.