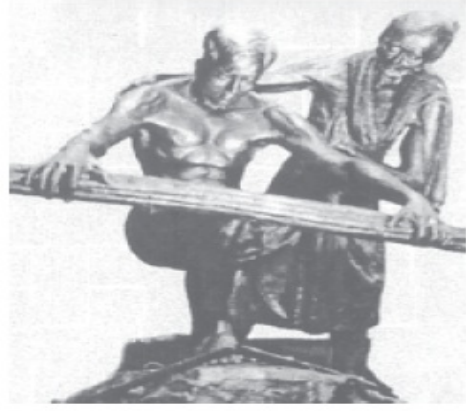


Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union



The Union of Myanmar is formed with seven states and seven divisions, in which, all the national races are living in weal or woe.

It is their family spirit of amity, sympathy, helpfulness, mutual reliance, understanding, forbearance and mutual interest that has made the nationalities to live in firm unity without having any regional or ideological discrimination.

It is a loveable Myanmar character that comes out from the family spirit reflecting the Union which is like a stem with 100 fruits.

At the graduation of the 47th Intake of Defence Services Academy, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of De-

Table A
Per acre yield (basket)
Gross production (basket) (thousand)

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Land resource			
- sown acreage	536904	676860	139956
- acres of vacant and virgin land	926194	763929	-
Irrigation			
- dam, lake, reservoir, canal	1	3	2
- completed works	1	2	1
- tasks under implementation	-	1	1
- river water pumping tasks	-	4	4
- completed works	-	2	2
- tasks to be done	-	2	2
- damming creeks	-	2167	2167
- Benefited acre	257	91701	91444
Thriving double crops	3925	37201	33276
Extended paddy cultivation			
- acres of monsoon paddy	193317	322589	129272
- per acre yield*	55.18	65.35	10.17
- acres of summer paddy	-	30100	30100
- per acre yield*	-	65.81	65.81
- gross production	10282	22736	12454
- food sufficiency	-	100%	100%
- beans and pulses (acre)	-	6532	6532
- progress in rubber plantation	88449	108147	19698
- progress in oil palm plantation	16878	135825	118947
- progress in pepper plantation	54	20923	20869

Hailing the 58th Anniversary Union Day:

Taninthayi Division marching to new golden land of unity and amity

Thiha Aung

Table C

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress (Square mile)
Reserved forest*	4500	4526	26
Protected public forest*	-	357	357
Natural area*	18.99	2234.38	2215.39
Setting up of forest (acre)	600	9795	9195
- acres of commercial plantation	600	7875	7275
- acres of village plantation	-	1770	1770
- acres of watershed plantation	-	150	150
- acres of Thitsein plantation	-	300	300
Tree planting of community movement	0.01	4.52	4.51

progress of all the states and divisions. And with goodwill, it is erasing all doubts among the nationalities and is leading them on the correct way.

At the ceremony to put Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) the largest and most magnificent one

wished to build the bridge that is an auspicious facility benefiting both the region and the nation. But it could not build the facility sooner because of many difficulties, especially the financial and technological constraints, that made it waited for an

acquiring the technology and ability to build such a large bridge.

"Whatever difficulties the nation is facing, the united strength, and the strength, which comes out from the firm community peace and stability and the rule of law, are of vital importance for the nation. And the two strengths will enable the nation to overcome all kinds of difficulties it is facing."

Table B

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Extended livestock breeding (1=100,000)	10.12	32.45	22.33
Extended acres of fish and prawn breeding	-	226.13	226.13
- acres of fish farming	-	935.21	935.21
- prawn breeding	-	-	-

Table D

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Railways			
- miles	-	87.47	87.47
- miles of railroad	-	95.68	95.68
- passenger	-	35500	35500
- miles of passenger transport	-	1894.4	1894.4
- tons of cargo	-	4400	4400
- miles cargo transport	-	186.9	186.9
- stations	-	20	20
Airways			
- Airports	4	5	1
- above 5000 ft runway	2	4	2
- under 5000 ft runway	2	1	upgrading
Water transport			
- jetty (internal)	7	11	4
Motor road extension (mile)	397/0	689/2	292/2
- tarred road	213/0	410/5	197/5
- gravel road	5/0	205/4	200/4
Bridge			
- above 180 feet long	8	15	7
- lower 180 feet long	142	198	56

in Myanmar, into service, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said, "Since years ago, the Government has

Table E

post office	29	43	14
telegraph office	9	20	11
facsimile	-	31	31
computer telegraph	-	2	2
telephone service			
- telephone office	6	29	23
- number of line	530	5666	5136
- exchange	6	23	17
- direct line	469	4762	4293
- auto/carrier telephone	469	4708	4239
- auto radio telephone	-	54	54
- telephone density*	0.48	3.22	2.74
microwave station	2	9	7
rural telephone exchange	-	6	6
local satellite station	-	-	-
- VSAT	-	2	2
- iPSAT	-	6	6

auto-telephone exchange extension (under implementation) Myeik - number of line-2000

opportune time.

"Now, the national economy has developed to a certain degree, and the nation has been gaining more and more expertise after building small, medium and large bridges step by step till

The developments of Taninthayi Division stand witness to the fact that with the two strengths, the Tatmadaw manages to build grand bridges one after another in the nation.

Taninthayi Division
Bordering Mon State in the north, Taninthayi

Division is the southernmost region of the Union. On its 16,736-square-mile territory live Bamar, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan and Salon national races. Forming a union within the Union, the division has a population of about 1,537,000 and, on average, 92 persons are living in every square mile of the region.

Generally, it can be said a mountainous region, for, the mountain ranges with elevations reaching up to nearly 3,000 feet stand as a long wall alongside the thin stretch of plains facing the Andaman's Sea in the west. Of the many rivers, Dawei, Taninthayi and Lemya rivers are famous. The coastal sea is dotted with many islands.

Agriculture
In the past, Taninthayi Division's economy relied mainly on rubber plantations. But now, its agricultural patterns have totally changed. Thanks to the assistance provided by the government, it is cultivating other species of crops that grow well in the division that is now producing adequate amount of rice for its population.

Over 100,000 acres of land have been reclaimed, and waterworks

and small scale dams are irrigating over 90,000 acres of crops. Yinwa Dam has been built in Kawthoung Township, and Anyabya Dam is being built in Dawei Township to irrigate 3,200 acres of crops.

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Development in Taninthayi Division after 1988



New 200-bed general hospital in Myeik, Taninthayi Division.
MYANMA ALIN

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The rig at block No-1 of Yadana gas field seen offshore Taninthayi coast.
MYANMA ALIN

Oil palm plantations are established in Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Division for ensuring local edible oil sufficiency.
MYANMA ALIN

Kyweku-Kyaukpaya bridge is 3612 feet long and it lies in Myeik, Taninthayi Division.
MYANMA ALIN



Taninthayi Division marching to...

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The Government has been implementing projects to turn Chin State into a major tea-growing region, Rakhine State into a major pepper-growing region, Mon State into a major rubber-growing region, Sagaing division into the rice bowl of upper Myanmar, and Taninthayi Division into an oil bowl. It is laying down long-term plans to meet the domestic edible oil demand, and has put

estry sector, the Head of State has given guidance, saying, "Failure to protect and conserve the natural resources will be followed by ill effects in the long run. Destruction of forest resources will lead to destruction of land and water resources. Thus, it is important for all of us to conserve and protect them for long-term interest, instead of viewing only the short-term interest."

In accord with the

reachability from other states and divisions. There is now easy access by road from Putao in the northern point of the Union to Kawthoung in Taninthayi Division at the southern tip.

Dawei-Myeik-Thanthayi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung road has become an all-weather facility. The division now has over 689 miles of motor roads including over 410 miles of tarred roads. The present length of roads is 292 miles and two furlongs

Table F *Megawatt Unit (Million)

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
electricity consumption	3.502	6.616	3.114
maximum load*	4.567	8.718	4.151
Increase of generating power			
- implemented project	1	3	2
- implementing project	-	3	3
- diesel power plant	23	38	15
present capacity of generator*	7.612	14.531	6.919
future capacity of generator*	7.612	659.531	651.919

over 100,000 acres of land under oil palm in the Taninthayi Division to this date.

Emerging together with the development in oil palm cultivation of the division is the national entrepreneurs' tradition of adhering to the Government's policy and responding to its goodwill. Vast oil palm farms of the national entrepreneurs are emerging along the Union Highway in the division. Thus, the division will have an abundant supply of edible oil and rice and also natural gas from offshore drilling plocks. Rubber and pepper plantations are also being extended in the division. Table A has more.

Livestock and fisheries

The Government has been distributing quality strains, feedstuff and medicines and disseminating techniques to develop the meat and fish sector of the division. Because of the inclusion of the animal disease prevention project in the drive to promote the sector, the division's current meat production has increased three times greater than that of the past. Coastal and deep-sea fishing industry of the region is also gaining progress with greater momentum. Please see Table B to know the exact data.

Forest conservation

Concerning the for-

guidance, greater efforts are being made to conserve and protect the division's forest resources for their everlasting existence. Over 2,000 square miles of wildlife parks have been set up in the region. Table C shows the development of forest plantation and conservation in the division with the participation of the local people.

Road transport

Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division were called backward coastal regions in the past due to their geographical conditions. Both are thin stretches of land lying between the mountain ranges and the sea. Thus, they lacked development in the past.

The Tatmadaw Government has been able to beautify and develop all regions whether their geographical conditions are of the same type or not. It is building roads and bridges in every region.

The Government is like a gardener nurturing every plant in the garden to become beautiful with blossoming flowers. Thanks to a network of roads and bridges, the division now is easily

longer than that of the past.

In addition to the Union Highway passing through the division, 14 over-180 bridges have emerged in it. Of them seven have been covered by special projects. The famous bridges in the division are: the 500-foot Winwa Bridge in Thayetchaung Township, the 500-foot Palauk Bridge and the 600-foot Palaw Bridge in Palaw Township, the 3,612-foot Kywegu-Kyaukphya Bridge and the 810-foot Pathoung Bridge in Myeik Township, the 1,360-foot Taninthayi Bridge in Taninthayi Township, and 860-foot Lenya-Mandaing Bridge in Bokpyin Township. The railroad which ended in Ye in Mon State in the past has been extended to Dawei in the division that is 102.38 miles from Ye. Ye-Dawei railroad was launched in March 1998. Airports in Kawthoung and Myeik have been upgraded to

Table I

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Basic education			
- number of schools	962	1132	170
- multimedia classroom	-	51	51
- e-Learning Centre	-	19	19
- number of teachers	3451	6230	2779
- number of students	147070	267583	120513
- KG enrolment	67.97%	96.00%	28.03%
- adult literacy rate	80.18%	98.30%	18.12%
School dropout rate			
- primary school level	44.82%	14.4%	(-)30.42%
- middle school level	42.53%	14.91%	(-)27.62%
Higher education			
- arts & science university	-	2	2
- education college	1	1	-
- e-Learning centre	-	21	21
- academic programmes	8	48	40
- number of teachers	46	356	310
- number of students	397	12035	11638
- Human resource development centre	-	2	2

become facilities that can handle landing and taking off of passenger jets. Four more wharves have been erected in the division. The division bordering Thailand in the east and touching the sea in the west is en-

thriving in a garden called the Union. Table E indicates the development of the communication sector of the division where the national brethren have been living in unity.

Electricity

Although it is rich in land and water resources, Taninthayi Division was like an ordinary flower without any hue throughout the past eras, as there was no one to develop the region.

Soon, the 600-megawatt Taninthayi River hydel power plant, the 25-megawatt Theinkhun Creek hydel power station and the 20-megawatt Thakyet Creek hydel power station will emerge in the division.

The hydel power stations of the division will serve as the nation's strength in the future. Table F will tell the reader more about the electricity sector development of the region.

Industry

The industrial development pace of Taninthayi Division is gaining speed as the government encourages the efforts to realize the goal. Although there are just 19 enterprises in Myeik industrial zone, the investment has hit K 593.9 million, with a production value of over US\$ 9 million and K 633.26 million. The number of factories related to marine resources, minerals, rubber and oil palm is likely to rise. Even now, the number of private factories has increased to 489 apart from existing

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Table H

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
Upgrading industrial power			
- Myeik Industrial Zone	-	1	1
- works	-	19	19
- private industries	331	820	489
- cottage industries	-	72	72
State-owned industries	14	12	transfer

joying sound transport development. In future, the Asian highway and the ASEAN highway will pass through the region.

Table D stands witness to the transport development of the division during the time of the Tatmadaw Government.

Communication sector Taninthayi Division is prospering together with other sister states and divisions like a tree

It has started to shine since the Tatmadaw Government's assumption of the State duties. Now it will add beauty to the Union. Up to 1988, the division had only 0.154-megawatt Myitnge hydel power station. But after 1988, the Government built the 0.15-megawatt Kattalu hydel power station and the 0.192-megawatt Yetagon Creek hydel power station in the division.

Table J

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Government Technological College (Dawei)	-	1	1
- course numbers	-	4	4
Government Technological College (Myeik)	-	1	1
- course numbers	-	4	4
- number of teachers	-	90	90
- students (graduate)	-	530	530
- present students	-	431	431
Government Computer College (Dawei)	-	1	1
- course numbers	-	6	6
Government Computer College (Myeik)	-	1	1
- number of courses	-	6	6
- number of teachers	-	34	34
- students (graduate)	-	218	218
- present students	-	467	467

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72 cottage industries and 12 State-owned factories. Table G shows industrial development of the division.

Mining and mineral resources

Taninthayi Division also consists Pale Yadana Myay or pearl land. After 1988, the production of pearls has increased by 105,470.57 momme as pearl centres are now seven in number. The production of tin and tungsten reached 447.29 metric tons. The discovering of coal reserve resulted in the production of 119,162.83 metric tons of coal. The sand used for making of glass was found, and such kind of sand was produced 9,734.38 metric tons.

Energy

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, all the states and divisions in the Union are developing to an extent that it is difficult to say whose progress is greater than whose. All the flowers are now blooming as a result of the goodwill of the gardener whose wishes are to enable all the flowers to be in full bloom.

There have now emerged off-shore oil fields as if it seemed to be possible to create an aphorism that would go "Mottama is famous for Yadana, Taninthayi for Yetagon, and Rakhine Offshore for gold". They are in fact the treasure bequeathed by ancestors to posterity. It will not be wrong to assume that these gas fields guarantee inexhaustible exploitation till many a generation to come. Encouraging are the development in energy in Taninthayi Division in the times of the Tatmadaw government. They are shown in Table H.

Education

For a nation, education is the best means of investment. With this end

in view, the Tatmadaw government taking measures to promote the level of education in Taninthayi Division.

"The task for the establishment of a modern and developed nation that can face the challenges likely to arise in future is based on the development of human resources.

After drawing up a special plan for promotion of national education, measures are being taken to develop human resources as well-rounded individuals essential for the country", said Head of State Senior General Than Shwe at the Annual General Meeting of Union Solidarity and Development Association on 19-2-2002.

Progress made in the past and the present in the education drive to ensure equal learning opportunity in Taninthayi Division can be seen in Table I.

Table K

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
upgrading of hospital health units	22	29	7
health staff	86	88	2
- doctors	503	952	449
- nurses	75	196	121
- midwives	83	316	233
- skilled staff	239	266	27
- township health assistant	9	23	14
- health assistant-1	-	4	4
- health assistant	-	10	10
- supervisor (1)/(2)	32	37	5
traditional medicine	24	55	31
- traditional medicine hospital	-	1	1
- traditional medicine dispensary	4	8	4
- nurse training school	-	1	1
- midwifery school	1	1	-

Science and Technology

In the past, Yangon was the only place to pursue engineering. The same thing can be said of computer science. The number of students admitted to the then universities and institutes was limited. There were those whose dreams were broken for various reasons. Now, the doors to education are kept open to all in every favourable places. The government has helped the young in Taninthayi Division to enable them to have easy

access to the branches of education like science and technology. They can be seen in Table J.

Health

In this age, health has been given top priority. Hospitals are being built and upgraded across the country to carry out health care on an extensive scale.

A new 200-bed hospital was built in the region, and the 100-bed hospital upgraded into the

Table L

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
Urban development			
- urban road miles	110/3	258/7	148/4
- miles of tarred road	34/0	160/7	126/7
- miles of gravelled road	22/1	46/4	24/3
- bridges in urban area	-	712	712
Water supply task			
Town in which tasks to be done	10	3	7
completed work	-	7	7
Rural development			
- Rural road	104/5	720/1	615/4
- tarred road	22/0	355/0	333/0
- gravelled road	-	181/2	181/2
- bridges in rural area	-	228	228
Water supply tasks			
- village in which tasks to be done	672	422	250
- completed work	-	298	298

200-bed one. Moreover, three 50-bed hospitals were also opened there, alongside nine station hospitals and two rural health centres.

Another 121 specialists and assistant doctors were employed there. Now, the region has 952 medical staff, up from 503 in the past. A traditional medicine hospital was also opened there to give treatment with traditional medicines. Now, the traditional medicine dispensaries are eight in number. Apart from the

Table N

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
- TV retransmission station	-	11	11
- IPRD offices	-	16	16
- IPRD libraries	2	16	14
- departmental libraries	-	1	1
- rural library	-	295	295
- e-library	-	2	2

existing midwifery school, a nursing school was also constructed with the aim of producing more nurses within the region.

Efforts are under way to bring about economic

development of the whole Union is directly proportionate to regional stability. In this age, the prospect of development has no longer been concerned with the geographical remoteness of a particular

working hard to leave a good legacy behind, a peaceful, tranquil, and developed nation.

The Tatmadaw government has thus added Taninthayi Division to the zones covered in the development project. In Table M are the endeavours the Tatmadaw government has made in Taninthayi Division.

Information and public relations

"Only the efforts made not with inapplicable wishes but with the genuine goodwill that came out from the bottom of the heart will receive the return of same thing from the public", the Head of State gave guidance. In line with the guidance, steps are being taken to promote the information sector of Taninthayi Division in the march towards a consolidated new nation.

Table N shows measures being taken for regional development.

(Translation:
TMT+KTY)

Subject	1988	12-2-05	Progress
development regions			
- Taninthayi region	-	1	1
road/bridge			
- miles of earth road	-	251/2	251/2
- miles of gravel road	-	105/2	105/2
- miles of tarred road	-	38/5	38/5
- maintenance of road (mile)	-	14/4	14/4
- bridge (big/small)	-	8/7	8/7
health			
- dispensary	-	1	1
- rural health unit	-	3	3
education			
- BEPS, BEMS, BEHS	-	15	15
- number of teachers	-	51	51
- number of students	-	2055	2055
agriculture camp	-	1	1
energy			
- generator	-	2	2
- power-supplied town	-	1	1
public relations			
- TV retransmission station	-	7	7
Vocational training school	-	2	2
- number of teacher	-	16	16
- number of student	-	2869	2869
Expenditure*			
- development funds*	-	2956.09	2956.09
- departments*	-	577.80	577.80
	-	2378.29	2378.29

* Kyat in million

Development of border areas and national races
The sustainable devel-