

Cost of visiting Shwedagon for foreigners rises to Ks 10,000

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ACCORDING to the board of trusteeship of the Shwedagon Pagoda, as of 1 December, the entrance fee for foreigners to visit the Shwedagon Pagoda will go up to Ks 10,000.

The price increase was originally going to be imposed starting 1 June, but at the suggestion of the Myanmar Travel & Tour Agency, it was decided that six months notice should be given.

Presently, Ks 8,000 is being collected from foreign visitors. With the increased collection, arrangements for giving better services are under way.

“In last summer, there were few visitors to the pagoda because of the burning heat while in January, February and March foreign visitors came. With the increased collection of entrance fees, provision of better services is under way”, said U Win Kyaing, the deputy head of the office of Shwedagon Pagoda’s Board of Trusteeship. It has been learnt that 36,674 tourists visited the pagoda in May. From the end of January to the end of April, there were over 250,000 visitors to the



Shwedagon Pagoda is the national landmark of Myanmar. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

famous pagoda. Out of all international visitors to the Shwedagon pagoda, those from a neighboring country, Thailand, were the most numerous, followed by guests from China and Germany. ■

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Vice Admiral Kulekov Valaydii

DEFENCE Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who was in the Russian Federation met Vice Admiral Kulekov Valaydii of the Black Sea Fleet headquarter at the Sevastopol hotel

meeting room on 22 June.

After the meeting, the Senior General toured Sevastopol and visited a battle cruiser Moskva at the northern port. Moskva is armed with guided missiles and was commis-

sioned in 1983.

It has a length of 186.5 meter, beam of 20.8 meter, draught of 8.4 meter, displacement 12,490 ton and has a speed of 32 knots.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Vice Admiral Kulekov Valaydii. **PHOTO: MNA**

Five arrested on suspicion of attending terrorist training

SECURITY forces arrested five men yesterday on suspicion of attending a terrorist training in Mayu mountains.

Following a tip off that suspected terrorists were in Tinset village in Buthidaung Township, security forces carried out a patrol in the village and found nearly 15 persons

holding sticks and knives and fled towards the Mayu Mountain range.

The security forces searched the village and arrested five men including Abu Swayauk suspected of attending terrorist trainings in the mountains.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Britain Queen’s birthday event in Nay Pyi Taw

LOCAL admirers of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 91st birthday at the Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

The event started with the playing of the national anthems of Myanmar and Britain, after which Britain’s ambassador to Myanmar, Mr. Andrew Patrick, and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettle-

ment Dr. Win Myat Aye gave speeches.

The event was attended by the deputy speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, Union ministers, the national security advisor to the Union government, the chiefs of staff of the army, navy and air forces and other high ranking officers of the Tatmadaw, hluttaw representatives and other invited guests.—MNA ■

Senior General visits No. 766 Production and Technological Equipment Center in Russia

DEFENCE Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Russian Federation visited No. 766 Production and Technological Equipment Center on 20 June.

The Senior General viewed the ambulances, surgical and laboratory vehicles and other passenger vehicles in the

Production and Technological Equipment Center.

Next the Senior General observed and viewed the test driving of remote controlled mine disposal vehicles, fighting vehicles and passenger vehicles after which he test rode on an armored vehicle.—MNA ■

POEM:

The Goal is close

Oh! Myanmar, never bemoan....
Journey to peace is so long;
Waves, though tremendous, always go under the boat,
Mountains, even though with sky-high elevation,
always defeated by the treads of man,
go forward .. step forward .. leap forward
till make a big distance
that assure you grabbing the destination.
Hey! Be united by blood, in the wake of nation’s need,
Pool our blood again to face the nation’s challenges,
With confidence and care, negotiate and coordinate;
Be mindful and dig deep for reality and truth.
Brethren of the Union! one colour one hue,
one habitat, one land; till the end with hand in hand,
in unison we strive to expedite the peace process,
And witness the Myanmar in colours.

Myo Myat Myat Myint Maung

(Translated in English by Khin Maung Win, GNLM)
(In honour of all those who take part in Peace Making)