

Rainy Season Photo Show of Shwedagon Pagoda opens

YANGON, 19 Aug — The Rainy Season Photo Show of the Shwedagon Pagoda was opened at Chanthagyi Prayer Hall on the platform of the pagoda this morning. Fullmoon Day of Wagaung, Metta Akhadaw Day.

Chairman of the Photo Show Subcommittee member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Mya Thein explained matters concerning the photo show.

Next, Chairman of the Leading Committee for All-round Perpetual Renovation of the Shwedagon Pagoda Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe pressing the button to formally unveil the signboard of the photo show. — MNA

U Kyee Myint and Chairman of Myanmar Photographic Society Mann Tekkatho Nay Myo Win formally opened the photo show.

Afterwards, Patron of the Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the signboard of the show.

Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia donated photos related to

religious matters, and US\$ 26,700 for publishing religious books to Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. After the opening ceremony, the commander, the minister, the Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko

and officials visited the photo show.

Rare documentary photos concerning Shwedagon Pagoda are being put on display at the photo show for public and members of the Sangha obeisance. A to-

tal of 350 photos are being displayed at seven booths. The photo show is being kept open for the pilgrims and public at Chanthagyi Prayer Hall of the platform of the pagoda up to 17 September. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe observes works at the photo show.

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Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia presents the donation to Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. — MNA

Entries invited to Military and Marching Song Contests to mark 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 19 Aug — The Military and Marching Song Organizing Subcommittee under the Poem and Arts Competition Organizing Committee chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung announced today that Military and Marching Song Contest to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2006 will be held.

There will be only one category, professional level, for the marching song competition while the military song contest is divided into two categories, level-1 and level-2. First, second, and third prizes as well as consolation prizes will be awarded in every level. Rules and regulations of the competition are as follows:-

In the marching

song contest, songs must be composed based on the twelve objectives of the State, the objectives of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day and the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

Composers and vocalists of level 1 are not permitted to compete at level 2 of the military song contest nor are those who stood first, second and third at level 2 of the last year's military song contest. They are to enter the level-1. Only one song is allowed for individuals or groups. Entry songs must be in accord with military songs competition methods.

Military songs must be in melody and modes as well as in own tune. The time designated for the song must be between four and six minutes. The entry songs are to be with strong vocal and suitable

music.

Only a song must be recorded on the entry cassette or reel. A suitable title may be given. Words of the entry song together with its typed copies and an original of its music notes must be attached to the cassette or reel.

The brief autograph of the entrant and the singers together with three passport size colour photos must be sent. Those tentatively selected will be informed.

The tentatively selected songs must be recorded and are to compete for the final. Entry songs should be sent to U Ko Ko Htwe, Secretary, Subcommittee for the military and marching song contests, Myanma Radio and Television, Pyay Road, Yangon, not later than 31 December 2005.

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Staff of Customs Department donate blood

YANGON, 19 Aug — The 14th blood donation ceremony of the staff of the Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at No 2 Military Hospital (500-bed) on U Wisara Road here at 9.30 am today.

At the ceremony, Director-General of the Customs Department U Khin Maung Lin explained the purpose of the blood donation and Head of Pathology Department Pathologist Lt-Col Nyan Htein Lin matters related to the blood.

Director-General U Khin Maung Lin presented medical equipment



Director-General U Khin Maung Lin and officials visit blood donors at No 2 Military Hospital.

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worth K 70,000 and medicines worth K 30,000. Commandant Col Myint Maung of the hospital gave away certificate of honour to the director-

general. Next, Director-General U Khin Maung Lin, Commandant Col Myint Maung and officials looked around 27 blood donors. — MNA

School health activities inspected

YANGON, 19 Aug — Chairperson Daw Khin Mya Mu of Yangon South District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and party inspected school health care week activities in

Thanlyin Township today.

They supervised the health care activities and sports demonstrations at No 2 Basic Education High School, a basic education middle school and

post primary education schools in the township.

At the health education talks held at Thanlyin Hospital, they presented stationery and exercise books to the students.

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Officials also explained efforts being made to meet the cultivation target of 850,000 acres in Mon State, and land reclamation projects to extend paddy sown acreage. Local authorities presented the list of sown acreage region-wise to Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Maj-Gen Soe Naing presented gifts to farmers and officials for their outstanding performances.

The commander said that efforts are being made to put 1 million acres of monsoon paddy in Mon State according to the guidance of the Head of State. Cultivation of summer paddy, beans and pulses and pepper has been extended till reaching 699,000 acres in 2005-

2006.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted farmers.

Accompanied by officials, Lt-Gen Maung Bo visited rubber farming project of Shwethanlwin Agricultural Co Ltd in Kyaikto Township. The government has already permitted the company to grow 1,763 acres of rubber in Mon State. Up to now the company has planted rubber on 527 acres of land. It is planning to grow 118,132 rubber saplings in 2005-2006. Chairman of the company U Kyaw Win presented a request to allot more land to the company.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo stressed the need to conduct research on increasing rubber production, and reclaim large stretches of land on either side of Mottama-Shwegyin road. He then inspected rubber plantations and nurseries.

In the afternoon, he inspected patient wards, delivery room and medical stores at Zingyaik village health centre. The centre was built at a cost of K 16,500, K 15,000 contributed by the government, and K 1,500 by the public. The centre is being upgraded and extended with funds totalling K 3.5 million presented by the people. The extended building will include an operation theatre and more delivery rooms. Mon State Red Cross Society presented medical equipment to Zingyaik village Red Cross brigade.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that as Zingyaik is a large village, it needs a health centre equipped with necessary facilities. He then cordially greeted members of the social organizations and local people.

Together with officials, Lt-Gen Maung Bo



Lt-Gen Maung Bo visits booth of Myanmar Agriculture Enterprise displayed at ceremony to mark completion of ploughing in Mon State. — MNA

inspected the construction of a 140-ft by 30-ft building of Natkyichang village high school. The schools had a total of 36 education employees and 877 students. Its matriculation examination pass rate in 2004-2005 was 38.6 per cent. The government contributed K 14.5 million and the public K 3 million to construct the building. Construction work has completed up to 60 per cent. — MNA

Minister for Foreign Affairs sends felicitations to Hungarian FM

YANGON, 20 Aug — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ferenc Somogyi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Hungary which falls on 20 August 2005. — MNA

Minister for Foreign Affairs receives Japanese guests

YANGON, 19 Aug — Mr Keishiro Fukushima, Parliamentary Secretary and Member of the House of Councilors of Japan arrived in Yangon by air at 11.50 am yesterday.

The visiting Parliamentary Secretary and Member of the House of Councilors of Japan Mr Keishiro Fukushima called on U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs at his office at 8.30 am today and had cordial discussions relating to bilateral relations.

Also present at the call were Deputy Director-General U Phae Than Oo of the Political Department, Deputy Director-General U Soe Win of the Protocol Department, and Director Daw Than Than Htay of East Asia and Pacific Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Parliamentary Secretary and Member of the House of Councilors of Japan was accompanied by delegation members and Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano. — MNA

Prizes awarded to outstanding students of staff

YANGON, 19 Aug — The seventh prize-presenting to outstanding students of the staff of the Ministry of Labour took place at the meeting hall of the ministry this afternoon, attended by Minister for Labour U Thauang.

First, the minister made a speech. Afterwards, the minister, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein and directors-general awarded prizes to those who passed in the matriculation examination of 2004-2005 academic year with flying colours. Next, three-distinction winner Maung Nay Oo expressed thanks on behalf of prize winners. — MNA



Minister U Thauang presents a prize to an outstanding student. — LABOUR

Special envoy of UN Secretary-General calls on USDA Secretary-General

YANGON, 19 Aug — Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretary-General U Htay Oo received Mr Ali Alatas, special envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on the United Nations reform for the Asia and the Pacific, at the head office of USDA at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call were USDA CEC members U Soe Tha, U Thein Swe, secretaries of Yangon, Mandalay, Bago (East) and Ayeyawady Division USDas. At the meeting, the aim and organizational tasks of USDA and participation of USDA in the regional



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo receives special envoy of United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ali Alatas. — MNA

development tasks were cordially discussed. The special envoy of UN Sec-

retary-General was accompanied by Ms Elizabeth Noorthy, Resident Coor-

dinator of External Affairs Office.

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Special envoy of UN Secretary-General calls on Chief Justice

YANGON, 19 Aug — National Convention

Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief-

Justice U Aung Toe received Mr Ali Alatas,

special envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on the United Nations reform for the Asia and the Pacific at Zeya Thiri Beikman on Konmyinthta this afternoon.

Also present at the call were National Convention Convening Work Committee Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Secretary U Thauang Nyunt, and Ms Elizabeth Noorthy, Resident Coordinator of External Affairs Office.

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NPED Minister receives Japanese guests



Minister U Soe Tha meets with Mr Keishiro Fukushima and party. — MNA

YANGON, 19 Aug— Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at 9.30 am today met Parliamentary Secretary and Member of the

House of Councilors of Japan Mr Keishiro Fukushima and party at his office on Theinbyu Road.

Also present at the call were Deputy

Minister Col Thurein Zaw, departmental heads, Japanese Ambassador Mr Norutake Odano and embassy staff.

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Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport meets

YANGON, 19 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address at the coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport at the meeting hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, this evening.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that arrangements are being made for ensuring convenience of the people in their travels and smooth transport of students and faculty

members of the universities and colleges. Vehicles from bus-lines in Yangon City are being converted to CNG vehicles. Officials are to supervise supply of fuel to the vehicles that have not been converted to CNG yet. All are to strive for bringing down traffic accidents.

Officials of the universities and colleges,

Commander of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing, members of the supervisory committee, departmental officials and chairmen of bus-lines reported on their respective sectors.

Later, the commander attended to their needs.

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Naunglaing TV re-transmission station put into service

YANGON, 19 Aug — The construction tasks of TV re-transmission station were completed in Naunglaing, Shan State (North), on 14 August 2005.

The station started its functions to telecast MRTV programmes on 15 August 2005. — MNA

USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects regional development tasks in Pale Township

YANGON, 19 Aug— Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan on 14 August met local people and members of social organizations of Kyetyin Village, Ledhamma Village, Nyaungkai Village, Mogyaung Village, Lekan Village and Letpan Village in Pale Village at the hall of Kyetyin Village Basic Primary School and discussed matters on regional development.

At the meeting, officials reported on work being carried out for development of their regions to the minister who gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister accepted the membership applications of Kyetyin Village USDA and presented K 100,000, clothing, publications, stationery, plastic containers, plastic sheets and cans for the village.

After presenting publications for Sagaing Division and Monywa In-



USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets people of the villages in Pale Township. — MNA

formation and Public Relations Departments and Sagaing Division and Monywa USDAs, the minister went to Thirimingalar Kyetyin Monastery and presented offertories to the Presiding Sayadaw.

At 2.30 pm, the USDA Secretariat member looked into band skill demonstration at Mintaingbin BEHS and presented K 150,000 for the band troupe.

At 4.30 pm, the minister attended the ceremony to open the tubewell in Ywatha-Leinkon

Village, Pale Township and formally opened it.

After that, the USDA Secretariat member met local people and discussed matters on regional development and accepted the USDA membership applications.

Next, the minister presented K 300,000 for construction of Ywatha-Leinkon rural road to the Chairman of the Village PDC.

Afterwards, the minister presented soap, blankets, clothing, stationery, publications, plastic

containers, plastic sheets and cans for the village.

In meeting with the local people, the minister explained matters on assistance provided by the government for regional development and for development of education, health, economic and social sectors in the region, measures being taken by the Ministry of Information for opening of self-

reliant libraries in all the villages in 2005-2006, relentless efforts of high-ranking officials for regional and national development, convening of the National Convention for the emergence of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, efforts for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map, opening of more ba-

sic education schools, universities, colleges and institutes in the states and divisions and launching of e-Education System.

In the evening, the USDA Secretariat member inspected progress of construction of new two-storey buildings for Pale BEHS and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

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Cash donations offered for religious purposes

YANGON, 19 Aug— The presenting of cash donations for religious tasks to be carried out in hill regions and to the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) and monastic education schools took place at the Ministry of Religious Affairs on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

It was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung, Director-General of the Religious

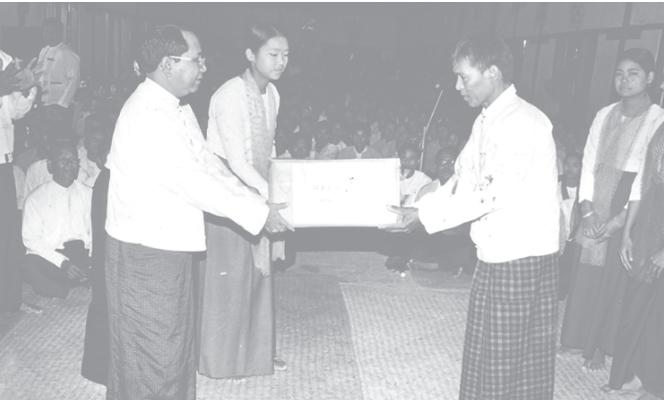
Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw, officials and wellwishers.

Siha Sudhamma Manijotadhara Siri Sudhamma Manijotadhara U Kyaw Min and family of Yankin Township presented K 2 million; Police Brig-Gen Tin Soe (Retd) and family, K 2.5 million; U San Nyein-Daw Thein Win (Taw Win Family Co), K 1.7 million; U Win Shwe-Siha Sudhamma Singi Daw Aye Myint and family, K 1 million; Siha Sudhamma Manijotadhara U Chu Than-Daw Win Kyi and

family, U Hla Myint and family of Kathy Pan Traditional Medicine Enterprise, and Managing Director of Asia Express Co Ltd Daw Mi Mi Sein and family, U Aung Maw (Myint Aung Myat Co Ltd) and family, K 500,000 each; U Win Swe-Siha Sudhamma Singi Dr Yee Yee Hla and family, K 200,000; and Mr Jame Ross and family, 120 copies of Nivvana Dipani (English version) by Leti Sayadaw.

The minister accepted the donations.

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USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents gifts to people of Kyetyin Village in Pale Township. — MNA