Over 92 per cent say "Yes" to Referendum
Commission for Holding Referendum issues Announcement No 10/2008

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May-The Commission for Holding the Referendum of the Union of Myanmar today issued Announcement No 10/2008 dated 15 May 2008.
The full text of the Announcement is as follows:-

Union of Myanmar
Commission for Holding the Referendum
Announcement No 10/2008
11th Waxing of Kason, 1370 ME
(15 May 2008)

1. The referendum was held successfully on 10 May 2008 in 278 of 325 townships in the Union of Myanmar.

2. The Commission issued Announcement No 8/2008 dated 6 May 2008 that the referendum for 40 townships in Yangon Division and seven townships in Ayeyawady Division which were hit by Cyclone 'Nargis' will be held on 24 May 2008.

3. The population of the Union now is 57,504,368 and the population of those who have attained the age of 18 years and who are eligible to vote is 27,369,957.

4. The following are the results of the referendum held in 278 townships on 10 May 2008.

(a) Number of eligible voters 22,708,434

(b) Number of those who cast vote 22,496,660

(c) Number of those who cast 'Yes' vote 20,786,596

(d) Number of those who cast 'No' vote 1,375,480

(e) Number of cancelled votes 334,584

5. In the 278 townships, 22,496,660 or 99.07 per cent of 22,708,434 eligible voters cast vote in the referendum.

6. The commission hereby announces that 20,786,596 of 22,496,660 voters cast 'Yes' vote, accounting for 92.4 per cent.

(Aung Toe)
Chairman
Commission for Holding the Referendum

Legal action for any relief aid embezzlement
National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee releases announcement

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May-The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee released an announcement today.

The Announcement is as follows:-

1. Some areas in Myanmar were hit severely by the Cyclone 'Nargis'. Now the nation is accepting the relief supplies donated by internal and international donors with much gratitude.

2. The Emergency Supply Supervisory Committee consisting of departmental officials and non-governmental organizations is accepting and systematically keeping proper accounts the cash and relief aid donated by internal and international donors. Then, the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Subcommittee consisting of departmental officials and non-governmental organizations is immediately delivering the items to the victims in the storm-hit areas.

3. Hence, wellwishers at home and abroad may contact the nearest Myanmar embassies, offices of the Military Attache, responsible persons of Natural Disaster Preparedness Subcommittees in the respective wards, townships, districts, states and divisions, other service agencies and official organizations and donate humanitarian aid.

4. Anyone may inform if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes. We hereby announce that we have made all necessary arrangements to conduct investigation into the cases to expose the offenders and take punitive action against them in accordance with the law.

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

Swedish Ambassador calls on NPED Minister

YANGON, 15 May – Swedish Ambassador Mr Lennart Linner and Myanmar Consul Dr Myint Han to Sweden called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at National Archives Department, here, this morning.

At the call, the Swedish Ambassador, on behalf of the people of Sweden, expressed sympathy for damages and losses in the storm. He thanked the Myanmar government for its management to send relief aid presented by Sweden to the storm-hit regions through the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

He added that Swedish government plans to provide more relief aids to Myanmar, and he said he would like to know assistance being rendered to the victims.

The minister said that the storm crossed some townships in Ayeyawady Division and townships in Yangon Division from Hainggyikyun at night on 2 May and on 3 May morning. The storm and tidal waves caused damages and losses to townships in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. After the storm, the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee met in Nay Pyi Taw, and the Head of State sent the ministers to supervise the relief tasks. The Prime Minister also managed relief activities in the storm-hit regions. A total of 21 relief camps are being opened at the regions.

The minister explained sending of relief supplies from abroad to the relief camps via Yangon International Airport by helicopter and by car and health care services including basic needs being provided to the victims.

In addition, the minister made clarification on completion of the first phase relief tasks, matters related to delivery of supplies to the relief camps for the second phase and rehabilitation measures for long-term.

Later, the Swedish Ambassador expressed thanks for clarification of the minister and reported on arrangements for more assistance of the Swedish government.

MWAF takes part in carrying relief supplies

YANGON, 15 May - Vice Presidents of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, central executives, chairperson of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai and more than 300 members of WAO in Yangon Division assisted in loading onto ships of relief supplies for the storm victims in Ayeyawady Division at Phongyi Street, No 1 jetty and War Dan street jetty this morning.

Vice-Presidents of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint, Daw Khin Thet Htay and members distributed soft drinks, bottled drinking water and snacks to workers of Inland Freight Handling Committee and members of Myanmar Police Force taking part in loading.

Storm-hit areas using rain water effectively

YANGON, 15 May-The local people had run into difficulties due to lack of drinking water because sea water flowed into the drinking water ponds caused by the storm that hit Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions on 2 and 3 May.

Now, South West monsoon has set in delta region. It is heavily raining in the regions of Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. The local people from some places that can not acquire drinking water are utilizing rain water beneficially using tarpaulins like ponds.

In addition, well-wishers are constantly donating foods, drinking water and relief aids and sending them to the storm victims. Officials concerned are supervising measures being taken for the distribution of relief items to the storm victims to minimize loss and wastage.

Metta dispensed, merits shared for the dead, storm victims

YANGON, 15 May -The Buddhist people dispensed Metta and shared merits for those who died in storm-hit regions and for storm victims at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin on Kaba Aye Hill yesterday morning and afternoon.

Similar ceremonies were held by Christians at the Cathedral at the corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Islamists at the hall of Choliajamai Mosque on Bo Sun Pat Street and Hindu people at Goddess Sandi Maha Peinne Temple on Bo Aung Kyaw Street.

Rehabilitation works carried out in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 15 May - CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Deve-lopment Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt together with two vessels carrying relief items went to Ngwethazin-1 village in Shaukchaung village-tract, Mawlamyinegyun Township on 10 May.

The minister met 1000 storm-victims and presented relief supplies including 120 bags of rice, 5000 packets of noodle, 100 sacks of potato, 3600 packages of purified drinking water and 60 tarpaulins to local people.

A medical team led by Dr Saw Lwin gave medical treatment to 250 patients.

Lt-Col Maung Maung San and party of local battalion on 12 May met with local people of Kyarhong village and performed medical treatment. They also distributed needed medicines and supplies to local people.

At Yay Kyaw Htain village in Kyatshar village-tract, they presented supplies including 130 bags of rice, 150 sacks of potato, 4000 packages of purified drinking water and 70 tarpaulins to local people by hand.

Under the supervision of Minister Col Thein Nyunt, servicemen, departmental personnel and social organization members presented supplies daily to the storm-victims by boat and took part in rehabilitation tasks in Mawlamyinegyun Town-ship.

MWJA donates cash and kind to storm-affected areas

YANGON, 15 May-Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held a meeting (1/2008) to donate cash and kind to storm-hit victims at the association here yesterday.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) made a speech and Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo briefed on the purpose of the meeting.

At the ceremony, the officials of MWJA accepted K 3.3 million and robes worth K 300,000 donated by wellwishers of the association.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the victims may contact MWJA No 529,531 at the corner of Merchant and 37th Streets on 2nd floor of Sarpey Beikman Building Ph 252417, 385273.

Telephone lines under repair

YANGON, 15 May-The Emergency Communications Subcommittee of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw yesterday morning delivered an address at the coordination meeting on repairing the damages of telephone lines in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions caused by the storm, at Mayangon Overseas Exchange.

Chief Engineers reported on clearing of debris by Tatmadawmen and private entrepreneurs, re-erecting of posts and the plans for installation of cables.

The minister gave instructions on re-opening of exchanges and reconstruction of the buildings.

The minister accepted 15 BTS comprising 30,000 CDMA 450 mobile phones worth 3.3 million US dollars and blankets worth 10,000 US dollars donated by ZTE Corporation (Myanmar) of the People's Republic of China.

The minister inspected installation of fiber transmission cable linking Mingaladon and Htaukkyant and the functions of Htaukkyant Microwave Station.

After viewing machinery at Htaukkyant Exchange, he gave necessary instructions.

Emergency aid flowing into relief camps in Ayeyawady Div

YANGON, 15 May-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence inspected accomplishment of tasks for distribution of relief supplies, process of choosing and wrapping relief items, unloading of 60 barrels of edible oil worth K

22,170,000 from the trucks, loading of relief items onto the trucks to transport them to Labutta and Hainggyikyun at Pathein Airport yesterday.

At the relief camps, officials concerned briefed Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung on arrival of storm victims, extension of relief camps and measures taken for food and accommodation.

Regarding the reports, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung gave instructions on systematic accom-modation of the storm victims, shelter security, construction of toilets, arrangement made for food, accommodation and health care services, compilation of population and distribution of relief items to the storm victims.

Next, he inspected relief supplies of local and foreign donors at the hall of Pathein.

Afterwards, the Adjutant-General proceed to Pyapon by Tatmadaw helicopter loaded with relief supplies. At the sports ground, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing briefed the Adjutant-General on distribution of relief supplies to the storm victims and measures taken for supplying water and electricity.

Next, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing comforted the storm victims who are undergoing medical treatment and provided cash assistance to them and inspected hospital repairs.

Afterwards, Yuzana Company Chairman U Htay Myint, Managing Director U Win Aung of Dagon International Company and officials of Pyae Phyo Aung Company briefed them on arrangements for con-struction of hospitals, basic education schools, department buildings and halls.

In meeting with Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials concerned at Bogale Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Adjutant-General gave instructions on compilation of population in the villages and measures to be taken for supply of safe drinking water and reconstruction with added momentum.

Afterwards, he comforted the storm victims who are undergoing medical treatment at Bogale Township Hospital and then arrived back Pathein by helicopter.

Singapore donates humanitarian assistance

YANGON, 15 May – Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua today handed over humanitarian assistance packages worth S$ 100,000 (US$ 72,000) for the first tranche donated by the Khoo Teck Puat Foundation. This will be followed by subsequent tranches in the near future.

MPMEEA donates cash and medicines to storm victims

YANGON, 15 May – Organized by Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneur's Association, a ceremony to donate K 3,750,000 and medicines worth K 72,298,673 donated by members of the association to storm victims was held at Yangon People's Hospital yesterday.

Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipments Entrepreneur's Association presented K 1 million and Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd, K 1.1 million; Success & Success Int'l Ltd presented medicines worth K10 million, T C W Int'l Trading Co Ltd, K 9744000, United Pharma (Yangon) Co Ltd, K 5140000, Thukha Dana Co Ltd, K 5050000, Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd, K 5000000, Concordia Int'l Co Ltd, K 3001000, Medi Myanmar Co Ltd, K 3102970, R Oasis Ltd, K 2710000, Pyerx Trading Co Ltd, K 2526000, Fair Deal Co Ltd, K 2500033, Pt Kalbe Farma Tbk, K 2428800, Thet Paing Soe Co Ltd, K 1789920, T T O Trading Co Ltd, K 1750000, Glaxo Smith Kline Co Ltd, K 1592000, Pahtama Group Co Ltd, K 1500000, Zizawa Healthcare Co Ltd, K 1200000, Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd, K 1187000, Zar & Zar Co Ltd, K 1100000, Medi Power Co Ltd 1060800 and Network Marketing Ltd, K 1012800 to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

International relief supplies flow in by air

YANGON, 15 May-The international community is providing relief supplies to the storm-hit areas. Ten donor countries have transported relief items by air 30 times and by two naval ships to Myanmar International Thilawa Port Terminal from 6 up to 14 May. The following table shows donor countries, aircraft, relief supplies and tonnage.

No	Donor country	Date	Aircraft	Goods	Tonnage
1	Thailand	6-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, water, medicine	3.76
		7-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, water, edible oil	11.0
		8-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, water	15
		10-5-08	C-130	tent, plastic sheet	14.5
		10-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, generator	17.3
		11-5-08	C-130	tent, kitchen utensil	13
		13-5-08	C-130	foodstuff	13.8
		14-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, clothes, soap	14.28
		14-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, medicine	15
2	India	7-5-08	AN-32	foodstuff	4.2
		7-5-08	AN-32	foodstuff	4
		8-5-08	IL-76MD	tent, medicine	31.87
		10-5-08	IL-76	medicine, household goods	3.4
		12-5-08	IL-76	foodstuff	28.1
3	People's Republic of China	7-5-08	B 747-400	tent, foodstuff	62.67
		9-5-08	B 747-400	tent, foodstuff, water purifier, plastic sheet	60
		10-5-08	B 747-400	tent, water purifier, medicine, blanket	58.3
4	Indonesia	9-5-08	C-130	clothes, foodstuff	10
		9-5-08	C-130	clothes, foodstuff	12.5
5	Republic of Korea	9-5-08	TG-300-600	foodstuff, medicine	3.5
6	Laos	7-5-08	Y7-100	instant noodle, foodstuff, water	3
7	Cambodia	9-5-08	AN-12	foodstuff	18
8	Malaysia	9-5-08	MX-740	medicine, foodstuff	2.9
		11-5-08	AX-26	personal goods	5.3
		12-5-08	C-130	clothes, foodstuff	27
		12-5-08	C-130	construction material, medicine	6.99
9	Bangladesh	7-5-08	C-130	clothes, medicine	9.6
		8-5-08	C-130	clothes, medicine	10
10	Singapore	8-5-08	A-320	chocolate, bottle of purified drinking water	19.1
		8-5-08	A-320	medical tools, bottle of purified drinking water	19.1

(To be continued)

Information Minister comforts storm victims in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 15 May- Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met the storm victims at the relief camps opened at No 7 Basic Education Middle School, No 15 BEPS and No 5 BEMS in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division this morning.

The minister comforted the victims of Nos 9, 6, 7, 8, 14 and 10 wards, Kalargyisu, Atwinpadan, Apyinpadan and Yay Okkan villages at No 7 BEMS and No 15 BEPS, and presented rice and relief supplies to them.

He also met the storm victims of Nos 1, 2, 3, 15 wards and Kazin village at No 5 BEMS. In meeting the victims, he said the government is making strenuous efforts for relief, supply and reconstruction tasks at national level in the storm-hit areas. In Yangon Division, transportation, electricity and water supply were back to normal within a week and so were the daily routine of the people. In addition, necessary provisions for the people whose houses were damaged are being made. Later, the minister provided rice and relief aid for them.

After that, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially comforted the storm victims there.

Health care provided in Hainggyikyun

YANGON, 15 May-A youth volunteer doctors team led by Dr Daw Aye Khine Nyunt gave lockjaw vaccine and provided health care to the storm victims in Hainggyikyun on 13 May. They brought together with them medicines and clothes worth more than 3.8 million kyats.

At the Station Hospital, they donated varieties of medicines to doctors of Hainggyi, Kyaukchaung, Pyin Station Hospitals.

The team cared for about 300 people and service personnel at Township Police Station, wards and villages and the vaccine was injected into over 700 people and donated varieties of medicines for ad-hoc use.

Commission for Holding Referendum holds meeting No 9/2008

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May-The Commission for Holding Referendum for Approval of the Draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held the meeting No 9/2008 at the hall of the commission, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting and Secretary U Win Ko acted as MC.

The Chairman delivered an address, Commission members took part in the discussions.

Next, the meeting discussed tasks of the referendum for approval of the draft constitution. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chairman.

Relief works carried out in Dedaye

YANGON, 14 May - The volunteers have taken part in the relief works in Dedaye Township in Ayeyadwady Division.

On 13 May, Tatmadawmen and officials have carried out distribution of provisions and food, fumigation and putting chlorine in the tube wells.

Personnel of Asia World and Khittaya Youth donor group in Pyay and social organization mem-bers have also participated in the reconstruction of schools and supply of clothes and household goods to the victims.

There are 17 relief camps in the township.

Latest casualty figures

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May - Due to the storm on 2 and 3 May, there have been deaths, injuries and missing in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. According to the latest figures of the victims up to 6 pm today, a total of 43,318 people died, 1,403 were injured and 27,838 went missing in all regions struck by the storm.

Diplomats visit relief camps in Dagon Myothit (North), Kyauktan

YANGON, 15 May- Diplomatic corps residing in Yangon and Bangkok and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu made a tour of Dagon Myothit (North) and Kyauktan townships this afternoon.

During the tour, they visited the relief camp in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, where local authorities and responsible officials explained facts about the damages inflicted by the storm and progress in carrying out the relief measures.

Next, the diplomats observed the relief camp at Ward 16 in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

Later in the afternoon, they proceeded to Kyauktan Township. Responsible personnel welcomed them and conducted them around the Sinkan relief camp.

Lt-Col Moe Aung of local station and officials concerned briefed them on the losses and damages and relief and rehabilitation tasks and replied to the queries raised by the diplomats.

Air Force transports relief aid

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May-Tatmadawmen of Defence Services (Air) have participated in the relief and rehabilitation works in the storm-hit areas.

They transported 3.8 tons of relief supplies to Bogale, Labutta, Thongwa, Kayan, Pathein and Pyapon townships yesterday. A total of 330.92 tons of relief aid have been transported up to now.

More relief items from abroad arrive at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 15 May - AN-12 flight carrying over 11 tons of supplies donated by churches of Thailand, IL-76 flight carrying 32 tons of pumps, water purifiers, medicines, foods, construction materials and generators by WFP, five C-130 flights carrying 46 tons of foodstuff, blankets, purified drinking water, health equipment, tarpaulin, medicines and others by the US, MI-512 and MI-518 flights carrying 3.67 tons of 450 blankets, 1,000 ground sheets, 50 packages of purified drinking water, 250 boxes cereal, 4,800 packets of biscuit and 200 beds by Khoo Tect Puat of Singapore, IL-76 flight carrying 41 tons of 20 general-purpose tents, 10 family tents, plastic rolls, kitchen utensils, one clinic, six generators and two vehicles by Switch Agency for Development Corporation, two C-130 flights carrying 27 tons of foods and goods by Thai Embassy to Myanmar, IL-76 flight carrying 36 tons of hospital equipment, tents, vegetable oil, tinned meat and sugar by Red Cross Society of UAE, AN-12 flight carrying 18 tons of tarpaulin sheets and kitchen utensils by ICRC, CA-905 Air China flight carrying 200 medical kits worth 2.05 million US$ by Yunnan Government and AN-12 flight carrying 20 tons of nutritious milk powder by UNICEF arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Likewise, 8M-332 flight carrying 12.38 tons of food and clothes donated by Baiyoke Hotel Group Eagle and Sea of Thailand, two flights carrying 21.42 tons of rescue equipment by IFRC, AT-MA flight carrying 14 tons of medicines and communication devices by WFP and over 20 tons of milk powder by UNICEF arrived at Yangon International Airport last night.

The relief aid has been sent to the storm hit regions by helicopter, by car and by vessel.

Volunteers carry out relief, rehabilitation works

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May-Tatmadawmen of Defence Services (Navy) has carried out the relief and rehabilitation works in storm-affected areas.

Tatmadawmen of a Pyapon-based vessel and members of Union Solidarity and Development Association of Pyapon township distributed relief supplies to victims at Apyaung Village in Pyapon township by boats yesterday.

They went to Sanpya, Achalay, Ahmaw, Kalahteik, and Phonegyithaung villages along the river and conveyed patients and injured persons to a health care centre to provide medical treatment.

Relief aid shipped to storm victims in Labutta

YANGON, 15 May-Relief aid have been transported to the storm victims in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division by ship without delay. Banyadala ship left Phonegyi street jetty in Lanmadaw Township yesterday afternoon to transport foodstuff, clothes, corrugated iron sheets and construction materials, water proof sheets and rolls, bottles of purified drinking water, torches, generators, edible oil and water purifiers to Labutta.

Likewise, relief aids loaded onto Win Sein-1 and Ngapokthin ships at Wardan street jetty and onto Maykha ship at Phonegyi street jetty in Lanmadaw Township for storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division.

Rehabilitation under way in Kyauktan

YANGON, 14 May- Officials, Tatmadawmen and social association members are carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks in Kyauktan Township.

Yesterday, they presented rice, gram, potatoes, brown slab-sugar, dried noodles and biscuits to the storm victims.

In addition, the victims were accommodated at tents donated from abroad. A total of 70 health staff including Red Cross members of the township are providing health care services to the victims. A total of 10 relief camps are being opened in Kyauktan Township and relief and rehabilitation tasks are being carried for 1,935 victims of 550 households.

Referendum held in Kawthoung

YANGON, 15 May - Referendum for the approval of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place at the townships in Kawthoung district on 10 May morning. Eligible persons cast vote at 121 polling stations in total, 57 in Kawthoung and 64 in Bokepyin townships.

Reconstruction tasks discussed

YANGON, 15 May - Chairman of the Committee for Reconstruction of Towns and Villages Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein held a meeting with departmental officials and owners of construction companies at the Department of

Human Settlement and Housing Development here yesterday.

They discussed measures to be taken by entrepreneurs for reconstruction of stormhit towns and villages and urged to cooperate with respective departments.

Prime Minister visits relief camp in Twantay Township
Rehabilitation already begun in storm-hit areas

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May-Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and officials, went on an inspection tour of the relief camp opened at Shwesandaw Ward of Twantay Township this afternoon.

At the relief camp, Chairman U Aung San Tha of Township Peace and Development Council briefed the Prime Minister and party on blowing of the storm in the township, losses and damages, opening of relief camps, accommodation of the storm victims and progress in rendering assistance and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha gave a supplementary report on the extent of loss and damages in the township and progress in carrying out rehabilitation tasks.

Next, the Prime Minister again asked the severity of the storm and losses and damages and gave instructions, saying that the storm crossed the regions of Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.

There had been losses and damages in the township to a certain extent.

Members of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee went on inspection tour of the respective storm-hit regions while making necessary arrangements for the storm victims. Relief tasks have already been undertaken at present. Rehabilitation tasks have begun.

The requirements of the township have also been fulfilled. First priority is to repair and rebuild hospitals.

To be able to open schools in time, it needs to take assistance of the companies that are shouldering the responsibility of construction tasks in respective townships and to repair damaged schools speedily.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party oversaw the storm victims accommodated at the tarpaulin tents donated by Singapore and use of wellwishers-donated relief items. Next, the Prime Minister inspected opening of clinic and progress in providing health care services to the storm victims.

Later, the Prime Minister enjoyed a Video feature together with the storm-hit children at the tarpaulin tent donated by Japan. Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected accommodation for the storm victims, the storm-hit families at the tarpaulin tentss donated by India and use of relief items.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented relief items donated by respective regions to the families and gave instructions to them to cultivate the spirit of overcoming the effects of the natural disaster because our people are capable of encountering obstacles and overcoming them.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back Yangon following the inspection of losses and damages caused by the storm and reconstruction tasks in the township in a motorcade.

Weather report

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May-The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that according to the observation conducted at 6.30 am today, there was a low pressure area over the middle-east part of the Bay of Bengal and Rakhine State. However, it did not develop at all. It was crossing slowly to north and north-west. It is forecast that the low pressure area is not in a position to develop in next six hours.

Due to the influence of the low pressure area, rains will be from isolated to scattered in Rakhine State and northern part of Ayeyawady Division. Frequent squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced in the delta, along Rakhine Coast and off the Myanmar coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 mph to 40 mph.

Hainggyikyun receiving aid, other help

YANGON, 15 May-Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected the supply of relief aid to storm victims at the relief camps in Pyinkhayaing and Thetkethaung Villages, Hainggyikyun and explained health reminders to be followed for prevention against the infectious diseases on 11 May.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) looked into repairing of the damaged buildings and met the storm victims at Basic Education High School in Hainggyikyun on 13 May. The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) gave instructions on reconstruction tasks to officials and on

matters of supplying relief aid sent by the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee to storm victims.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) attended a donation ceremony of medicines contributed by the volunteer doctors group at the station hospital of Haninggyikyun yesterday.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) comforted the storm victims from Kanchaing, Kyaukchaung, Kanyinchaung (South and North), Kontan and Mekhaye Villages in Hainggyikyun and fulfilled their requirements.