

### **Lt-Gen Myint Swe supervises clearing of fallen trees and debris, reconstruction of buildings**



YANGON, 28 May - Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials, inspected repair of power lines, reconstruction of the damaged buildings and clearing of trees uprooted during the storm in downtown Yangon this morning.

They viewed substitution of lamp-posts along Parami, Yangon-Insein and Mindhamma Roads and reinstallation of 33 KV power lines.

They also looked into clearing of fallen trees undertaken by Tatmadawmen from Taikkyi Station in the compound of Kamayut Basic Education High School No. 1, clearing of debris carried out by workers of YCDC along New University Avenue and Aungzeya Road and sanitation task being carried out at Kyaikkasan Pagoda and Mingala roads in Thingangyun Township by Tatmadawmen from Hmawby Station.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected clearing of debris and reconstruction of buildings in Thingangyun Township and left necessary instructions.

### **Pakistan-Myanmar Friendship Association donates supplies to storm victims**



YANGON, 28 May-The Pakistan-Myanmar Friendship Association of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan donated relief supplies to the storm victims, at Yangon International Airport this morning.

Present on the occasion were Director-General U Myint Tun of Fire Services Department, departmental officials, Acting Pakistani Ambassador Mr Habib UR Rehman, Military Attaché Col Muzammil Hussain Shah and officials.

The Ambassador explained the purpose of the donations and handed over the relief supplies to the Director-General of FSD who spoke words of thanks.

The arrival of donations from Pakistan by TG-303 were 3.25 tons of rice, edible oil, sugar, candle, biscuit, tea, purified drinking water, medicine, clothes, wool and slippers.

### **Land reclamation stepped up in Labutta Township**

YANGON, 28 May-Myanma Agricultural Development Bank plans to disburse a loan of over K 441 million to farmers in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division.

Local authorities in the storm-hit areas have been making efforts for reclamation of paddy fields in the delta region and Myanma Agriculture Service has also planned to provide paddy seeds and fertilizers to farmers in the storm-hit areas.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department has already sent some water buffalos to Labutta Township as part of a plan for providing 600 buffalos to the township.

Meanwhile, Agricultural Mechanization Department has arranged for using 238 power-tillers to plough some paddy fields which were also damaged by the storm. Similarly, Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) has sent 67 power-tillers and Aung Yi Phyo Co 335 power-tillers to Labutta Township and these power-tillers will be distributed to farmers in the township.

### **Arrangements under way for salt distribution**

YANGON, 28 May - Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Vice-President U Zaw Min Win and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing held talks with responsible persons of Yangon Salt Millers' Association over bringing down the salt price and distribution of the item to consumers at the UMFCCI (Head Office), here, on 22 May.

According to SMA, consumption of salt in Yangon is 1.0 million viss a month, and there are over 7.8 million viss of salt in stock. From 23 May on, salt is sold at the price of K 500 per viss to the consumers in the city. With the help of township committees under the Yangon City Development Committee, the item is on sale at tax free markets and will be sold in townships which are needed.

Similarly, Sein Myittamon Salt Mill will sell salt in Tamway Township, Toenayar Salt Mill in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Kyauktada townships, OK Zar Zar Salt Mill in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Annwamin Salt Mill in Thakayta Township and Lanmadaw Township (Nyaungbinlay Market), KK Salt Mill in Lanmadaw Township

(Nyaungbinlay Market), Myat Thukha Salt Mill in Shwepyitha Township, Aung Htaiktan Salt Mill in Thanlyan and Kyauktan Townships, Sein Myittha Salt Mill in Hlinethaya Township, Phupwintsan Salt Mill in Thuwunna, Thingangyun and Dagon Myothit (North) Townships, Shwe La Win Salt Mill in Dawbon Township, Sar Taungthu Salt Mill in Pazundaung Township, Htet Aung Tha Salt Mill in Thamway Township, KM Salt Mill in Dawbon Township and Aung Thiha Salt Mill in Kamayut Township.

Everyone may freely buy the salt.

### **Wellwishers invited to donate construction materials**

YANGON, 28 May - Monasteries and religious buildings in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions were damaged in the storm.

Those wishing to donate cash, CI sheets and construction materials for reconstruction of the damaged monasteries and religious buildings may contact Director U Zarni Win of Religious Affairs Department (Ph: 0986-00115 and 0951-35837), Ministry of Religious Affairs (Yangon Branch) on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road and Deputy Director U Soe Naing of Yangon Division Religious Affairs Department (Ph: 01-726088 and 0951-91507).

### **Sports Minister looks into reconstruction tasks in Kawhmu Township**



YANGON, 28 May - Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint on 26 May met responsible persons from Thawdawin Construction Co, local authorities and school heads of Basic Education Middle School and seven BEPSs at Yekyaw Village BEMS in Kawhmu Township.

They discussed reconstruction tasks of the villages. The minister presented relief supplies to the storm victims.

At Kyaikhtaw BEHS, the minister held a meeting with responsible persons from the company, local authorities, officials of the station hospital and school heads of one BEHS and seven BEPSs, and they discussed reconstruction tasks in the villages.

After fulfilling the requirements, the minister gave relief goods to the storm victims.

The medical team that accompanied the minister provided health care services to 136 people in Yekyaw Village and 150 in Kyaikhtaw (North) Village. Apart from the relief

supplies provided by the government, Thawdawn Construction Co donated 500 bags of rice, 1,000 CI sheets, 600 bottles of purified drinking water, 30 packages of dried noodle and 20 viss of nail to the victims.

### **Supplies for 400 households donated**



YANGON, 28 May - Wellwishers handed over cash and kind for the storm victims to the group comprising Myanmar Motion Picture Association and film stars who are performing relief tasks for the storm victims in Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions yesterday afternoon.

At the office of MMPA in Bahan Township, U Kyaw Naing, Excellent Performance for Social Field (Third Class) award winner, and Academy Daw Swe Zin Htaik handed over blankets, clothes, soaps and water purified tablets worth K 2 million for 400 households donated by Dr Ebrahim and Dr Rohani (Sheiphia Holding Co Ltd/Malaysia), U Kyaw Naing (Managing Director of Kyaw Naing Associates, U Kan Myint (Gandama Kan Myint Construction) U Zaw Min (Zaw Min Trading), U Ba Tun (A-1), U Zaw Win (Just Fashion), U Win Htoo (Milano Fashion), U Sein Pan (52nd Street) and Academy Daw Swe Zin Htaik (Managing Director of CSG Co Ltd).

Chairman of MMPA U Myint Thein Pe, actor Khant Sithu and Academy Aung Khaing accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

### **Nay Pyi Taw observes enrollment day ceremony**



NAY PYI TAW, 28 May-A ceremony to observe School Enrollment Day for 2008-09 academic year was held at No 6 Basic Education High School, here, yesterday morning.

Students sang school enrollment song at the ceremony. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin made a speech.

Chairman of Central Leading Committee for Enrollment of All School-Age Children Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein also spoke.

The commander presented stipend for Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Townships in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District to chairmen of township Peace and Development Councils. The minister also presented textbooks for kindergarten in three townships to the respective township education officers.

Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt accepted cash donations from the wellwishers and donors.

Next, the commander and party inspected measures taken for school enrollment for 2008-09 academic year.

### **A & I Minister receives WHO officials**



YANGON, 28 May-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Deputy Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization and Resident Representative for Asia and Pacific Region Mr He Chaung Chui and Acting Resident Representative of FAO to Myanmar Mr Leon Gouns at Irrigation Department in Yankin Township on 25 May.

They cordially discussed matters relating to works to be done for regenerating of farming in storm-hit areas and programmes for boosting of rice production in other regions in order to save rice production decline in storm-affected areas.

### **Slippers donated to storm victims**



YANGON, 28 May- Waidi Shoe Store and Lily Shoe Collection family donated 2,050 pairs of foreign-made slippers worth K 17.5 million to storm victims at Maykhalar Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township yesterday afternoon. Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepted the slippers and thanked the donors.

### **Seven schools in Labutta Tsp restored**

YANGON, 28 May- A total of seven schools including Nos 1 and 2 Basic Education High Schools and BEPSs have already been repaired in Labutta.

The schools in the township were destroyed by the storm.

The damaged schools are being repaired by earnest efforts of Naing-Ngan Thar Companies under the close supervision of Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut.

The roof-damaged schools are also being renovated village-wise. The repair tasks have to be completed before the school season.

### **Relief aids shipped to Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun**

YANGON, 28 May - Shwenady ship, carrying relief aids, shipped to Bogale and Mawlamyinegyun from Phonegyi Street No 1 jetty, here yesterday afternoon. The ship was loaded with 140 tons of foodstuff, clothes, tarpaulin rolls, generators, water purifiers, blankets, drinking water bottles and medicines donated by local and foreign donors.

### **Painting Exhibition to be held to raise funds for storm victim artists**

YANGON, 28 May-The executives' meeting of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Organization (Central) was held at the meeting hall of Bogyoke Market recently, attended by Vice-Chairmen U Thant Sin (a) Bagyi Hla Tin Tun, U Saw Hlaing, U Aung Thein, Secretary U Kyi Win (Today), Joint-Secretary U Mya Lwin and executives.

The meeting decided to organize a painting exhibition to raise funds for storm victim artists at the office of the organization from 17 to 26 June. Those wishing to participate in the fund-raising painting exhibition are to deliver their paintings to the office not later than 10 June.

CEC member artist U Min Wai Aung and wife Daw Than Than Maw (New Treasure Art Gallery) and U Htay Aung of Intha Gallery donated rice and cash for the first time. Those wishing to donate may contact the organization (Central).

### **Supplies from abroad arriving at Yangon International Airport**



YANGON, 28 May - AN-12 flight carrying 13.601 tons of empty bottles for purified water, water purifiers and equipment, water purifying tablets, mosquito nets, stoves, tarpaulins and health equipment donated by Thai-based WFP, IL-76 flight carrying 38.925 tons of blankets, mosquito nets, plastic rolls and kitchen utensils by Dubai-based UNHCR of UAE, C-130 carrying 11.9 tons of eggs, dried noodle and clothes by U Aung Myaing and U Lin Kyi of Thailand through the office of Myanmar Military Attaché Office four C-130 flights carrying 36 tons of mosquito nets, dried noodle and eggs by the US, A-300 flight carrying 38.58 tons of plastic rolls by Reletx Relief Supplies of the UK, two MD-11 flights carrying 149.96 tons of foods, medicines, milk and tents by Saudi Arabia and DG-8 flight carrying 36.99 tons of health equipment and empty plastic drums of the Doctors Without Border based in Indonesia arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

The relief supplies donated from abroad for the storm victims have been arriving by air and by sea. Officials accepted the donations at the airport and ports systematically and distributed them to the storm-hit regions without delay.

### **Cash donated to MAAF**



YANGON, 28 May-A ceremony to donate cash to the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation took place at the federation today.

President of the federation Daw Khin Khin Win accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and CEC members were among the attendees.

DENT Myanmar Dental Centre presented K 1,000,000 and Dr Tun Min Latt-Dr Win Min Soe of Allure Group, K 1,000,000 to the federation.

### **Wood Craft Int'L Pte Ltd donates 16.6 tons of rice**

YANGON, 28 May -Wellwishers are donating cash and kind continuously to the storm victims. On 17 May, Singapore-based Wood Craft International Pte Ltd donated 350 bags of rice weighing 16.6 tons to storm victims in Bogale.

### **MMCWA donates relief supplies in Maubin**

YANGON, 28 May - Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated relief supplies to pregnant women, students and children victims at relief camps in Maubin township, Ayeyawady Division on 26 May.

Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, CEC member Dr Daw Nilar Thaw, Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Win Win Maw and responsible persons handed over diapers, vitamins and iron tablets for pregnant women, uniforms and stationeries for students and snacks for children at all relief camps.

Later, Chair-persons of district and township MCWAs accepted K 0.5 m donated by MMCWA to Maubin township MCWA and presented certificates of honour.

MMCWA also donated medicines to the maternity clinic of general hospital.

