

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San attend ceremony to honour monks who passed Tipitakadhara Selection Examination



Yangon, 31 May -A ceremony to honour monks who passed different treatises in the 60th Tipitakadhara Selection Examination organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township here this morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the examination, Tipitaka-dhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws, examination supervisor Sayadaws, the monks who passed the examination and members of the Sangha, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC members Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, ministers, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor and their wives, heads of department, local authorities, staff of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, members of religious association, disciples and wellwishers.

Officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs ushered the Sayadaws and the monks who passed the examinations into the designated places in the cave.

Deputy Director U San Thin Hlaing of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana acted as MC.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San together with the congregation received the Five Precepts from Chairman of the Ovadacariya Committee of the examination Mandalay Paukmyaing Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Aggavamsabhivamsa.

Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gave Sammodaniya Saraniya Ovadakatha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on the religious matters.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offered Mula Arbhidhammika titles and certificates to Ashin Jatila of Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township, Yangon Division and Ashin Candana of Shwepyitha Pariyati Monastery in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division, who passed five treatises of Abhidhamma (oral) test.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein conferred Dhika Nikaya Kovidha titles and certificates on Ashin Aindawbasalankara of Maha Khemikarama Shewkyin Monastery in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, Ashin Pannisaralankara of Tipitaka Dhammapala Mahavihara Monastery in Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Division and Ashin Vicittalankara of Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township, Yangon Division, who passed three treatises Dhika Nikaya (written) test.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offered Dhika Bhanaka titles and certificates to Ashin Vicittasara of Tipitaka Mahagandawin Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division and Ashin Arcinna of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery on Mingon Hill, Sagaing, who passed three treatises Dhika Nikaya (oral) test, and also conferred Viniya Kovidha titles and certificates on Ashin Khemacara of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, Ashin Vasettha of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery on Mingon Hill, Sagaing and Ashin Pannavamsalankara of Tipitaka Mahagandawin Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division, who passed three treatises Vinaya (written) test.

Member of SPDC Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented Vinaya Kovidha title and certificate to a monk who passed three treatises Vinaya (written) test and Vinayadhara titles and certificates to four monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Member of SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye conferred Vinayadhara titles and certificates on five monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein presented Vinayadhara titles and certificates to five monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein Vinayadhara titles and certificates to five monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test and Visita Vinayadhara title and certificate to a monk.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented titles and certificates to five monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test and Ubhato Vibinga Kovidha title and certificate to a monk who passed two treatises Vinaya (written) test. Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing conferred Ubhato Vibinga Kovidha titles and certificates on six monks who passed two treatises Vinaya (written) test, and Lt-Gen Ye Myint Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates on six monks who two treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win offered Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates to five monks each who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung conferred Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates on four monks each who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test. Ministers U Soe Tha and U Thaung offered Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates to five monks each who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test, and Ministers Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates to four monks each who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates to two monks who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and congregation shared merits gained which brought the ceremony to a close.

After the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and the congregation offered alms to the title recipient monks.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforts storm victims during visits to relief camps in Yangon Div



Nay Pyi Taw, 31 May-Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye accompanied by Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, the ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the director-general of Government Office and officials of SPDC Office on 29 May arrived in Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw by special flight to inspect relief and rehabilitation tasks being carried out in storm-hit regions in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed in Yangon by member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence,

Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials.

Yesterday, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party comforted storm victims at relief camps in Yangon Division and gave necessary instructions to officials.

At Atwin Padan relief camp in Hlinethaya Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win gave accounts of the small scale of the housing built of bamboo floor, bamboo matting walls and nipa palm roof for the storm victims.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted the storm victims being accommodated in tents at Atwin Padan relief camp and asked about living conditions in the relief camp, health matters, businesses and basic needs and education of the children of the storm victims and comforted them.

Next, officials conducted Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party round Basic Education Middle School No. 7 being repaired near the relief camp. A total of 40 households were accommodated at 40 tents of Atwin Padan relief camp and arrangements are being made to provide requirements to 369 storm victims.

At the relief camp in Ward-17 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected tasks of the administration office and control office and opening of the clinic.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforted the storm victims.

The Commander gave accounts of 20 feet by 20 feet house and fly-proof latrine measuring three feet by three feet with eight feet in height for storm victims.

Officials are fulfilling requirements to storm victim households at the relief camp in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

On arrival at the relief camp in Ward 16 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party heard the reports on fulfilling the needs of storm victims, giving medical treatment at the clinic and accommodation matters to them presented by officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye consoled the storm victims and asked about number of the family members, health matters, business and income, education of the children and living conditions in the camp and gave necessary instructions.

At Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal in Kyauktan Township, they looked into loading black gram, green gram and timber logs onto the sea-going vessels and heard reports on arrival of cargo ships at MITT and smooth freight handling works by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe. They viewed vacant port ground in a motorcade.

Cargo ships with capacities ranging from 15000-ton to 20000-ton can dock at Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal. As the length between wharf No. 5 and No. 9 is 1000 metres, a 20,000-ton capacity container ship and five general cargo ships can dock simultaneously.

Now, three cargo ships are docking at MITT, and black gram, green gram and timber logs are being loaded onto the ships. Besides, there are five jetties and the 5000 containers-capacity container yard facilitated with cranes. Warehouses were built on 20000-squaremetre wide ground.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed the arrival and transport of commodities and containers from abroad at Sule International Port and Bo Aung Kyaw International Port of Myanma Port Authority in a motorcade.

Sule International Ports from No 1 to No 7 are 1026 meters long where seven 15,000-ton cargo ships can dock at the same time.

Bo Aung Kyaw Port is 457 meters long and one 15,000-ton cargo ship and two vessels can dock at the same time. Container yards of Myanma Port Authority can keep 12831 containers.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed arrival and departure of passengers and goods to the townships in Ayeyawady Division at Sinohdan jetty, Shwetaungdan jetty, Lanthit jetty, Kaingdan jetty and Wardan jetty in Seikkan Township in a motorcade.

They also viewed loading of goods onto and unloading from cargo ships and vessels at Myanmar Industrial Port. MIP is 310 meters long, and one 13,000-ton cargo ship and two vessels can dock there at the same time and 3500 containers can be kept at the port.

At Asia World Terminal, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye heard reports on freight handling works, loading of timber logs onto cargo ships and conditions of container yards and warehouses presented by officials and gave necessary instructions.

Three jetties of Asia World Port is 614 meters long and one 13,000-ton cargo ship and four vessels can dock at the terminal at the same time. Asia World Port can keep 4657 containers and timber logs and containers are being loaded onto cargo ships with the use of cranes daily. There are warehouses of Myanma Port Authority and the Ministry of Commerce at Asia World Port and along Yangon Port.

A total of 23 container ships and cargo ships can berth at seven ports in Yangon including MITT. At present, 21 vessels can dock there at the same time.

A total of six inland container yards can keep 22,988 containers at seven ports. At present, seven international ports and six container yards are operational as usual.

At Yangon International Airport, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed arrival of airplanes from abroad carrying relief supplies for the storm victims, unloading of the aid from the planes and loading of the goods onto helicopters and vehicles to be sent to the respective regions.

At the meeting hall of Yangon Command this morning, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman of the committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and officials and gave instructions on rehabilitation tasks in downtown Yangon and townships in Yangon Division.

After hearing reports on arrangements being taken and works to be done by the Prime Minister, the Secretary-1 and officials, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attended to the needs.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo explained works to be implemented in accord with the instructions of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye to the central committee member ministers and officials.

International relief supplies continue to arrive



Yangon, 31 May-The international community have been providing relief supplies for storm victims. Two MD-11 aircraft carrying 143.193 tons of tents, medicines, foodstuff, blankets, carpets, water proof tents donated by King of Saudi Arabia and the people, AN-12 aircraft carrying 11.97 tons of water purifier and appliances donated by emergency rescue agency of Sweden, five C-130 aircraft carrying 55.816 tons of plastic sheets, one life boat and water bottles donated by the USA, IL-76 aircraft carrying 24.445 tons of medical items, mosquito nets, water purifying tablets, buckets, water tanks, water filters donated by WFP, A-300 aircraft carrying 37.86 tons of plastic sheets donated by Relief Supplies Co Ltd of Britain arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Relief supplies provided by donors from abroad have been arrived here by air continuously and the accepting group is receiving the supplies systematically and delivering them to the storm-affected areas by helicopter, by car and by boat without delay.

Deputy Foreign Minister receives Singaporean Ambassador



Yangon, 31 May-Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong of Tripartite Core Group (TCG) formed by Myanmar Government, ASEAN and UN and party paid a call on Chairman of TCG Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu at Chindwin Hall of the ministry this morning to give necessary assistance for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the storm victims.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and members of TCG discussed cooperation in relief and resettlement tasks in the storm-hit areas.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, head of natural disaster management department and Assistant-Director-General of ASEAN Secretariat Ms Adelina Kamal, resident representative of UNDP and resident coordinator Mr Bishow Parajulli and resident representative of United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) Mr Daniel B Baker and other members of TCG.

Deputy Health Minister receives Deputy SEA Regional Director of WHO

Yangon, 31 May-Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo received a delegation led by Deputy Regional Director Dr Poonan Khetrpal Singh of the Office of the Southeast Asian Regional Director under the World Health Organization together with Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo at the ministry on Pyidaungsu Avenue in Dagon Township yesterday morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Directors-General Dr Win Myint and Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein, Directors and officials concerned of the Health Department under the Ministry of Health.

At the meeting, the deputy minister explained conditions of providing health care services to the people residing in the storm-hit areas and tasks being carried out in cooperation with WHO. They discussed the future programmes of the WHO.

Thai medical team recounts experiences

Yangon, 31 May-Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thai medical team of Ministry of Health of Thailand based in Panitayon monastery in Myaungmya Township gave health care to storm victims in Myaungmya

and Labutta Townships from 18 to 28 May.

On 28 May, the team recounted its experiences at a ceremony. The ceremony was attended by Director Dr Khin Maung Lwin of the Ministry of Health, Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Nyunt and members of the medical team of Directorate of Medical Services under the Ministry of Defence, Head of Myaungmya District Health Department Dr Kyaw Soe and members, personnel and Thai medical team led by Dr Pichit Siriwan.

During the trip, the Thai medical team provided health care service to 3,768 patients in 20 relief camps, performed 168 minor operations, gave health education talks, consoled those with depression, took disease control measures, provided assistance for keeping the camps clean, safe water, ensuring personal hygiene, and donated medicines and medical equipment.