

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (22 March, 1997)

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- (1) Secretary-1 inspects restoration of pagodas, preservation of cultural heritage in Bagan-NyaungU**

YANGON, 21 March - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected restoration of pagodas and preservation of cultural heritage in Bagan-NyaungU today.

Accompanied by Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, - Minister for culture U Aung San, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the Office of State Law and Order Restoration Council, heads of department and officials concerned, the Secretary-1 left here by Tatmadaw aircraft this morning and arrived Bagan-NyaungU at 8.45 am.

The Secretary-1, ministers and party were welcomed by members of the Division, District and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils, military and civil officers and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

- (2) Newly inaugurated Kindat Diversion Dam to irrigate 500,000 acres of cultivated land in Sagaing Division**

YANGON, 21 March As a gesture hailing the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Kindat Diversion Dam, newly constructed in Taze Township, Sagaing Division, was inaugurated this morning, with an address by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

Also present were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister at the Office of Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Sagaing Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun, Director of Resettlement Col Thaik Tun, Tactical Operations Commander Col Sein George, directors-general and managing directors of Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and departments concerned Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Lwin, other officials and personnel of Irrigation Department, Chairman of Shwebo District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Oo Zun and local authorities of Taze, Kanbalu and Kyunhla Townships teachers and students, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades peasants and local residents numbering about 40,000.

(3) Minister inspects private-owned wood-based factories

YANGON, 21 March Timber production should be in parallel with forest conservation, said Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe during his inspection tour of private-owned wood-based factories in Bago Township this morning.

The Ministry of Forestry is encouraging nationalities to undertake wood-based industries, he said, stressing the need to minimize loss and wastage and to promote quality so as to penetrate international market.

Various types of timber rather than teak should be used as raw materials in producing wood-based items to extend new markets, he noted.

Accompanied by officials, he inspected based factory of Nifty International Co Ltd at Bandagon village in Bago Division.

At the factory of KLN Group Master Timber Excel Co Ltd owned by Myanmar national in Oktha Bago Myothit, he revealed that the Government wish to transfer some of Myanmar Timber Enterprise's factories to private entrepreneurs in accord with the market-oriented economy.

Factories are being built according to the estimated annual allowable-cut of the forest in the area, he stressed.

The minister and party then visited a plywood factory of Chin Su (Myanmar) Co Ltd and assured assistance for development of private-owned factories.

He urged entrepreneurs to set up forest plantations, adding the ministry will provide land and technical assistance.

(4) Minister for Hotels and Tourism receives British citizen

YANGON, 21 March-Mr Eric Down of Britain paid a courtesy call on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at the latter's office today.

Mr Eric Down said he visited Myanmar for the first time in 1937 and discharged duties in Myitkyina region, especially in accounting services for long time, during the World War II. After that, he visited Myanmar whenever he got opportunity.

The guest also said he has plans to visit Myanmar yearly although he is now getting older and he will advertise facts about Myanmar in his country.

The minister told the guest that he will help him during his visits to Myanmar, adding that the guest may consult any time if he encounters difficulty.

Also present were Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services and officials.

(5) Minister for Transport receives Director of Jardine Shipping Services

YANGON, 21 March - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win received Director of Jardine Shipping Services Mr Siaw Hooi Chuan at his office yesterday.

They discussed shipping container and marine activities.

Present also were officials of the ministry.

(6) Lao National Defence soccer team concludes visit

YANGON, 21 March -After playing goodwill matches in Myanmar for the perpetuation of friendly relations between Myanmar and Lao, the 26-member National Defence soccer team of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, left here by air this morning.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Defence Services Sports and Physical Education Management Committee Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, senior officers of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), Military Attache of the Embassy of LPDR Col Dr Keneko Phol Sena and officials.

(7) Patron of Mon nationals Professor Dr Nai Pan Hla honoured

YANGON, 21 March - A ceremony to honour Patron of Mon nationals Professor Dr Nai Pan Hla was held in Mon Dhammayon on Shwedagon Pagoda Road at 3 pm today.

Patron of Mon nationals member of the Panel of Patrons of Mon Literature and Culture Committee (Yangon) Nai Mon Htaw chaired the ceremony and Nai Maung Sein was emcee.

Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kondhanna administered the Five Precepts. The Parittas were recited in Mon dialect. Next, Chairman Nai Men Htaw gave a speech.

Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein, on behalf of Mon nationals, presented a trophy to Dr Nai Pan Hla.

Dr Nai Pan Hla presented K 50,000 for Mon Pariyatti Vinaya Oral Exam to be held in the Dhammayon, ceremony to pay respects to Mon aged, Mon Literature and Culture Committee (Yangon) and Maintenance of Mon Dhammayon and Mon Pitaka to Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Ministers U Khin Maung Yin.

Ministers Col Pe Thein and U Khin Maung Yin, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Aye and Patrons of Mon nationals presented offertories to the sayadaws .

Daw Yin Nwe, on behalf of (Patron of Mon nationals Nai Tun Pe ([Kadoe Kawtnut])-Daw Tin Tin Aung and daughter Daw Kyi Kyi San (Family Inya & Task International Co Ltd), presented a gold chain and a garland to Dr Nai Pan Hla.

Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) and Chairman of Mon Literature and Culture Committee Nai Ngwe Lar gave honorary speeches.

Professor Dr Nai Pan Hla explained what he had contribute for the benefit of Myanmar and Mon Literatures.

Ramanya Waiponla Taik Thway-hsay-kan Mon Pali Tekkatho Sayadaw Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vara and Mon Sayadaws delivered sermons and the merits gained were then shared. .

(8) Maternal and Child Welfare Association signboard unveiled

YANGON, 21 March - Special Investigation Division of Myanmar Police Forces unveiled its Maternal and Child Welfare Association signboard at Aungthabyay Yeiktha in Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Mayangon Township, this morning.

It was attended by Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) Dr Khin Win Shwe and EC members, Commander of SID Col Ba Hein, Patron of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Marlar Tint and committee members, Chairman of Mayangon Township Law and Order Restoration Council and officials of Township Medical Unit among others.

Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Khin Win Shwe formally unveiled the sign-board and delivered an addresses.

Chairman of SID Welfare Association Col Ba Hein donated K 150,000 for SID Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Patron of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Marlar Tint K 50,000 and Police Captain Tin Aye of Yangon South District SID K 50,000.

Patron of SID Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw ,Htay Htay accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

(9) Minister receives Executive Director of Baiyoke Kandawgyi Hotel Co Ltd

YANGON, 21 March - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotel and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Executive Director of Baiyoke Kandawgyi Hotel Co Ltd Mr Robert Thein Pe at his office this afternoon.

They discussed hotel and tourism promotion in Kandawgyi Hotel. Managing Director of Myanmar Hotel and Tourism Services U Soe Thein and officials were also present.

(10) US war veterans call on Minister for Forestry

YANGON, 21 March-US war veterans and their families, numbering 22, led by Col Hal Fryder and Col S S Singh; currently here as tourists, called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe at International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this evening.

The American colonels served with No 1 Chin Rifles in Kachin State, northern sector of Myanmar, during the World War II.

Also present were representatives of Myanmar War Veterans Organization and managing directors and director-general under the ministry.

They discussed promotion of friendly ties between the war veterans of the two countries; cooperation and tourist arrivals.

Woodland Travels Co Ltd, engaged in eco-tourism promotion on mutual benefit basis with the Ministry of Forestry, hosted dinner for them.

(11) Yangon University holds 88th Convocation

Yangon, 21 March - Yangon University held its 88th Convocation at the Convocation Hall today.

It was attended by Professors, Associate Professors, Lecturers, parents and relatives of the graduates.

Rector Dr. Tin Aung Aye conferred master degree in law on 29 graduates, bachelor's degree in law on 186 graduates, MA (Philosophy) on 10 graduates, M Sc on 87 graduates, BA (Myanmarsar Hons) on 91 graduates, BA on 726 graduates, BSc (Hons) on 13 graduates totalling 1,524 graduates.

(12) Multiparty Democracy General Election Commission Announcement No 1349.

Union of Myanmar
Multiparty Democracy General
Election Commission
Announcement No 1349
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Subject: Permission given to U Tin Ohn to resign as Pyithu Hluttaw representative elected from Padaung Township Constituency-1, Bago Division.

1. U Tin Ohn of the National League for Democracy, Hluttaw representative elected at the Multiparty Democracy General Election from Padaung Township Constituency-1 in Bago Division, submitted his own volition to this Commission that he be permitted to resign because he could not perform party politics due to his family's health grounds and social conditions.

2. Upon the above-mentioned submission, this Commission here by announces that U Tin Ohn has been permitted to resign from being Hluttaw representative-elect of Padaung Township Constituency effective today under Section 11(e) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law.