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Ceremony to Hoist Yadana Diamond Orb, Golden Umbrella atop Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image to Mark its Centennial Anniversary and Ceremony of Buddha Consecration Held



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and wife offering Yadana diamond orb to Presiding Nayaka of Kengyin Monastery in Kengtung township

As a centennial anniversary of Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image in Kengtung township of Shan state (East), a ceremony to hoist Yandana Diamond Orb and Golden Umbrella atop the Image together with the Buddha consecration ceremony was held on the full moon day of Tabodwe, 1383 ME, 2565 Sasana Era, 15 February. The members of Buddhist Sanghas led by Presiding Nayaka of Kengyin Monastery in Kengtung township graced the ceremony.

The ceremony was also attended by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and family members, the members of the SAC, Union ministers, Shan state Chief Minister Dr Kyaw Tun, officials and invited guests.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime

Minister and party paid homage to the Image and then the ceremony held as the program.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister, the wife, family members and party donated Yandana diamond orb, pennant shaped vane, golden umbrella and offerings to members of Buddhist Sanghas led by Kengyin Monastery Sayadaw and Naga Hnakaung Monastery Sayadaw. Then, they took the Nine Precepts from Presiding Nayaka of Hawkham Monastery of Laikha township and shared merits gained.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister, the wife, family members and party, town elders and locals conveyed the Yadana diamond orb and pennant shaped vane around the Gandakuti Chamber clockwise. Then they conveyed them atop the Gandakuti Chamber by a decorated float



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister, the wife and family members taking the Nine Precepts from Buddhist Monks

together with local ethnic people.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister and party observed the brief history of Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image of Kengtung, propagation of Buddhism to Kengtung region, the emergence of Gon

Shan language and literature, Saophas in successive eras and a brief history of Kengtung displayed at the museum to mark the centennial anniversary of the Buddha Image.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (16-2-2022)

- The members of Buddhist Sanghas led by Presiding Nayaka of Kengyin Monastery in Kengtung township graced the ceremony to hoist Yadana Diamond Orb, Golden Umbrella atop Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image to mark its Centennial Anniversary together with ceremony of Buddha Consecration.
- The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister and party donated Yandana diamond orb, pennant shaped vane, Golden umbrella and offerings to members of Buddhist Sanghas led by Kengyin Monastery Sayadaw and Naga Hnakaung Monastery Sayadaw.
- The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister, the wife, family members and party, town elders and locals conveyed the Yadana diamond orb and pennant shaped vane around the Gandakuti Chamber clockwise. Then they conveyed them atop the Gandakuti Chamber by a decorated float.
- The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister and party observed the brief history of Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image of Kengtung, propagation of Buddhism to Kengtung region, the emergence of Gon Shan language and literature, Saophas in successive eras and a brief history of Kengtung displayed at the museum to mark the centennial anniversary of the Buddha Image.

Photos of Ceremony to Hoist Yadana Diamond Orb and Golden Umbrella atop Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image to Mark its Centennial Anniversary and Ceremony of Buddha Consecration



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister, the wife and family members conveying the Yadana diamond orb



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister sprinkling scented water on the Yadana diamond orb



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister, the wife and family members offering day alms to Buddhist monks



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and wife sprinkling scented water on the Yadana diamond orb



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister, the wife and family members conveying the Yadana diamond orb by a decorated float



Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Construction Progresses of Sattasattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda in Kengtung Township



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and wife paying homage to the Abhayarajamuni Buddha Image

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party inspected the construction of Sattasattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda in the precinct of Buddha Park near Pankwe village, 15 miles southeast of Kengtung township under the guidelines of the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Thiladhammakontha Tawya Monastery (Wazippeik) Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida in the afternoon of 15 February.

When the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister and party arrived at the precinct, they paid homage to the Abhayarajamuni Buddha Image and offered flowers and water to it. They then went around the Image clockwise, and rang the bell of peace and prosperity.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister inspected the construction progresses of the Buddha Park and Sattasattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda, and he attended to the needs of officials. After hearing the reports on the construction of dam for the supply of water to nearby villages presented by officials, the Prime Minister stressed the fol-

lowing points:

- The use of underground water must be reduced to the most possible degree while storing nature-provided water in dams and using it systematically.
- Silt and sand must be removed from the watercourse in the open season for proper flow of water into the dam in the rainy season. Officials should emphasize the cultivation of crops in Kengtung with pumped water from the river and creeks through solar energy for growing crops the whole year.
- If the small-scale water pumping process achieves success, such a system will be distributed across the nation.
- As only when the agriculture sector meets success will farmers have improved socio-economic life, officials need to strive for securing success for the tasks.

Afterwards, the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister and party viewed around the Buddha Park.

Photos of the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspecting the Construction Progresses of Sattasattaha Mahabodhi Pagoda in Kengtung Township



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and party inspecting the construction of water dam

- The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party inspected the construction of Sattasattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda in the precinct of Buddha Park near Pankwe village under the guidelines of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida and the construction of dam for the supply of water to nearby villages.

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Pays Homage to Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image in Kengtung Township, Saturaththa Thumingala Pagoda on Loimwe Hill Station, and Inspects Development Tasks of Loimwe Region



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, members of the SAC, Union Ministers, Shan state Chief Minister Dr Kyaw Tun and officials conducted the following activities on 14 February:

- The Prime Minister and party led by Presiding Nayaka of the Thiladhamma Kontha Tawya monastery (Wasipeik) Sayadaw paid homage to the Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image in Keng Tung township. Then the Prime Minister and party presented K77.1 million donated by well-wishers to Chairman U Sai Haung Kham Nwam of the pagoda board of trustees and party.
- Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party paid homage to Saturaththa Thumingala Pagoda on the Loimwe hill station and donated cash to members of the pagoda board of trustees for the all-round renovation fund of the pagoda. They then paid homage to hill missionary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vepulla and donated

cash for nine prerequisites and offerings.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister and party inspected the development tasks of Loimwe region as follows:

- They inspected the maintenance tasks of the historic 100-year chamber (aged 104-year) for its sustainability.
- They also inspected the dredging of the Loimwe Lake, maintenance and upgrade tasks, and storage of water at the Kaunghmutaw Dam.
- Moreover, they inspected the site where the sky train station will be built from the Loimwe hill station to the Buddha Park in Pankwe village for contribution to the regional development.
- The Prime Minister and party conducted the inspection on the site where the Kengtung Haw replica palace will be built near the Nawngtong Lake, and the maintenance tasks of the Nawngtong Lake and upgrading of the circular road.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister fulfilled their requirements with relevant officials.



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and wife donating cash for Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and wife offering alms to hilly missionary Sayadaw



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister offering cash for nine prerequisites to Saturaththa Thumingala Pagoda



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and party paying homage around the Saturaththa Thumingala Pagoda clockwise

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The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister inspecting the maintenance tasks of the 100-year chamber

Press Release of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Retreat (AMM Retreat)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release stating that Myanmar will not participate or even designate a non-political representative to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Retreat (AMM Retreat) which will be held in Phnom Penh on 17

February 2022 and Myanmar, while upholding the principle of equality as stipulated in the ASEAN Charter, will continue to extend constructive engagement with the current ASEAN Chair, including with all ASEAN Member States.

Press Release

Cambodia will be hosting the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Retreat (AMM Retreat) in Phnom Penh on 17 February 2022. Myanmar recognizes that Cambodia, as the ASEAN Chair for 2022, has endeavoured to ensure that all members of ASEAN comprising of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam participate in the AMM Retreat, which is the first meeting for the ASEAN Chair in 2022.

Despite numerous attempts by the ASEAN Chair to ensure all members of ASEAN participate in the AMM Retreat, some members are still holding on to the unilateral decision taken by the previous Chair at the Emergency ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting which was held on 15 October 2021 that only a non-political representative should be invited to participate. Since that decision was contrary to the principles of national sovereignty and equality as stipulated in the ASEAN Charter, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, and the Charter of the United Nations, as well as Myanmar's Foreign Policy, Myanmar was not able to participate in the 38th and 39th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, held in October last year.

Despite the efforts made by the ASEAN Chair and Myanmar to promote cooperation in ASEAN, it is regrettable to see the return of the decision made last year which Myanmar in principle is unable to accept. In this regard, Myanmar's inability to participate or even designate a non-political representative to the AMM Retreat which will be held on

17 February 2022 is inevitable since it contradicts the principles and practice of equal representation in ASEAN.

Myanmar, while upholding the principle of equality as stipulated in the ASEAN Charter, will continue to extend constructive engagement with the current ASEAN Chair, including with all ASEAN Member States.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Dated, 14 February 2022

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (15-2-2022)

- Myanmar recognizes that Cambodia, as the ASEAN Chair for 2022, has endeavoured to ensure that all members of ASEAN participate in the AMM Retreat.
- It was found that some members are still holding on to the unilateral decision taken by the previous Chair that only a non-political representative should be invited to participate.
- Myanmar's inability to participate or even designate a non-political representative to the AMM Retreat is inevitable since it contradicts the principles and practice of equal representation in ASEAN.
- Myanmar, while upholding the principle of equality as stipulated in the ASEAN Charter, will continue to extend constructive engagement with the current ASEAN Chair, including with all ASEAN Member States.

Decorated Floats Representing Union Territory and Regions/States Show Concludes Successfully and People Enjoy the Display with Interest

A total of 46 decorated floats representing Union Territory, Regions/States which were participating in the ceremony in commemoration of Diamond Jubilee Union Day are parked at the Tabaung ground in front of the Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw between 8 a.m to 8 p.m starting from 13 to 15 February. In the event, a total of 20 ethnic food shops sold ethnic traditional foods as follows:

- Students, government employees, and

residents observed with interest the culture, traditions, living styles and local products of ethnic people displayed on the floats.

- As a special program, the ethnic food shops from respective regions and states were sold and these shops were thronged with visitors.
- On 13 February, the Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and party enjoyed together with the people



People enjoying the traditional dances performed by traditional dance troupes

the performance of traditional dances. On 15 February, the Union Minister at the Union Government Office (2) U Chitt Naing gave presents to 108 members of the dance crew.

Myanmar Police Force conducted security measures together with Tatmadaw

members to protect the visitors against any threats and Nay Pyi Taw Public Health Department opened the healthcare booths to provide medical services for the visitors. It is reported that the show was being crowded with youths, government staff and families from ministries and local residents.

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Photos of People Enjoying the Show of Decorated Floats Representing Union Territory and Regions/
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UEC Holds Opening Ceremony of Pilot Project to Verify the Ground Population for Accuracy of Basic Voter Lists



The opening ceremony of pilot project to verify the ground population for accuracy of basic voter lists was held at the office of Nay Pyi Taw territory election sub-commission on 14 February. During the event, UEC Chairman stressed the following points:

- UEC is making necessary preparations to hold free and fair multi-party democracy general election in accord with 2008 State Constitution following the completion of measures as per the provisions of emergency period.
- As every citizen can enjoy the rights to be elected and elect others, citizens have to vote as per relevant laws.
- Among 15 regions and states including Union Territory, basic voter lists have already been prepared in Taninthayi region, Mon state, Ayeyarwady region, and Union Territory.
- Ministry of Labour and Immigration is now granting Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to those in needs under Pankhin project and making measures to ensure everyone who has rights to hold the cards as per law.
- The accurate data of population can be attained by doing the cross-checks of ground population by General Administration Department.
- Checking voter lists will be carried out by the combined teams comprising staff officers from UEC, in-charges from Ministry of Labour and Immigration, ward/ village administrators, hundred-houses elders, ten-houses elders, ward/ village clerks.
- In doing so, the voter lists of regions/ states, districts and townships will be cross-checked using computer technology.

The opening ceremony was attended by UEC chairman U Thein Soe and UEC members, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Zayyar Lin, district and township administrators and officials.



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COVID-19 Prevention, Control, and Treatment Activities Continue in Respective Regions and States

COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities such as opening quarantine centres and vaccinating people against COVID-19 continue in respective regions and states.

- Up to 15 February, 23.1 million people in total have been vaccinated against COVID-19. About 20.31 million people have received two-time full doses of the vaccine and 2.79 million people have received the first doses. 43.97 million people in total have been inoculated against COVID-19 in Myanmar.
- A total of 547,945 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 booster doses in respective regions and states from 1 January to 15 February 2022.
- For the COVID-19 patients living as Home Isolation and other confirmed patients in Yangon region, Teleconsultation Program in which the patients can directly connect and consult with physicians on duty has been launched. For the program, Teleconsultation Teams comprising specialists and medical experts were set up in respective districts.



COVID-19 inoculation in respective regions and states



Systematically accepting the returnees from abroad in line with COVID-19 guidelines

The COVID-19 patients can dial up the given numbers of respective districts and consult with the teams around the clock.

Officials continue to welcome Myanmar nationals who returned from abroad at various border crossings as per the instruction of the State Administration Council-

- Returnees were welcomed at the border crossings located in Kachin state, Kayin state, Tanintharyi region and Shan state. A total of 66,216 Myanmar nationals had returned to Myanmar from abroad from 25 July 2021 to 15 February 2022.

The Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, 2,467 new cases of COVID-19 were found from testing a total of 30,770 samples and the infected rates are 8.02 percent on 15 February. Up to 15 February 2022, a total of 550,824 cases were found from testing a total of 6,744,468 samples and death toll reached 19,314.

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Actions against Unscrupulous Persons who Follow and Make Incitements and Propaganda of CRPH and NUG Terrorist Groups, their Subordinates and Colluded Groups Continue

The entire population has already been informed not to follow the incitements and propaganda made by CRPH and NUG, which were declared terrorist groups, their subordinates and colluded groups. In spite of that, some unscrupulous persons made incitements and propaganda to disrupt the State peace and stability via social media. Therefore, necessary actions have been taken against them in line with law. In this regard:

- On 14 February, one from Sagaing re-

gion and one from Mandalay region, totaling 2 were taken legal actions.

- On 15 February, one from Yangon region and one from Ayayawady region totaling 2 were taken legal actions.
- From 27 January to 15 February, legal actions were taken against a total of 216 people under the law.

It is reported that necessary actions will be continued against such instigators and unscrupulous persons making propaganda and instigations.

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PDF Terrorists Launch Attacks on Education Sector

PDF Terrorists, who did not want the peaceful study of students, attacked a school using small arms and also burnt down a housing built for teachers in Saw township of Magway region and Pale township of Sagaing region as follows:

- In the evening of 12 February, PDF terrorists set fire to a housing built for teachers inside the compound of the Sub-basic education high school in Saw township of Magway Region and one bamboo house made of thatched roof and timber floor (worth about K300,000) was destroyed in the fire.
- On 14 February in Pale township, PDF terrorists attacked a Basic Education Middle School in Zeephyukone village and a Basic Education Post-Primary School in Inmahte village using impro-

vised mortars, hunting rifles and small arms.

Under the instruction of NUG/ CRPH terrorist groups as per their aim of utter devastation, the repeated crimes of arson and bombing attacks using homemade mines against schools by PDF terrorists amount to the acts of terrorism according to the international norms and standards. Therefore, parents are disgusted by the PDF terrorists for the rights to education of their children are being disrupted and destroyed by them.

Necessary security measures have been taken to arrest the terrorists who burnt down the housing of education staff and attacked the schools and security forces taking security duties for the community peace and stability.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (16-2-2022)

- **PDF terrorists burnt down and destroyed a housing of teachers inside the compound of the Sub-basic education high school in Saw township.**
- **In Pale township, PDF terrorists attacked a Basic Education Middle School in Zeephyukone village and a Basic Education Post-Primary School in Inmahte village using improvised mortars, hunting rifles and small arms.**
- **As PDF terrorists are continuously committing the crimes of arson and bombing attacks on schools, parents are disgusted by the PDF terrorists for the rights to education of their children are being disrupted and destroyed by them.**