

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the Parade held in Honour of the Graduation Ceremony of 58th intake of Defense Services Academy



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives salute of graduating cadets at Defence Services Academy in PyinOoLwin. PHOTO: C-IN-C'S OFFICE

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of the Defense Services addressed the parade held in honour of the graduation ceremony of 58th Intake of Defense Service Academy held at the parade ground in Pyin Oo Lwin, at 7:30 am on December 2.

Present at the ceremony were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Dr Zaw

Myint Maung, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region, General Mya Tun Oo, Chief of General Staff(Army, Navy, Air) and wife, Admiral Tin Aung San, Commander-in-Chief(Navy) and wife, General Khin Aung Myint, Commander-in-Chief (Air) and wife, high ranking officials from Commander-in-Chief(Army) and their wives, Commanders of Commands, Principal of De-

fense Services Academy, foreign ambassadors, diplomats, invited guests and parents of the cadets.

Commander-in-Chief of the Defense Services took the salute, inspecting the cadets.

Afterward, C-in-C of Defense Service presented awards to outstanding cadets.

After presenting awards to the cadets, the senior general made a speech, saying that the Tatmadaw

is standing firmly on its six-point policy on restoring genuine and sustainable peace and it is important for ethnic armed groups to abide by the provisions of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and to sign the truce. Myanmar is a country of various national races and any youth of the national race are entitled to perform duties of national defence in the Tatmadaw in accordance with the rules and

regulations of the defence services. There is only one army in every country and the Tatmadaw is performing its duties of protecting the country. Then the senior general received the salute of the graduating cadet.

Later, the senior general met with outstanding cadets and their parents at the guest house of the defence services academy.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Avid Myanmar Travelers can now pay with Mastercard and CB Bank credit

As Myanmar continues to see positive economic growth projections, its people are increasingly seeking overseas destinations. The latest Mastercard research revealed that Myanmar is the fastest growing outbound travel market in Asia Pacific with a growth projection of 10.6 per cent for the next five years.

In light of this, Mastercard has once again partnered Co-operative Bank Ltd (CB Bank) to launch Classic, Gold and Platinum Mastercard, which will be made available to Myanmar residents and citizens when travelling abroad.

Mr. Kyaw Lynn, Executive

Vice Chairman and CEO of CB Bank said: "A paperless and cashless society is an important goal for CB Bank. Although still a work in progress, we are working hard to achieve that goal through increased usage of ATMs, POS terminals and e-commerce capabilities. For starters, we are already seeing a great shift from over-the-counter withdrawals to ATM withdrawals. And on average, there are 50,000 transactions being made monthly via electronic payment at the point-of-sale."

Mr. Antonio Corro, country manager, Thailand & Myanmar, Mastercard, said: "For a country that had only opened its doors



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not too long ago, Myanmar's economic and outbound travel projections are very encouraging. To meet the increasing demands for travel, we have deepened our partnership with CB Bank to launch our first credit card in the country. This

signifies a big step towards the greater development of the electronic payments infrastructure and its also means that consumers are able to make more secure and convenient payments for their purchases when travelling abroad."—*GNLM*

International Law Experts meet Myanmar Police for border area management

INTERNATIONAL law experts from the United Nations met with Police Major-General Zaw Win in Nya Pyi Tawon Wednesday at Myanmar Police headquarters for a discussion about management of the affairs of the border area and international law.

The delegation from the United Nations Office of Drugs & Crime was led by Mr. Scott Beazley. In the meeting, they discussed matters concerning the Country Programme for Myanmar 2014-2017 and the mutual assistance in Criminal Matters Law.—*Myanmar News Agency*

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6. Afterwards, the State Counsellor attended the luncheon hosted in her honour by Deputy Prime Minister and Coordination Minister for National Security HE Mr Teo Chee Hean at the Shangri-La Hotel and in the afternoon, the State Counsellor and the Delegation visited the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau and heard clarification on work and procedure of the bureau before raising questions on some areas she was interested in.

7. In the evening, the State Counsellor attended the opening ceremony of "Cities and Kings: Ancient Treasures from Myanmar" at the Asian Civilization Museum (ACM) and the State Counsellor was welcomed there by Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong and the minister for Culture, Community and Youth. The museum is displaying cultural artefacts from Pyu Era, Eras of Mon Kings in lower Myanmar, Bagan Era and the Mandalay Palace until March 2017 in

commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

8. In the evening, the State Counsellor visited the Myanmar Embassy in Singapore and met with staff and families of the embassy and the Office of the Military Attaché (Army, Navy, AirForce). She also attended the dinner hosted by the ambassador before delivering a speech to Myanmar community in Singapore and responding

to their questions frankly at the Big Box Hall in Jurong East.

9. On 2-12-2016, the State Counsellor, together with Minister for Foreign Affairs HE Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, visited the Ghim Moh Hawker Centre and Wet Market and attended the breakfast. At 13:00, the State Counsellor and the delegation left Changi Airport for Yangon International Airport and arrived in Yangon at 15:30 in the evening.—*Ministry of Foreign Affairs*