



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung and wife Daw Khin Than Nwe is welcomed by Singapore's ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua on their arrival at a reception to mark the 51st Anniversary of National Day of the Republic of Singapore and the 50th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Myanmar on 12 August, 2016 in Yangon.

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Advanced course on the detection and analysis of wildlife data and illegal timber trafficking held

THE opening ceremony of an advanced training course on the collecting and analysing of data on Myanmar wildlife and the combatting of the illegal timber trade was held at the Shwenandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Daw on Monday with opening speeches by Police Brig-Gen Myint Htoo, the head of the transnational crime department and U Soe Myine, Myanmar advisor to United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Present at the ceremony were high-ranking police officers from

the Myanmar Police Force, officer trainees from the Forest Security Police Force and instructors from the UNODC.

The training focuses on the methods used by timber traffickers, the ways and means of illegal trafficking in wildlife and timber which has been organised internationally and effective ways of preventing and combating these criminal enterprises.

The training course will run for twelve days. — *Myanmar Police Force*



Police officers of MPF and officials of UNODC posing for documentary photo. PHOTO: MPF

Foreign visitors allowed to grow commemorative trees around Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes) in Kayah State

FOREIGN visitors who come to Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes), Kayah State are allowed to plant memorial trees in order to support the environment, it has been reported.

The name and nation of foreign visitors are recorded with their plants to commemorate the visit. Authorities are now arranging eco-tours and treks for visitors after promoting Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven

Lakes) as a forest destination.

According to U Saw Sal from Ta Ne Le' village near Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes), locals are now partaking in the provision of eco-tourist endeavors to both bring jobs to locals and also help preserve the landscape. Five villages in Dimawso Township are a part of the eco-tourism programme.

There are 2,590 acres of

reserved forest including Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes) filled with pine wood, teak, iron wood and many other trees.

Kan Khon Hna Sint (Seven Lakes) is located in Dimawso Township of Kayah State. The Myanmar Police Force announced in 2013 that Lwai Kaw Township, Dimawso Township and PhuSo Township in Kayah State are accessible to foreign visitors. — *Zar Zar*