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State Counsellor opens Women & Children hospital, meets with locals in Taunggyi



STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi left Nay Pyi Taw by a special flight for Shan State yesterday at noon.

Her entourage included Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, Dr Myint Htwe, U Ohn Maung, Dr Aung Thu, U Ohn Win and officials.

They were welcomed at the Heho Airport by Shan State Chief Minister Dr Lin Htut, State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lone Seng, the State Chief of Justice, the State Advocate General, cabinet members, the chairmen of autonomous regional bodies, parliamentarians, officials and local ethnic people.

The State Counsellor first visited the four-storey building for women and children hospital in Taunggyi.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe, Shan State Chief Minister Dr Lin Htut and Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lone Seng cut the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the new building, and the State Counsellor pressed a button to unveil the name plaque of the hospital, and sprayed scented water onto it.

They then posed for documentary photos with the attendees at the inaugu-

ration ceremony.

After this, the State Counsellor comforted the patients at the hospital and presented food items to them.

The new hospital facility is a reinforced concrete building 200 ft in length and 75 ft in width.

Then, the State Counsellor met with town elders and local people in Shan State.

During the meeting, the State Counsellor said, "Greetings to all who have come to this event, When I came to a place, I'd like to meet with the local people. That is why we have organized such an event with the people. People have the right to come to these meetings with their wishes and desires. We do not want people who have been selected in advance to be here. That is not our aim.

When meetings with people are held, ensure that the people come freely. And do ensure that locals in attendance are more than the number of Union Ministers in attendance. At a recent meeting with town elders, I defined town elders as parent like figures for locals. They do not reach such stature easily.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with locals of Shan State at the Town Hall in Taunggyi yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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