

Fukuoka-Myanmar Friendship Association presents women's domestic training school, teaching aids worth US \$ 83,000 for Myitkyina Township

YANGON, 9 May— Fukuoka - Myanmar Friendship Association of Fukuoka -Myanmar Friendship of Japan presented a Women's Domestic Science Training School in Myitkyina Township for Kachin State Working Committee for Women's Affairs today.

The ceremony to open the school was held this morning at the school, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

The two-storey building, 120 feet long, 28 feet high and 69 feet wide, and teaching aids — ten computers and 50 sewing machines were donated by the Association valued at US \$ 83,000.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Ambassador of Japan Mr Shigeru Tsumori and Chairman of the Association Mr Heishiro Mihara formally opened the school.

Speaking on the occasion Ambassador Mr Shigeru Tsumori said the school was donated by the Association under Grassroots Grant Assistance programme of the Japanese government.

As the role of women is important in striving for

progress of a region, the school and the teaching aids were donated to help develop women of Kachin State.

Grassroots Grant Assistance programme is to directly benefit the people of wards and villages, he said.

Japan is giving priority to the development of human resources at the grassroots in giving assistance for progress of rural areas, he noted.

The Ambassador expressed hope that the school will develop human resources for the progress of Kachin State.

He then handed over the related documents to Chairman of Kachin State Working Committee for Women's Affairs Commissioner of

Kachin State General Administration Department U Khin Aung.

U Khin Aung spoke words of thanks, saying, 50.3 per cent of Kachin State's population of 1.3 million are women and that the 50.3 per cent of the national population are also women.

The State has designated the eight sectors as the national task and formed Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs and its subordinate bodies at different levels with the aim of organizing the force of the

women of the entire nation to work for progress of the women. Also present were ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, officials of the Association, local authorities, departmental personnel, members of Kachin State Working Committee for Women's Affairs and social organizations, guests and members of band and dance troops.

The Secretary-1 and party also inspected the school. — MNA