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The 56th Anniversary Independence Day message of State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 4 Jan — *The following is a translation of the message sent by State Peace and Development Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary of the Independence Day.*

On this auspicious occasion of the 56th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend greetings to all the national people of the State, with amity and high regard.

It has now reached the 56th Anniversary of the Day on which the independence and sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar had been restored, after the entire national races had sacrificed much blood and sweat.

Throughout the course of Myanmar history, the national brethren including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan have striven for perpetuation of the State and sovereignty at the risk of their lives, with the sense of patriotism and Union Spirit.

In this regard, we will have to document with honour the victories achieved through the harmonious endeavours of the Tatmadaw members, who have restored and safeguarded the independence and who are the offspring of the national people, the State service personnel and the entire national races.

For years countable by the thousand, the Union of Myanmar stood as an independent and sovereign nation, with her own civilization. The national brethren have

defended and safeguarded the State sovereignty with Union Spirit, while preserving and relaying their high standard of civilization and national pride and national character to the new generation.

Bonding themselves with their race and land with deep devotion, the Myanmar races have striven to equip themselves with strong Union Spirit, with patriotism and the love for the nation as the core factors. The history of the Union of Myanmar is the history of the national races. When there was national unity, the nation was strong, and it stood tall winning the respect of the neighbours. The founding of the consolidated states — the First Myanmar Empire during the Bagan era, the Second Myanmar Empire during the Toungoo era, and the Third Myanmar Empire during the Konboun era — was prominent in history.

Since time immemorial, Myanmar has been known to be fully equipped with patriotism — the spirit to love their own race, literature, traditions and culture and customs; the spirit of never tolerating any insult against the nation and the race; and the spirit to make selfless sacrifices for the national cause. They cherish the independence. And because of the patriotism, that is their innate nature, they were able to restore independence and sovereignty.

Because of the Government's endeavours, relying on the national strength, and participated by the entire people, the motherland is now on the right track towards development.

Since assumption of the State duties, the Government has striven for national re-consolidation, regional peace and

stability and the rule of law, as priority tasks. It has been laying down and implementing border areas and national races development projects, with greater momentum, to restore national unity. At the same time, 17 armed groups returned to the legal fold as the Government had initiated negotiations, based on mutual trust, with them to pave the way for their return to the fold. The national race leaders of the peace groups are now taking part together with the Government in building infrastructures for the development of their respective regions and the nation as well.

Myanmar has been continuously practising the independent and active foreign policy. It always concentrates on extension of the international relations, based on love and friendship, with all the countries around the world. It has given priority to extending cordial relations with her neighbours, based on good neighborliness, mutual respect and cooperation. It is also actively taking part in the activities of the UN and international bodies, and the regional organizations including the ASEAN, the BIMST-EC and Greater Mekong Subregion Development Programme for global peace, security and development. As a means to facilitate the ASEAN integration programme for new members, Myanmar successfully hosted the Summit Meeting on Economic Cooperation Strategy between the four countries — Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand — in Bagan in November 2003.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends prize-presentation ceremony of School Family Day

YANGON, 3 Jan — The prize-presentation ceremony of the School Family Day for 2003-2004 academic year took place at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road this afternoon. Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addressed the ceremony and presented prizes to the outstanding students.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Chairman of Yangon Divi-

sion Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, the deputy ministers, members of Myanmar Education Committee, the ambassadors of foreign missions in Yangon and officials, the resident representatives of UN agencies, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the directors-general and chairmen of depart-

ments and boards under the Ministry of Education, rectors, pro-rectors, principals of the universities and colleges, heads of departments, township education officers, school heads, members of PTAs and the School Board of Trustees, teachers, delegates of social organizations, prize winning students, guests and others. Before the ceremony, students entertained the guests with songs and measures taken for national education promotion programmes were presented with the help of power point.

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Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 4 Jan — The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China:

On the occasion of the 56th anniversary day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Chi-

nese people and in my own name, to Your Excellency and through you to the people of Myanmar the warmest congratulations and best wishes.

In the past year, Myanmar has made successive new achievements in maintaining stability, development her economy, forwarding the national reconciliation process and broadening external relations, of which I share the hearty happiness. I am convinced that under the leadership of the State Peace and Development Council led by Your Excellency, the people of Myanmar could overcome

any difficulties and obstacles in the way forward and make the country more prosperous.

The Sino-Myanmar friendly relations have been developing smoothly for the mutually beneficial cooperation in all fields being broadened and deepened, which brings concrete benefits to the people of our two countries. I firmly believe that with joint efforts of both sides, the traditional Sino-Myanmar friendly relations and cooperation based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence will make further achievements.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt poses for a documentary photo together with outstanding students. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Translate the objectives of the 56th Anniversary

Independence Day into reality

The independence and sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar, regained after sacrificing lives, blood and sweat of the national people, turns 56 years today, 4 January 2004.

The Union of Myanmar has been standing tall as a sovereign and independent nation among the nations of the world for years countable by the thousand.

Myanmars, preserving national prestige and integrity, have safeguarded independence and sovereignty of the nation with nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit.

The colonialists staged three aggressive wars against Myanmar in 1824, 1852 and 1885 and thus the country finally lost her independence.

But due to the struggles of the entire national people and patriots who fought the colonialists politically and militarily, Myanmar regained her independence on 4 January 1948.

The national brethren with Union Spirit and patriotism took part in anti-colonialist and national liberation movements sacrificing their lives.

The independence struggles and victories of patriotic nationals have been documented not only in the history of Myanmar but also in the world history.

Similarly, Myanmars' efforts to safeguard the independence at the present day are worthy of the highest praise.

It is necessary to document the nation-building endeavours of the entire national people including Tatmadawmen who are the off-spring of the people, and service personnel.

Ceremonies to mark the Independence Day are held yearly to value the independence struggles and to be able to hold the 56th Anniversary Independence Day with full political essence, four objectives have been laid down by the State. These objectives are:

- All the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and ensure perpetuation of sovereignty,
- All the national people to be united to ensure non-disintegration of national solidarity,
- All the national people to strive for the emergence of enduring State Constitution and for the building of a new modern and developed nation,
- All the national people to participate with full sense of Union Spirit and patriotism in the successful implementation of the seven-point roadmap of the State.

These objectives reflect the roles to be played by all the citizens in building the nation to become a peaceful, modern and developed one.

We would like to urge all the national people to translate the objectives of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day into reality with Union Spirit and patriotism.

Independence Day Exhibition crowded with people

YANGON, 3 Jan — The 56th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition is being held at Tatmadaw convention hall on U Wisara Road here.

Over 6,000 people visited the Exhibition on the opening day, today.—MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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The Government is able to develop the national economy in leaps and bounds. In doing so, it has laid down the national policy and the economic policy for development of agriculture as the base and development of the industrial and other economic sectors. It has given special priority to progress of multi-sectors. It is extending sown acreage of various crops, applying advanced techniques and quality strains and building irrigation facilities, with paddy as the base of agricultural business. It has established 18 industrial zones in states and divisions of the nation. An effective factor that is behind the emergence of good foundations of sound economic development is the progress and the increase in the number of transport infrastructures including roads and major bridges spanning rivers and large creeks built by the Government the length and breadth of the nation.

Similarly, the Government has been striving with greater acceleration to develop the electricity and energy sector and the task to discover new natural energy deposits for advancement and modernization of the multi-sectors. It has designated the 24 development zones for progress of all sectors. As the development of qualified human resources plays a key role in building a modern and developed nation, the Government has laid down and has been implementing the 30-year national education promotion plan. It has been building universities, colleges, institutes and basic education schools all over the nation with added momentum. It has already created favourable conditions for all to study arts and science, computer science and engineering subjects in every development zone. At present, there are 154 institutions of higher learning in the nation. As the academic programmes have been extended, there is increase in the number of subjects taught and courses opened, and even the doctorate courses can be conducted in the nation. Paying attention to the health and fitness of the citizens, health infrastructures including hospitals, regional dispensaries and rural health care centres have been opened all over the nation. In the past, there were only 4 medical institutions under the Ministry of Health. At present, the number has extended to 14.

Today, the world is facing new technologies emerging and changing at high acceleration. And together with the technological

development, the advancing information and communication systems are dominating the mankind at a tremendous speed. Applying and adapting to the new ICTs of the world, linkages have been made with the Internet. Here, we need to maintain our progress in the ICT.

Only when the national unity flourishes in the Union of Myanmar, will peace and stability of the State be ensured. Likewise, only if there emerges a peaceful and stable environment of the State, will there be national development infrastructures. And only then will we be able to accelerate the rate of socio-economic development. In addition, the sound economic development foundations will further consolidate national unity and ensure perpetuation of the Union, and bring about a peaceful, stable and prosperous State. The State requires peace and stability for the emergence of a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. We also need to strengthen the economy of the State and the people to reach this end. Moreover, the national education level needs to be high.

The seven-point future political programme of the nation has already been laid down to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, while maintaining the peace and stability of the State and the rule of law. For the success of the political programme, the entire national races are required to actively play their respective roles, with full sense of Union Spirit. We, with the firm resolve to reach the national goal — emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation — lay down the four Objectives of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day as follows:

- All the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and ensure perpetuation of sovereignty;
- All the national people to be united to ensure non-disintegration of national solidarity;
- All the national people to strive for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution and for the building of a new modern and developed nation;
- All the national people to participate with full sense of Union Spirit and patriotism in the successful implementation of the seven-point roadmap of the State.

On this auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I, with amity and high regard, would like to urge all the national races of the Union to energetically strive to realize the four Objectives, with united force and high efficiency as the strength, and Union Spirit and patriotism as the base. MNA

Foreign Heads of State/Govt...

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May the Union of Myanmar enjoy prosperity and her people wellbeing.

From Ms Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines:

On the auspicious occasion of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar, the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines join me in extending warm felicitations and sending best wishes to the Government and people of the Union of Myanmar.

The past years have seen our two Governments striving to attain common goals of peace, stability, development and prosperity for our peoples. I wish to reaffirm our desire for continue active bilateral cooperation, particularly through people-to-people contacts and official exchanges that engender greater knowledge and understanding between our two peoples.

I am confident that our partnership will continue to move in the direction of enhanced and strengthened cooperation in areas such as trade, investments, cultural exchanges and all other mutually desirable field of endeavour.

May I take this opportunity to express our feelings of encouragement and hope for greater understanding and cooperation in ASEAN, particularly after our recent meeting with His Excellency, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt in Bali, Indonesia. Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Mr Roh Moo-Hyun, President of the Republic of Korea:

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Korea, I have the great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the people of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of your Independence Day. Noting with satisfaction the significant developments in the friendly and cooperative relations between the Republic of Korea and the Union of Myanmar, I am confident that these relations will be further strengthened to the mutual benefit of our two countries in the years ahead. Please accept, Your Excellency, my best wishes for your continued good health and ever success as well as for the prosperity of your great country.

From A P J Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India:

On behalf of the people of India and on my own behalf, I extend sincere felicitations and best wishes to the people of Myanmar on the day commemorating the Independence of the country. I pray for the continued peace and prosperity of your country and the strengthening of the friendly ties between our two neighbouring countries. Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your health and wellbeing and the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, President of the People's

Republic of Bangladesh:

It gives me immense pleasure in conveying to Your Excellency, our heartfelt felicitations and greetings on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar. I am confident that the existing bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two neighbouring countries will be further strengthened and consolidated in the years to come to the mutual benefit of our two peoples. Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your good health, long life and happiness as well as for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:

It gives me great pleasure in conveying to your Excellency our warmest felicitations on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar. Pakistan and Myanmar enjoy cordial and cooperative relations. I am confident that the mutually beneficial ties between our two countries will be further strengthened in the years ahead. I avail myself of this opportunity to express my best wishes for your Excellency's personal health and happiness and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunge, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka:

The Government and people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka join me in extending to you our sincere greetings and warm good wishes on the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar. It is my fervent conviction that the friendly and cordial relations existing between our two countries will be further strengthened in the years to come. Accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your personal wellbeing.

From Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives:

On behalf of the Government and people of Maldives and on my own behalf, I wish to convey warm greetings and sincere good wishes to your Excellency, the Government and people of Myanmar, on the joyous occasion of Myanmar's Independence Day. Please accept, my best wishes for your good health and wellbeing, and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

From General Emile Lahoud, President of the Republic of Lebanon:

In my own name and behalf of the Lebanese people, I would like to convey to Your Excellency, on the occasion of the National Day, my sincere congratulations as well as my best wishes of happiness and success to Your Excellency and prosperity to the people of Myanmar.

MNA

483 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Jan — As of Friday, 2 January, 483 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 330 died as a result of hostile action and 153 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The British military has reported 52 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, five; Thailand, two; Denmark, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each.

On or since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 345 US soldiers have died — 215 as a result of hostile action and 130 of non-hostile causes, according

to the Defence Department's figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,397 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures as of Friday. Non-hostile injured numbered 382.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

—A soldier died Friday when a truck

traveling towards the Baghdad airport flipped on its side.

—A helicopter pilot died Friday when a helicopter assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division was shot down by enemy fire.

—An 82nd Airborne Division soldier was fatally shot Tuesday when another soldier was cleaning a weapon and it fired a chambered round.

Internet

ITC says instability in Iraq to affect all regional countries

ANKARA, 3 Jan — Iraqi Turkmen Front (ITC) warned on Friday that instability and splitting up of Iraq would not only affect Iraq, but also all the regional countries.

Three people were killed and dozens more wounded in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk when Kurdish militiamen fired shots at Arab and Turkmen demonstrators on Wednesday. It was reported that the Arabs and Turkmen began protesting in the morning to demand that Kirkuk remain under a central Iraqi government and not be incorporated into any proposed Kurdish federation.

Such kind of incidents damaged Iraq's integrity at a time when peace and order were needed the most in Iraq,

ITC Turkey Representation said in a written statement.

"Turkmens and Arabs staged a march on 31 December, 2003 in Kirkuk aiming to protest the initiatives to form a federative state in northern part of Iraq, including Mosul, Kirkuk and Diyala cities which are densely Turkmen populated," said the statement.

"Kirkuk is neither a Turkish nor an Arab city, but an Iraqi city although Turkmen and Arabs constituted majority in the city," it added.—Internet

HK economy in 2004 draws world's most confidence

HONG KONG, 3 Jan — Hong Kong economy in 2004 has drawn the most confidence in the world, an international survey found as the New Year comes.

According to Thursday's *South China Morning Post*, some 76 per cent of Hong Kong residents surveyed believe that the special administrative region's economic performance in 2004 will be better than that of 2003, more than doubling last year's 32 per cent.

Only 16 per cent of the respondents expect conditions to be the same as this year and just 6 per cent feel conditions will worsen. The improved confidence comes after a strong economic rebound in the second half of 2003.

Cementing that upsurge, the Hang Seng Index closed Wednesday at 12,575.95, up 35 per cent on the year and representing its first annual gain since 1999.

The global confidence survey, by research companies Taylor Nelson Sofres and Gallup International, underscores the public sentiment that Hong Kong's prospects have finally turned the corner.

"Hong Kong undoubtedly suffered more than most (places) throughout 2003, particularly through the impact of SARS," Taylor Nelson Sofres Hong Kong project director Andrew Davison was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

The number of Hong Kong residents who expect 2004 to be prosperous has nearly tripled from a year ago to 35 per cent. And more than half of Hong Kong people expect the unemployment rate to fall over the next 12 months. In contrast, a survey by Mastercard International 18 months ago found Hong Kong to be one of the most pessimistic places in the region.

Overall, the new poll, which surveyed more than 65,000 people between November and December in 60 countries and regions, found increased optimism around the world, with three of the top 10 most optimistic places located in the Asia-Pacific Region. —MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi children walk past the remains of Baghdad's Nabil restaurant on 1 January, 2004, after it was destroyed in a blast the night before. US soldiers and Iraqi police were on high alert on Thursday for more attacks to mark the start of 2004, after a car bomb ripped through a Baghdad restaurant, killing five New Year revelers. INTERNET



India aims to fly hypersonic plane in 2007

BANGALORE, 3 Jan — Indian defence scientists are aiming to fly an indigenous "hypersonic plane" in 2007, designed to cruise three times faster than existing fighter aircraft by consuming lesser fuel.

An eight-metre technology demonstrator is being built by the Hyderabad-based Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) which will be powered by a Supersonic combustion ramjet (Scramjet) engine, that takes oxygen from the atmosphere and burns liquid hydrogen.

"The ground tests of the engine would begin next year and we aim to fly the unmanned aircraft in 2007", DRDL Director Prahlada told PTI here. The aircraft would be integrated in India's aviation capital Bangalore and Hyderabad, he said.

The supersonic combustion ramjet or scramjet engine fired-hyper plane is a high speed transport aircraft that could reduce the flight time by hours because of the weight factor and the engine that does not have a compressor or a turbine. India has achieved considerable progress in the air breathing engine technology (ramjet) at sub-sonic speed in its surface-to-air Akash missile programme, but is yet to

master the technology at supersonic speed of up to 7 mach (speed of sound is one mach). "We are improving on our expertise in air breathing engine technology and it would be an unmanned aircraft," Prahlada said.

Incidentally, the country is in race with the US, Japan, Russia and China to build a hypersonic plane which is expected to revolutionize low cost space travel. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has begun conceptual studies to build and launch a reusable launch vehicle using air-breathing technology by 2015, he said.

DRDL is jointly working with academic institutions including the IITs and IISc, besides collaborating with the Mishra Dathu Nigam (Midani) to develop high temperature Nickel Cobalt alloys and carbon composite materials, which could withstand heat during high-speed flight of the hyper plane.

MNA/PTI



Iraqi Civil Defence Corp (ICDC) members stand next to barbed wire prior to the start of a joint patrol with US Army soldiers of the 1st Regiment, 22nd Battalion 4th Infantry division in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, north of Baghdad, on 2 January, 2004.—INTERNET

US helicopter shot down in Iraq; one killed

FALLUJA, 3 Jan— Guerillas shot down a US military helicopter in central Iraq Friday, killing one pilot and injuring another, while ethnic tensions flared again in the northern city of Kirkuk, leading to at least one death.

The US Central Command said the OH-58 Kiowa observation helicopter was brought down by enemy fire about 30 miles west of Baghdad near the volatile town of Falluja.

A policeman who saw the crash said the helicopter was hit by a missile. "We were in a joint patrol with US troops to remove land mines and I saw a helicopter hovering in the sky which was hit by a missile," policeman Mohammad Abdul Aziz said.

"It was split into two and went down in flames."

Reuters television pictures showed pieces of the aircraft scattered across a plowed field. US forces cordoned off the area as helicopters flew overhead keeping watch.

Insurgents have shot down several US helicopters in recent months, including three Black Hawks and a Chinook transporter in November, killing a total of 39 US soldiers.

The latest death brings to 328 the number of US servicemen killed in action since the invasion of Iraq in March.

Internet

13 journalists killed covering Iraq war

NEW YORK, 3 Jan— Thirteen journalists were killed last year covering the war in Iraq, the highest death toll for the media in a single country since 1995, a watchdog group said Friday.

In all, 36 journalists were killed worldwide last year, up from 19 in 2002, the Committee to Protect Journalists said.

Iraq was the main reason for the increase.

"Iraq is a dangerous place for many of the people who are there now," said Ann Cooper, the organization's executive director.

"It's still a huge story," she said. "It's particularly a huge story for American media. There are probably hundreds of journalists there at any given time, and they're at great risk."

CPJ said it was particularly troubled by the deaths of four journalists in Iraq killed as a result of U.S. military action. It has called on the Pentagon for a public accounting.

The count only includes journalists

killed as a direct result of their work; the list does not include six other reporters who died from illness or accidents while covering the war.

The group is also investigating the cases of four missing journalists, and 12 journalist deaths that may have been work-related.

Conflict in the Middle East also claimed the lives of two journalists in Israel and the occupied territories.

Five journalists were killed in the Philippines, four in Colombia, two in Brazil, and one each in Cambodia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, and Somalia.

The death toll in Iraq was the highest for a single country since 24 journalists were killed in Algeria eight years ago.

Internet

Shanghai receives gas through west-east pipeline

SHANGHAI, 3 Jan — Shanghai, China's largest city and economic centre, has officially begun receiving natural gas from the west-east gas pipeline.

The project would provide 500,000 cubic metres of gas to Shanghai every day, to ease local shortages in winter, said Chen Geng, president of PetroChina in charge of the pipeline project.

Construction started in July 2002 and the project cost more than 200 billion yuan (24.1 billion US dollars). It is designed to carry 12 billion cubic metres of

natural gas a year from the Tarim Basin in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and the Changqing gas field in Shaanxi to the eastern regions.

A total of 3,900 kilometres of pipeline will be laid for the project.

The eastern section, linking Shaanxi and Shanghai, was completed and started trial operations in October 2003. When the western sec-

tion, from Lunnan in Xinjiang to Jingbian in Shaanxi, is completed, the Tarim Basin will replace Changqing as the main gas source on January 1, 2005.

A gas supply network is expected to be completed in Shanghai in 2005, boosting local gas consumption to three billion cubic metres a year from the current 300 million cubic metres.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army Cpt Brent Harrington, from Maryland, of the 1st Regiment, 22nd Battalion 4th Infantry division and Iraqi Civil Defence Corp (ICDC) Caporal Jabar Hamed walk past cars during a joint patrol in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, north of Baghdad on 2 Jan, 2004. — INTERNET

Vietnam's external relationships in 2003 broadened

HANOI, 3 Jan — Vietnam's Communist Party and State broadened relationships with foreign partners in 2003, Minister of Foreign Affairs Nguyen Dy Nien has said.

Vietnam managed to maintain a stable and peaceful environment for development and integration into the global market, said Nien in an interview with Nhan Dan (People) newspaper.

The foreign policy contributed to the country's growth, he said, adding that 2003 saw "positive signs in economic integration, multilateral diplomacy, cultural activities and in the policy toward overseas Vietnamese".

On the diplomatic service's tasks in 2004, Nien said that the ministry aims to implement important changes in the country's international cooperation with important partners with a view to building long-term cooperation for mutual benefits and further promoting external activities in service of economic development.

Meanwhile, diplomatic activities should also focus on developing multifaceted cooperation with other partners, promoting mutual trust and raising the efficiency of cooperation.

Vietnam continues to actively take part in international and regional organizations and institutions, in settling global humanitarian issues, demonstrating the country's responsibility towards the international community. Other aspects of the foreign affairs should be also promoted, said Nien.

MNA/Xinhua

New President seeks bigger global role for Switzerland



US Army troops of the 82nd Airborne Division secure an area where a helicopter was shot down in Falluja, on 2 Jan, 2004. Guerillas shot down a US military helicopter in central Iraq on Friday, killing one pilot and injuring another. — INTERNET

Britain, Mexico cancel flights to US

WASHINGTON, 3 Jan — Britain and Mexico cancelled flights to the United States while US warplanes have been tailing in-bound Air France flights for fear attackers might try to crash them into American targets, US officials said on Thursday.

Security fears amid a heightened terror alert also prompted a two-day suspension of oil shipments from Alaska's major port of Valdez, Coast Guard and Department of Homeland Security officials said.

The halt of transfers of oil onto tankers began on Tuesday and was lifted on Thursday.

An Aeromexico flight to Los Angeles from Mexico City was cancelled on New Year's Eve and January 1 because of suspicious would-be hijackers might have booked tickets, Mexican and US officials said.

British Airways cancelled one of its three daily flights from London to Washington following security advice from the government, an airline spokesman said. The return flight was also scrapped.

The day before, passen-

gers aboard the same inbound flight, BA 223, were held on the tarmac at Washington's Dulles International Airport for several hours of questioning but no arrests were made.

The oil suspension in Alaska was part of "a continuing effort to ensure the security of our homeland", consistent with Code Orange, the heightened alert level in effect since December 21, said Russ Knocke, a Department of Homeland Security spokesman.

It was not clear what specifically triggered the decision to suspend the traffic. Valdez is the terminal for the trans-Alaskan pipeline from Prudhoe Bay. The 800-mile pipeline normally carries about one million barrels a day to Valdez, or about 17 per cent of US domestic production.

MNA/Reuters

GENEVA, 3 Jan — Switzerland's president for 2004 Joseph Deiss said Thursday that he wants to strengthen Switzerland's role on the world stage and promote economic growth.

He said that Switzerland is prepared to improve international economic relations in the framework of the World Trade Organization, the European Union and other bodies and this is in Swiss interests as well as in the interests of its partners.

The new President said furthermore, Switzerland should continue to fight for its values and contribute to global peace.

According to Swiss Radio International, Deiss said he also wants to encourage dialogue between members of government, as well as among the Swiss people. — MNA/Xinhua

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The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has conferred religious titles on the following Most Venerable Sayadaws, Ganthadura Pariyatti Lecutrer Sayadaws, Vipassanadhura Patipatti Kamahtan Instructors Sayadaws, Mobile Dhamma Preachers, national and foreign missionary figures and outstanding donors of the Four Essentials to the Buddhist Sasana.

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Title

- 1 Bhaddanta Sajjanabhivamsa, Thitzanawdaya Kyaungtaik, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
- 2 Bhaddanta Sasanabhivamsa, Shwewahwin Monastery, Myataungtaik, Mahaungmye Township, Mandalay Division
- 3 Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa, Ponnamayamazay Kyaungtaik, Nyaungdon, Ayeyawady Division

Agga Maha Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Kundala, East Leditaik, Monywa, Sagaing Division
2. Bhaddanta Vajirañāna, Minkyaung, Pyu, Bago Division (East)
3. Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa, Aungmyethaya Wunminkyaungtaik, Yesagyo, Magway Division
4. Bhaddanta Vicintabhivamsa, Maha Withuddayon Taikthit, Mahaungmye Township, Mandalay Division
5. Bhaddanta Naninda, Mula Sibanni Kyaungtaik, Thida Aye Ward, Mahaungmye Township, Mandalay Division
6. Bhaddanta Nandobhassa Bhivamsa, Sasana Mulikayama Kyaungthit Sarhintaik, Taungtha, Mandalay Division
7. Bhaddanta Kesava, Abbot Training School, Dawnabwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
8. Bhaddanta Silacara, Bago Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Bagon Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
9. Bhaddanta Cakkinnda Bhivamsa, Naga Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Western Ward, Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State
10. Bhaddanta Ratthasara, Mingalayama Kyaungtaik, Botahtaung Township, Yangon Division
11. Bhaddanta Dhamma Nanda, Sagaing Sarhintaik, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
12. Bhaddanta Aggavamsa, Wailuwun Kyaungtaik, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Division
13. Bhaddanta Gandhamala Bhivamsa, Aletawya Sanpya Kyaungtaik, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
14. Bhaddanta Adicca, Koelonhtwin Dhammayon Kyaungtaik, Hmawby, Yangon Division
15. Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Alodawpyae Kyaungtaik, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
16. Bhaddanta Nandasami Bhivamsa, KanU Zetawun Kyaungtaik, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
17. Bhaddanta Kesava, Hanthawady Kyaung, Pathein, Ayeyawady Division

Title Recipient Sayadaws from abroad

18. Bhaddanta Bhoyagama Vimalasiri (Ven. Boyagama Wimalasiri Maha Nayaaka Thero), Zeyatilakayama Kyaungtaik, Sri Lanka

Maha Dhamma Kathika Bahujanahitadhara Title

1. Bhaddanta Khemasirilankara, Shwekyauing, Sagaing Hill, Sagaing, Sagaing Division

Dhamma Kathika Bahujanahitadhara Title

1. Bhaddanta Panña Nanda, Thaddamma Thitagu Kyaungtaik, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
2. Bhaddanta Indaka, Thirimingalar Mahasi Yeiktha, Dagon Myothit (North), Yangon Division

Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Dhamma Dhaja, Thuwunna Giri Taingtaya Kyaung, Phayathonzu, Kya-in Seikkyi Township, Kayin State
2. Bhaddanta Nanissara, Thidagu World Buddhist Univesity, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
3. Bhaddanta Sirinda, Shwehintha Taikthit Kyaungtaik, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
4. Bhaddanta Maghinda, Myoma Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Innaw, Sagaing Division
5. Bhaddanta Javana, Aungmyinzeyon Sarhintaik, Toungoo, Bago Division (East)
6. Bhaddanta Lakkhana, Maha Pynnya Beikman Kyaung, Shwekyin, Bago Divisin (East)
7. Bhaddanta Suriya, Okthathiri Sarhintaik, Bago, Bago Division (East)
8. Bhaddanta Nandobhassa Bhivamsa, Withuddayon Bayanathi Kyaungtaik, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
9. Bhaddanta Sumangala, Abbot Training School, Magway, Magway Division
10. Bhaddanta Labha, Sittapalagu Kyaung, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
11. Bhaddanta Kovida, Maha Thandayon Kyaungtaik, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
12. Bhaddanta Ottama, Maha Withutayon Kyaungtaik, Singu Village, NyaungU township, Mandalay Division
13. Bhaddanta Kesara, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
14. Bhaddanta Nanosuriya, Dhamma Maydani Kyaung, Thaton, Mon State
15. Bhaddanta Sumanabhivamsa, Natmhaw Kyaugtaik, Mawlamyine, Mon State
16. Bhaddanta Kesavabhivamsa, Maha Aungmye Bonkyaw Kyaung, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
17. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Aungmingalar Taikthit, Ahlon Township, Yangon Division
18. Bhaddanta Esaka Pandita, Pyathad Kyaungtaik, Dabon Town-

ship, Yangon Division

19. Bhaddanta Panñobhassa, Kaingkon Kyaungtaik, Khayan Township, Yangon Division
20. Bhaddanta Ottara, Tezeindayama Kyaungtaik, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
21. Bhaddanta Kumuda, MyoU Sarhintaik, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
22. Bhaddanta Vinayacara, Maha Winaya Yama Kyaungtaik, Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division
23. Bhaddanta Janita, Maha Thantithukha Kyaung, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
24. Bhaddanta Ottama, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
25. Bhaddanta Kundanña, Pissimayon Pali University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
26. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Pinsanikaya Sasana Beikman Kyaungtaik, Yankin Township, Yangon Division
27. Bhaddanta Verocana, Zeya Thiddi Kyaungtaik, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
28. Bhaddanta Sucitta, Naynattha Sarhintaik, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Division
29. Bhaddanta Pannāsīha Bhivamsa, Thirigonwai Dhamma Beikman Kyaung, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Division
30. Bhaddanta Vepulla, Thaddamapala Kyaungtaik, Kyaukme, Shan State (North)
31. Bhaddanta Kusala, Taikthit Pitzawtayeon Kyaung, Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Division
32. Bhaddanta Vepulla, Maha Ponnya Yama Htanpin Kyaung, Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division

Nuns

33. Daw Sumala, Sittathukhagaung, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
34. Daw Vannesi, Khemathakagaung, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
35. Daw Nimalañani, Aye Thidagaung, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
36. Daw Karunika, Khemathiri Sarhintaik, Magway, Magway Division

Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Naginda, Myoma Kyaung, Shwegu, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Nanika, Sasana Rakkhita Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Talanlu Ward, Falam, Chin State
3. Bhaddanta Panñajota, Pitakat Sarhintaik, Shwebo, Sagaing Division
4. Bhaddanta Vasittha, Thaddamma Pitzawtayeon Kyaung, Myinmu, Sagaing Division
5. Bhaddanta Indavudha, Thitagu Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Shwebo, Sagaing Division
6. Bhaddanta Tiloka, Kawleik Kukko Kyaung, Myeik, Taninthayi Division
7. Bhaddanta Vipula, U Sin Gyi Kyaungtaik, Pyundanza, Bago Division (East)
8. Bhaddanta Sobhanabhivamsa, Bawonar Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Bago, Bago Division (East)
9. Bhaddanta Paragu Pandita, Thidayon Sarhintaik, Toungoo, Bago Division (East)
10. Bhaddanta Pamokkha Pandita, Sasana Yanguchi Kyaungtaik, Thakala, Kawa Township, Bago Division (East)
11. Bhaddanta Kusala, Minphu Kyaungtaik, Hsawndaw Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
12. Bhaddanta Kundanña, Taikkyauing Pali Tekkatho Kyaungtaik, Gyobingauk, Bago Division (West)
13. Bhaddanta Panñavamsa, Pyidawtha Sarhintaik, Magway, Magway Division
14. Bhaddanta Kundala, Shwzedi Kyaungtaik, Pwintbyu, Magway Division
15. Bhaddanta Siha, Maha Withutayama Kyaungtaik, Pakokko, Magway Division
16. Bhaddanta Nagavamsa, Bandasoe Kyaung, Shweyaysaung Taik, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
17. Bhaddanta Adiccavamsa, Wegyi Sarhintaik, Tatkon Township, Mandalay Division
18. Bhaddanta Vicitta, Minkyaung Sarhintaik, Myitha, Mandalay Division
19. Bhaddanta Kitthindjiya Vamsa, Yadanabon Tawya Sarhintaik, Lewe, Mandalay Division
20. Bhaddanta Panña Siri, Pakokku Kyaungthit, Koehsaungtaik, Myingyan, Mandalay Division
21. Bhaddanta Asabha, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay
22. Bhaddanta Naninda, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
23. Bhaddanta Obhassa, Zaungdankyaung, Lamaing Village, Ye Township, Mon State
24. Bhaddanta Khemacara, Sinbyu Kyaungtaik, Mawlamyine, Mon State
25. Bhaddanta Kumara, Mingalathayadipa Kyaung, Tayana Village, Myaikkamayaw Township, Mon State
26. Bhaddanta Sumana, Thaddahamma Zawtikayama Kyaung, Nankhe Ward, Thaton, Mon State
27. Bhaddanta Soma, Dhamma Thukha Kyaungtaik, Sittway, Rakhine State
28. Bhaddanta Carana, Myoma Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Sittway, Rakhine State
29. Bhaddanta Kundala, Dhammikayon Pali University, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Division
30. Bhaddanta Yujanabhivamsa, Nandawun Pali University, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
31. Bhaddanta Pandita, Aungpinle Kyaung, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
32. Bhaddanta Kovida, Nandawgon Kyaung, Twantay, Yangon Division
33. Bhaddanta Sumangala, Mingala Aye Kyaungtaik, Dagon

Myothit (North), Yangon Division

34. Bhaddanta Viveka, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
35. Bhaddanta Ottamabhivamsa, Maha Gandayon Kyaungtaik, Dagon Myothit (North) Yangon Division
36. Bhaddanta Visutabhivamsa, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
37. Bhaddanta Panñasami, Zeyapura Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Sancheinmi Ward, Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division
38. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
39. Bhaddanta Garuvamsa Bhivamsa, Dhamma Wihara Pahtmagyaw Sarhintaik, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division
40. Bhaddanta Nagita, Shwepyitha Kyaungtaik, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division
41. Bhaddanta Candobhassa, Maingthauktawya Kyaung, Nyaungshwe, Shan State (South)
42. Bhaddanta Vijaya, Sasana Weponla Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Kengtung, Shan State (East)
43. Bhaddanta Ottama, Zabu Aye AT TatU Kyaung, Lashio, Shan State (North)
44. Bhaddanta Sujata, Aungmyebontha Kyaung, Pathein, Ayeyawady Division
45. Bhaddanta Vepulla, Myitgwe Sarhintaik, Hinthada, Ayeyawady Division

Nuns

46. Daw Malari, Thiri Maha Myaing Pariyatti Nunnery, Shwebo, Sagaing Division
47. Daw Sucari, Sasana Myinzu Yinmamyang Nunnery, Monywa, Sagaing Division
48. Daw Candari, Thiri Sandayon Nunnery, Magway, Magway Division
49. Daw Khemacari, Dhamma Wihayi Nunnery, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division
50. Daw Nanavati, Khemathiri Nunnery, Mawlamyine, Mon State
51. Daw Nanobhassi, Thameikdawdaya Mawlamyine Nunnery, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
52. Daw Sudhammacari, Sasana Myinzayi Kyaung, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
53. Daw Saramati, Thiri Zeya Sarhintaik, Nyaungshwe, Shan State (South)

Ganthavacaka Pandita Title

1. Bhaddanta Nandobhassa, Aungmyethaya Kyaungtaik, Hlaingbwe, Kayin State
2. Bhaddanta Jatila, Myoma Sasanapyy Sarhintaik, Pyidawtha Ward, Haka, Chin State
3. Bhaddanta Kesava, Phaya Ngasu Kyaungtaik, Myeik, Taninthayi Division
4. Bhaddanta Asabha, Zetawun Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Bago Bago Division (East)
5. Bhaddanta Neminda, Sasana Mandaing Kyaungtaik, Bago, Bago Division (East)
6. Bhaddanta Sobhita, NanU Sarhintaik, Bago, Bago Division (East)
7. Bhaddanta Pamokkha, Maha Bawdi Kyaungtaik, Kyauktan Village, Bago Township, Bago Division (East)
8. Bhaddanta Pandita, Aungmyethaya Kyundaw Kyaungtaik, Ywabe Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
9. Bhaddanta Jatila, Myokhintha Taungkyauing, Gangaw, Magway Division
10. Bhaddanta Kundala, Phyauckseipin Kyaungtaik, Letpandon Village, Natmauk Township, Magway Division
11. Bhaddanta Kanzana, Shitmyethna Kyaungtaik, Mahlaing, Mandalay Division
12. Bhaddanta Panñasami, Shwe Inn Yeiktha Sarhintaik, Tatkon, Mandalay Division
13. Bhaddanta Dhamma Vudha, Myatshwegu Sarhintaik, Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Division
14. Bhaddanta Ottama, Dhamma Kami Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Mawlamyine, Mon State
15. Bhaddanta Indavamsa, Dekkhinayama Wihara Taungkyauing, Yanbye, Rakhine State
16. Bhaddanta Janinda, Dago Pariyatti Sarhintaik, Sittway, Rakhine State
17. Bhaddanta Tejavana, Thayagon Kyaung, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division
18. Bhaddanta Ottamasara, Kyaungthit Kyaungtaik, Twantay, Yangon Division
19. Bhaddanta Nanavamsa, Abbot Training School, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
20. Bhaddanta Visuddharamsi, Dhamma Theingi Pyawbye Kyaung, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
21. Bhaddanta Vepulla, Ooyin Kyaung, Mongpon, Shan State (South)
22. Bhaddanta Tiloka, Mogaung Sarhintaik, Kyaunggon, Ayeyawady Division

Nuns

23. Daw Kevala, Zeyatheingigyaung Nunnery, Myawady, Kayin State
24. Daw Kanjanaramsi, Thameikdawdaya Dhamma Zawtikayon Kyaung, Nyaunglebin, Bago Division (East)
25. Daw Sucanda, Dhammayon Nunnery, Toungoo, Bagoo Division (East)
26. Daw Vamsacari, Pinzarama Nunnery, Saw, Magway Division
27. Daw Ottaravati, Zinawdaya Nunnery, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division

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28. Daw Rupa Singi, Thaddhamma Pala Sarthintai, Thanbuddhegyaung, Aungmyethazan, Mandalay Division
29. Daw Ayeñani, Aniga Nunnery, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
30. Daw Panña Singi, Tri Yadana Nunnery, Hline Township, Yangon Division

Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Title

1. Bhaddanta Panñasami, Ariyawuntha Kyaung, Ward 1, Hpa-an, Kayin State
2. Bhaddanta Sumana, Mohnyin Thanbuddhe Kyaungtaik, Myayhne Village, Monywa, Sagaing Division
3. Bhaddanta Javana, Theingayon Kyaungtaik, Khin Mon Village, ChaungU Township, Sagaing Division
4. Bhaddanta Asaba, Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha, Ketumati Myothit, Toungeo, Bago Division (East)

5. Bhaddanta Osadha, Kanphya Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Kyaungtaik, Wethikan, Pyay Township, Bago Division (West)
6. Bhaddanta Sundara, Mogok Yeiktha Kyaung, Ward 3, Pakokku, Magway Division

7. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Yadana Pinsi Phayagyi TatU Kyaung, Maungtaing Ward 2, Taungdwingyi, Magway Division

Maha Kammathanacariya Title

1. Bhaddanta Sudassana, Kyaukwaing Kyaungtaik, Ywathaya Village, Htantabin Township, Bago Division (East)
2. Bhaddanta Suwunna, Wimala Dhamma Nada (Datle) Kyaungtaik, Danyawady Ward, Sittway, Rakhine State
3. Bhaddanta Pandavamsa, Mahasi Myawady Sasana Yeiktha, Kyeepwayay Ward, Thingangyun, Yangon Division
4. Bhaddanta Nanasami, Dhamma Cakka Patipat Yeiktha Kyaungtaik, Ward 7, Yankin Township, Yangon Division

Kammathanacariya Title

1. Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Tatyagon Kyaungtaik, Myoma Ward, Thayetchang Township, Taninthayi Division

Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Title

1. Bhaddanta Indjiya, Mebaungkyau, Hpa-an, Kayin State
2. Bhaddanta Janinda, Zabumingalar Kyaungtaik, Htonbo Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
3. Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, Maha Htupayon Sarthintai and Maha Htupayon Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Kyaungtaik, Thonze, Bago Division (West)
4. Bhaddanta Panñadipa, Kyaikhtihsaung Hsawdawshin Phayagyi Kyaungtaik, Zokthok Model Village, Bilin, Mon State
5. Bhaddanta Javana, Laytha Pariyatti Pyintpwayay Kyaungtaik, Sugyi Ward, Kyaukse, Mandalay Division
6. Bhaddanta Agghiya, Zayamaydani Waso Kyaung, Maha Withuddayon Taikthit, Daywun East Ward, Mahaungmye Township, Mandalay Division
7. Bhaddanta Gandhamananda, Pariyatti Paragu Sarthintai, Hsathwa Ale Village, Gwa Township, Rakhine State
8. Bhaddanta Panñindabhivamsa, Maha Aungmyebonsan Kyaungtaik, Bahan Township, Yangon Division
9. Bhaddanta Sobhana, Thawbahawtha Kyaung, Myatheindan Pariyatti Sarthintai, Ward 10, Pazundaung Township Township, Yangon Division (East)

Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Narada, Parahita Kyaung, Kyunbintha Ward, Myitkyina, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Kaljana, Gandayawady Kyaungtaik, Chike Village, Loikaw Township, Kayah State
3. Bhaddanta Jagara, Kawtdan Sasana Rakkhita Kyaung, Kawtdan Village, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State
4. Bhaddanta Nandiya, Zabumyaying Kyaungtaik, Ward 6, Hpa-an, Kayin State
5. Bhaddanta Panña Siri, Taungpulu Pariyatti, Patipatti (Branch), West Ward, Mindat, Chin State
6. Bhaddanta Candima, Myintin Kyaungtaik, Kabo Village, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Division
7. Bhaddanta Janita, Dekkhihaya Kyaungtaik, Myazedi Village, Pinlebu Township, Sagaing Division
8. Bhaddanta Kundala, Shweddaung Pariyatti Sarthintai, Nyaungpintha Village, Htigyay Township, Sagaing Division
9. Bhaddanta Dhamma Pala, Zagahla Dhammayon Kyaungtaik, Aungmingalar Ward, Kale, Sagaing Division
10. Bhaddanta Ottara, Mingalarya Kyaungtaik, Thatun Village, Myaung Township, Sagaing Division
11. Bhaddanta Lakkhana, Maha Wizayaranthi Sarthintai and Maha Atularanthi Dhamma Yeiktha, Kyaswagyaung, Wahchet Village, Sagaing Hill, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division
12. Bhaddanta Nanobhasa, Yadana Beikman Htupayon Shwekyauktai, Minlan Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
13. Bhaddanta Kosallabhivamsa, Shwethama Kyaungtaik, Thawbitayama No 1 Monastic Education School, Shwethama Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Division
14. Bhaddanta Candamala, Dekkhiyayon Kyaungtaik, Pantint Inn village, Longlon Township, Taninthayi Division
15. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Nyayya Lankaya Kyaungtaik, Talaingtaung Village, Dawei Township, Taninthayi Division
16. Bhaddanta Dhamma Nanda, Dhammikayon Kyaungtaik, Phayagyiwaing Ward, Thanatpin, Bago Division (East)
17. Bhaddanta Vimalacara, Maha Panditabhivamsa, Innchaung Kyaungtaik, Myoma Ward 1, Madauk, Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Division (East)
18. Bhaddanta Kaljana, Kandawmingalar Parahita Kyaungtaik, Ward 5, DaikU, Bago Division (East)
19. Bhaddanta Candimacara, Dawei Kyaungtaik, Hsinsu Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)

20. Bhaddanta Arivamsa, WasoU Pariyatti Sarthintai, Okpo, Bago Division (West)
21. Bhaddanta Pandita, Shwenyaungbin Kyaungtaik, Ywabe Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
22. Bhaddanta Jagara, Kyaungthit Kyaung, Thadebin Village-tract, Hsinmyehswe Myo, Thegon, Bago Division (West)
23. Bhaddanta Yayama, Bodhi Yeiktha Kyaungtaik, Ywama Ward (North), Gyobingauk Township, Bago Division (West)
24. Bhaddanta Kavindhaja, Maha Wizaya Yama Pali Tekkatho Kyaungtaik, Myaukshardaw Village, Sinbyugyun, Salin Township, Magway Division
25. Bhaddanta Vicara, Maha Vithudayama (Ale Taik), Ward 10, Pakokku, Magway Division
26. Bhaddanta Sumangala, Mingalar Yama Kyaungtaik, Pyinchaung Village, Pauk Township, Magway Division
27. Bhaddanta Dhamma Viya, Kyaukhmaw Kyaungtaik, Ward 3, Sinbaungwe, Magway Division
28. Bhaddanta Nandasami, Thitsarswardi Kyaungtaik, Muityiki Village, Chaungzon Township, Mon State
29. Bhaddanta Kaljana, Kyaungthit Kyaung (Kalyanameikta), Phaoak Village, Mawlamyine, Mon State
30. Bhaddanta Khemacara, Pobbayon Kyaungtaik, Yongyi Street, Nankhe Ward, Thaton, Mon State
31. Bhaddanta Osadha, Myalay Kyaung, Htilin Taik (West), Thiri Hayma Ward, Chanayethasan Township, Mandalay Division
32. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Phalangontaung Kyaungtaik, Phalangon Village, Natogyi Township, Mandalay Division
33. Bhaddanta Sumana, Htanbintai Kyaung, Htanbin Village, Pyawbye Township, Mandalay Division
34. Bhaddanta Raja Dhamma Bhivamsa, Masoeysin Taikthit, Mahaungmye Township, Mandalay Division
35. Bhaddanta Sunanda, Thatipahnta Pariyatti Sarthintai, Mogok, Mandalay Division
36. Bhaddanta Cakkinda, Dhamma Dipa Kyaung, Tazaunggyi Kyaungtaik, Ward 12, Myingyan, Mandalay Division
37. Bhaddanta Canda, Dekkharanama Pariyatti Sarthintai, Sittway, Rakhine State
38. Bhaddanta Sirindabhivamsa, Yadana Beikman Pariyatti Sarthintai, West Min Street, Hlegu, Yangon Division
39. Bhaddanta Kovidabhivamsa, Mulakyauchung Pariyatti Sarthintai, Ayeayawun Street, West Ward 7, Thakayta Township, Yangon Division
40. Bhaddanta Panña Cakka, Thukhtitayamatayya Kyaungtaik, Ward 6/10, Shwephoneshein Street, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division
41. Bhaddanta Dhamma Sami, West Okkyin Monastic Education School, Ward 11, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division
42. Bhaddanta Vilasa, Ngokkhalay Kyaung, Ngokkhalay Village, Nawngkhio Township, Shan State (North)
43. Bhaddanta Panña Sami, Maha Myatmuni Pariyatti Sarthintai, Makaokham Ward, Tachilek, Shan State (East)
44. Bhaddanta Panñabhoga, Wankhon Kyaungtaik, Wankhon Village, Hsainghlyan Mountain Range, Monghsu Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South)
45. Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Shweyintaung Kyaungtaik, Peyintaung Village, Kalaw Township, Shan State (South)
46. Bhaddanta Indavamsadhaja, Hansi Kyaungtaik, Hansi Village, Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South)
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53. Ven. Sukhemo, Dhamma Cakkajaya Monastery, Jakarta, Indonesia
54. Ven. Khantidharo Thero Padepoken Dhammatipa Theravada Buddhist Monastery, Malanbartu Region, Indonesia

Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

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2. Bhaddanta Obhasa, Aungmingalar Kyaung, Hsahmaw Village, Mogaung Township, Kachin State
3. Bhaddanta Tiloka, Theravada Buddhist Sasana Missionary Kyaung, Tahundam Village, Nagmon Township, Kachin State
4. Bhaddanta Medhananda, Wan Aung Kaya Kyaung, Wan Aung Kaya Village, Pasawng Township, Kayah Township
5. Bhaddanta Khanti Wana, Oodaung Village, Oodaung Village, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State
6. Bhaddanta Janeyya, Abbots Training School, Hpa-an, Kayin State
7. Bhaddanta Nanobhasa, Theravada Buddha Sasana Missionary Kyaungtaik, Phaya Thonsu (Dhamma Hewun), Kya-in Seikkyi Township, Kayin State
8. Bhaddanta Candimavara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Chinletmon Village, Kanpetlet Township, Chin State
9. Bhaddanta Pandita, Thitsaryaugechi Kyaungtaik, Htantaw Aung Yadana Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division
10. Bhaddanta Suvipula, Ekani East Kyaung, Ekani Village, Yebyu Township, Taninthayi Division
11. Bhaddanta Kanzana, Kanzana Yama Kyaung, Kanhmaw Village, Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Division
12. Bhaddanta Silacara, Monastic Education School, Abayagode Village, Waw Township, Bago Division (East)
13. Bhaddanta Vijaya, Zabuyetawya Kyaungtaik, Myothit Ward,

Pyundaza, Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Division (East)

14. Bhaddanta Yayama, Kyenikan Taikoak Kyaungtaik, Mazin Ward, Bago, Bago Division (East)
15. Bhaddanta Kumara, Ywabe Taungpaw Kyaungtaik, Ywabe Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
16. Bhaddanta Sunanda, Yadabon Kyaungtaik, Seinkantlant Village, Minhla Township, Bago Division (West)
17. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Shweddinga Kyaungtaik, Zinkyaik Village, Paung Township, Mon State
18. Bhaddanta Naninda, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Parahita Youth Development Kyaung, Thabyeni Village, Bilin Township, Mon State
19. Bhaddanta Subhoga, Thabye Kammatan Kyaungtaik, Zegyo Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
20. Bhaddanta Jotika, Hseikphytaung Tawya Kyaungtaik, Youths Development Parahita Geha and No 1 Monastic Education School, Taungthusa Ward, Kyaikto Township, Mon State
21. Bhaddanta Vihaya, Yaycho East Kyaung, Yaycho Village, Meiktila Township, Mandalay Division
22. Bhaddanta Kumara, Kywekan Kyaung, Kywekan Village, Kuaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division
23. Bhaddanta Panñasara, Maha Dhamma Pala Kyaung, NanU Taik, Yannyolon Ward, Chanayethazan, Mandalay Division
24. Bhaddanta Kesara, Zeya Theikpan Kyaung, Zabu Aye Kyaungtaik, Zamyinze Ward, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
25. Bhaddanta Kumara, Dhamma Thukha Kyaung, Zabu Aye Kyaungtaik, Zamyinze Ward, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
26. Bhaddanta Janeyya, Monastic Education School, Kinpunchoun Village, Kayan Township, Yangon Division
27. Bhaddanta Nanda Siri, Zeya Mingalar Tarpon Kyaungtaik, Tarpon Village, Lashio Township, Shan State (North)
28. Bhaddanta Vicittasara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Mongyauw, Shan State (East)
29. Bhaddanta Jagara, Dhamma Widu Okpo Kyaungtaik, Yadana Siri Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State (South)
30. Bhaddanta Tejanaya, Monastic Education School, Kyaunggyi Kyaungtaik, Yondaung Village, Kyauklata, Ayeayawady Division
31. Bhaddanta Kovida, Kanyinpin Tawya Kyaungtaik, Tamanchaung Village, Ngapudaw, Ayeayawady Division
32. Bhaddanta Indaka, Sasana Waiponla Khadawhmi Kyaungtaik, Ngyet Pyawtaw Village, Thapaung, Ayeayawady Division

Title Recipient Sayadaws from Abroad

33. Ven. Galayaye Piyadassi Sri Saddhatissa International Buddhist Centre 309.311 Kings Berry Street, London, England
34. Ven. Oannavaro Mahathera Mandu Monastery, Java, Indonesia

Nuns

35. Daw Rupasingi, Kyaikhtihsaung Hsawdawshin Phayagyi Kyaungtaik, Yupawady Hostel, Zokthok Model Village, Bilin Township, Mon State

Title Recipient Nun from Abroad

36. Daw Annagarika Nanasila, Thetkyathiha Kyaung, Larlitpol, Nipaw

Title Recipient Lay Persons

37. U Ba Hsan, 64th Street, Myothit Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division
38. U Myint Swe, No 40, 82nd Street, between 31st and 32nd Streets, Chanayethazi Township, Mandalay Division
39. U Win Kyaing, No 122, Cherry Street, Ward 2, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
40. U Maung Maung Lay, No 17, Yadabon 1st Street, Ward 10, Thakayta Township, Yangon Division
41. U Tint Lwin, No 54, U Maung Maung Soe Lane, A 1 Compound, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
42. U San Tin, No 18, Maupin Street, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Division
43. U Ko Ko Myaing (Tekkatho Shin Thiri), No 55, Thunanda 3rd Street, Sa Ward, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
44. U Thein Zan, No 348, Strand Raod, Botahtaung Township, Yangon Division

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Title

1. Bhaddanta Candima, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Khaunglanphu, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Sunandara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Nagmon, Putao District, Kachin State
3. Bhaddanta Narada, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Hopin, Mohnyin Township, Kachin State
4. Bhaddanta Pandava, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Namnauk Village, Loikaw Township, Kayah State
5. Bhaddanta Pandita, Yankin Kyaungtaik, Ward 6, Thandaung, Kayin State
6. Bhaddanta Panña Nanda, Myatthukha (275), TatU Kyaung, Phakyaung Village, Myawady Township, Kayin State
7. Bhaddanta Sobhita, Khwayon Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Myohaung Ward, Haka, Chin State
8. Bhaddanta Nanuttara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary, Lonle Village, Thantlang Township, Chin State
9. Bhaddanta Sucarita, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Baungpin Village, Kanpetlet Township, Chin State
10. Bhaddanta Naginda, Zina Manaung Kyaungtaik, Shwebo, Sagaing Division
11. Bhaddanta Visuddha Nanda, Thukha Yamatawya Kyaungtaik, Ywabe Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West)
12. Bhaddanta Kumara, Htanpinon Monastic Education School, Htanpinon Village, Okpo Township, Bago Division (West)
13. Bhaddanta Dhamma Pala, Abbots Training School, Aungchantha Ward, Magway, Magway Division
14. Bhaddanta Tikkhindjiya, Yayle Parahita Kyaung, Dulabo Village, Myingyan Township, Mandalay Division

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15. Bhaddanta Panña Sami, Kumara Ramataik and Yaynantha Tawya Pariyatti Sarthintatik, Taungkalat Village, Popa Village-tract, Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division
 16. Bhaddanta Naninda, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Koetit Phonsoe Village, Pynmana Township, Mandalay Division
 17. Bhaddanta Vannita, YwaU Pariyatti Kyaungtaik, Badatsagon Village, Taungtha Township, Mandalay Division
 18. Bhaddanta Vannasami, Tayzayama Kamahtan Kyaungtaik, Danyawady Ka Ward, Sittway, Rakhine State
 19. Bhaddanta Vijjobhasa, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Khahtihla Model Village, Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State
 20. Bhaddanta Vijaya, Mawyawady (Central) Missionary Kyaung, Mawyawady Na Ta La Model Village, Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State
 21. Bhaddanta Kittisara, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Pyiongnyi Village, MraukU Township, Rakhine State
 22. Bhaddanta Sobhita, No 7 Monastic Education School, NanU Kyaungtaik, Ward 107, Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon Division
 23. Bhaddanta Ketumala, Monastic Education School and Youths Development Parahita Kyaung, Aungzabu Pariyatti Sarthintatik, Hsingyan Village, Kawhmu Township, Yangon Division
 24. Bhaddanta Panñobhasa, Myatheintan Missionary Pariyatti Sarthintatik, Zay Ward, Hopong Township, Shan State (North)
 25. Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Border Areas Missionary Theravada Buddhist Monastic Education School, North Ward 5, Mongkoe, Shan State
 26. Bhaddanta Pandita, Aungmingalar Tawya Monastic Education School, Haungleik Ward, Tachilek Township, Shan State (East)
 27. Bhaddanta Dammapala, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Nankhat Monastic Education School, Nankhat Village, Taungpaw Village-tract 5, Kengtung Township, Shan State (East)
 28. Bhaddanta Canda, Theravada Buddhist Missionary Kyaung, Palaung Village, Pekhon Township, Shan State (South)
- Title Recipient Sayadaw from Abroad**
29. Bhaddanta Soma Ratana, Thames River Buddha Vihara Monastery, 49, Dubatan Street, England
- Nuns**
30. Daw Dhiyañani, Khemasiri Nunnery, Seiktathukha Ward, Yesagyo, Magway Division.
 31. Daw Indari, Kulawithetti Nunnery, Ward 3, Pathein Town-

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The State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has conferred titles and medals of commendation on the following persons.

Gallantry Medals

1. U Tin Shein, Taungngai village, Bokpyin Township, No 559 Light Infantry Regiment.
2. U Myo Oo, Inlay Myaing ward, Myeik Township, No 559 Light Infantry Regiment.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Arts (First Class)

1. Dr Than Nyun, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board.
2. U Tint Aung, Bogalay Tint Aung, Advisor, Myanmar Radio & Television, film director, writer
3. Daw Thein Hsaing, (Ma Myat Lay), No 124 Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Dagon Township.
4. U Hla Tun, No 5 Inya Myaing Road, Bahan Township.

Medals for Excellent Performance in the Field of Arts (Second Class)

1. U Thaw Kaung, retired Librarian of Yangon Library, Ministry of Education.
2. Dr Khin Maung Nyunt, retired Director-General of Archaeology Department.
3. U Myint Kyi (Tekkatho Myat Soe) retired Director of Myanmar Language Commission, Ministry of Education.
4. U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), retired Editor-in-Chief, News & Periodicals Enterprise.

Medals for Excellent Performance in Medical Field (Second Class)

1. Dr Myint Sein, Assistant Factory Manager, Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory, Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, Ministry of Industry-1.

Medals for Excellent Performance in Technological Field (Second Class)

1. Dr Tun Hsaing, agricultural technician, Ministry of Agricul-

ship, Ayeyawady Division.

Title Recipient Lay Persons

32. U Bogalay (a) U Bo Thaung, Nyaungbintha Ward 6, Kalay, Sagaing Division.
 33. U Han Maung, Union Nationalities' Youth Resource Development Degree College, Kamayut Railway Station Road, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
- Agga Maha Thirithuddhamanizawtadhara Title**
1. U Tun T'Un, No 34, Anawrahta Road, Yuzana Ward, Myitkyina, Kachin State.
 2. U Saw Myint, No 15, Zizawa Street, Parami Yeiktha, Yankin Township, Yangon Division.
 3. U Soe Myint (a) Duiyintee U Soe Myint, No 25 Minkyaung Road, Phayagyi ward, Dagon Township, Yangon Division.
 4. U Than Hla (Teingya), No 5 Parami Street, Ward 12, Hile Township, Yangon Township.
 5. U Maung Maung, Asia Plaza, No 277, corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and 38th Street, Ward 6, Kyauktada Township, Yangon Division.

Agga Maha Thirithuddhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Win May, No 33, between 81st and 82nd streets, Aung Myay Thazan Township, Mandalay Division.
2. Daw Aye Aye Kyi, No 39 (G), Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.
3. Daw Ni, No 154, 19th Street, Latha Township, Yangon Division.

Thirithuddhamma Manizawtadhara Title

1. U Ba Htay, No Lahta-36, Hsinbyushin Road, Mogok Township, Mandalay Division.
2. U Tha Din, No 31, Maha Myaing Road, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Division.
3. U Nyan Lwin, No 235 (Gagyi) Kyaukwaing Pagoda Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.
4. U Than Naing, No 118, Old Yetashay Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.

Thirithuddhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Hla Kyi, No 1 Shin Saw Pu Road, Bago Township, Bago Division.
2. Dr Khin Khin Seint, No Ma-39, between 25th and 26th streets, 5nd Street between 42nd and 43rd streets, Yemon South, Maha Aung Myay Township, Mandalay Division.
3. Daw Khin Myint Myint, No 106-108, Ngahatgyi Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.
4. Daw Tin Tin Wai, No 38 Gandama Road, ward 8, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.
5. Daw Win Win Aye (a) Ma Gyi, No Nya-27, Athawka Road, ward 1, Bayint Naung Brokage, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.
6. Daw Khin Mi Mi Hlaing, No 63 (B), Thayagon Road, Insein Township, Yangon Division.

Thirithuddhamma Manizawtadhara Title

1. U Kin Sein, No 77, Ale Street, Kanyon ward, Dawei, Taninthayi Division.
2. U Aye Lwin, Meiktila Road, Aung Mingala ward, Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division.

tural & Irrigation

2. U Thein Oo, Chairman, Myanmar Computer Federation
3. U Thaung Tin, Chairman, Myanmar Computer Scientists Association.
4. U Aung Zaw Myint, Chairman, Myanmar Computer Industry Association.
5. U Pyone Maung Maung, Joint Secretary, e-National Task Force.
6. U Thein Htut, Joint Secretary, Myanmar Computer Scientists Association.
7. Dr Kyaw Thein, Vice-Chairman, Myanmar Computer Federation.
8. Dr Aung Maw, Member, Myanmar Computer Scientists Association.
9. U Khun Oo, Secretary, Myanmar Computer Scientists Association.
10. U Thein Tun Pe, Secretary, Myanmar Computer Industry Association.

Medal for Excellent Performance in Agriculture Field (Second Class)

1. Dr Pyay Tin, General Manager, Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.

Medal for Excellent Performance in Agriculture Field (Third Class)

1. U Thin Aung, Deputy General Manager, Myanma Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.
2. U Naing Kyi Win, Manager, Myanma Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.
3. U Aung Myint Tun, Assistant Manager, Myanma Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.
4. Daw Myint Myint San, Assistant Manager, Myanma Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.
5. Daw Aung May Than, Assistant Manager, Myanma Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.
6. U Pe Maung Than, Assistant Supervisor, Myanma Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.
7. U Sai Sam Htun, Farmer, No 19/126 Awayya Dam Lane, Mansu village, Humon village-tract, Lashio, northern Shan State.

3. U Chu Than, No 99 (F), Thanlwin Road, Bahn Township, Yangon Township.
4. U Aung Kyi Myint, No 207, Myinsaing Road, Shwepaukkan Myothit, ward 20, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.

Thirithuddhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Tin Mya, No 87, Kangyi ward, Merchant Street, Myeik, Taninthayi Division.
2. Daw Khin Win, No 102, Zay South Road, Dawei, Taninthayi Division.
3. Daw Thwin Thwin, Thitsa Cetana Yeikmon, No 653/16 Shanpwe, Shwobonshein ward, U Ba Tha Road, Maha Aung Myay Township, Mandalay Division.
4. Daw Myint Myint, Myat Kyaw Industry, corner of 51st Street and Tabinshwehti Road, Industrial Zone-2, Pyigyitagun Township, Mandalay Division.
5. Daw Than Myint, Thaduksho village, Mogok Township, Mandalay Division.
6. Daw Aye Aye Maw (a) Daw Aye Aye Mon, corner of 68th Street and Moethaukpan Road. Myothit ward 1, Chanmya Thazi Township, Mandalay Division.
7. Daw Than Than Nwe, No 21/28, 89th Street, between 22nd and 23rd streets, Aungmyay Thazan Township, Mandalay Division.
8. Daw San San Htay, No La-6 (57+58) Ward Ka, Pyigyitagun Township, Mandalay Division.
9. Daw Khin Than Myint, No 90 Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.
10. Daw Htay Nyunt, No 4 River View, Strand Road, Hsinmin ward, Ahlon Township, Yangon Division.
11. Daw Win Win Htay (a) Ma Ngai, No Hsa-56, Padauk Road, ward 1 Bayint Naung Brokage, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.

Thudhamma Manizawtadhara Title

1. U Bo GYi (a) U Aung Ngwe ward 3, Yangyi Aung Road, Shwebo, Sagaing Division.
2. U Myint Soe, Ygn-Mdy highway, Shwepyi Yannaing ward., Pyawbwe, Mandalay Division.
3. U Tin Aung, No 870 (C), Kyaung Street, 10th Mile, Insein Township, Yangon Division.
4. U Zeya Thura Mon, Yuzana Road, ward 4, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
5. U Ye Tun Naing, Room 402, Building (B), ward 5, Pyinnyawady Yeikmon, Yankin Township, Yangon Division.

Thudhamma Theingi Title

1. Daw Khin Saw, No 80, Padaukpin upper street, Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division.
2. Daw Thein Kyin, No 32, U Ba Cho Road, ward 2, Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Division.

By Order,

(Soe Win)

Lieutenant-General,

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council

8. U Thein Myint, Farmer, ward 2, Merchant Street, DaiKU, Bago Division.
9. U Tun Aye, No 64 Bogyoke Aung San Street, Ward 2, Leikha Township, Shan State.

Medal for Excellent Performance in Industrial Field (First Class)

1. Dr Min Theim, Director, Micro-organism Blue-Green algae Pharmaceutical factory, Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, Ministry of Industry-1.
2. U Soe Myint, Director-General, Energy Planning Department, Ministry of Energy.

Medal for Excellent Performance in Industrial Field (Second Class)

1. Major Htay Aung (BC 21473), Central Signal Unit, Ministry of Defence.
2. U Myo Thwin, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.
3. U Soe Naing, Factory Manager, No 2 Zeyawady Distillery, Ministry of Industry-1.
4. U Tin Aung, Factory Manager, Tin Refinery Plant (Thanlyin), No 2 Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.
5. U Aung San, Deputy Chief Engineer, Myanma Airways, Ministry of Transport.
6. U Zaw Nyunt, Factory Manager, Myanmar Shipyards, Ministry of Transport.
7. U Win Tint, Factory Manager, Myanmar Shipyards, Ministry of Transport.
8. U Zaw Win, Chief Engineer, (Exploration), Myanma Oil & Gas Enterprise, Ministry of Energy.
9. U Myint Swe, Executive Engineer (A) (exploration), Myanaung oil field, MOGE, Ministry of Energy.
10. U Hla Paik, Deputy Chief Engineer, Divisional Electric Power Engineer Office (Yangon), Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, Ministry of Electric Power.
11. U Kyi Tha, Director (mechanical), Hydroelectric Power Department, Ministry of Electric Power.
12. U Aung Hlaing Deputy Director, No 2 Construction, Hydroelectric Power Department, Ministry of Electric Power.

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Next, the prize-presentation ceremony was opened by singing the national anthem by the students.

Next, the students sang a song titled "Myanma School" while students of No 1 Basic Education High School of Dagon Township sang a song titled "Sone Nyi Pwe Daw Doe Hnwe Pyaw".

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt made a speech. In his address, he said that the government is taking systematic steps to enable the youths of today who will lead and take the responsibilities of the State to be highly qualified and outstanding while making efforts to pave the way for serving the national interests.

At such a time, it is encouraging to see a wide range of outstanding skills in literacy, science and technology, sports, culture etc of the students at the School Family Day and they reflect the achievement of the government in implementing the national education promotion programmes.

In the 21st Century, changes and development in science and technology are overwhelming education, health, economic, social, cultural and defence sectors. They are also propelling the whole socio-economic life of a society.

Therefore, it has been in a position in which the highly qualified human resources have been able to serve the interests of the State and the people.

Thus, the government has laid down the national education promotion programmes and is implementing them with the aim of producing outstanding students of international level.

The significant characteristics of the national education promotion programmes being laid down and implemented by the government are to produce and nurture the students based on their natural bent, to nurture and train the students to become those capable of serving the interests of the State and the people, bridging the education and the society, to train the students to become highly qualified and outstanding ones of international level and equipped them with the nationalistic spirit and the spirit of cherishing own culture and customs and to build the education promotion programmes with the participation of teachers, parents, members of the school board of trustees and wellwishers as well as students.

In the basic education sector, there are over 226,000 teachers at over 40,000 basic education schools with over 7.6 million students, making the teachers to teach and train

each student for the time frame ranging from 720 to 945 hours. The government alone cannot be able to implement the massive learning and teaching tasks of the education sector and progress has been made only with the participation of parents, the school boards of trustees and wellwishers.

The government has been making strenuous efforts to enable every citizen to pursue the basic education and extend the pre-primary education sector. At the same time, it is implementing the curricula that can inculcate the students with initiative, invention and reviews, enable the students to become outstanding ones capable of serving the interests of the State and the people, give learning techniques that help the students participate in the lessons and produce testing system that enable the students to use the education in the practical field. Achievement has been made in the process. Accordingly, the outstanding new generation youths emerged in all spheres and sectors as a result.

The prize-presentation ceremony being held today is to present prizes to the students who are outstanding in literacy for 2003-2004 academic year, in school work, in higher education-level English essay competitions, in debates in English, in basic education middle school-level Myanmar and International social relations competitions, in the school band troupe competitions, in the ASEAN and International Sports meets, in the painting contests and in the Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions. It amounts to the victory of the outstanding ones.

It is encouraging to see the activities sector-wise in 2003-2004 academic year, the skills of the students in sports, literacy, science and technology and aesthetics and handicraft at the School Family Day.

Being the School Family Day, the universities, colleges and the basic education schools are holding the ceremonies to mark the school family day at the same time. It is a great pleasure to anticipate that the education staff, teachers, the people, the school boards of trustees, students and wellwishers are going to participate in the skill contests and fun fairs of the School Family Day. In addition, those responsible are to hold discussions on measures to be taken in their respective schools.

The parents, who are witnessing the skills of their children at the ceremonies to mark the School Family Day, will surely take pride in the success of their children. Moreover, as the parents and teachers have opportunities to discuss matters relating to providing necessary assist-

ance for the children at these ceremonies, it will surely contribute towards forwarding invaluable advice and good plans to be implemented. I would like to urge the officials concerned to translate the plans into action.

With firm determination of serving the interests of the State and the people, the students who are winning awards for their outstanding performance today are also to make efforts to be more brilliant.

Thanks to the united efforts of the government, parents, teachers, members of school boards of trustees and students, goals of national education promotion programme have been realized. At such a time, I would like to urge all education staff, teachers, students and parents to strive for emergence of modern and developed nation through the education sector in line with the slogan "Build modern and developed nation through education."

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the outstanding students to strive to become intellectual and intelligentsia, who are building and safeguarding modern and developed nation, on whom the State can rely; officials in the education sector, education staff and teachers to nurture their pupils to become brilliant good sons and daughters of the State; and parents and wellwishers to provide assistance to and cooperate with education staff and teachers to uplift the education standard of the entire nation.

Next, Minister for Education U Than Aung made a speech.

He said 3 January was designated as the School Family Day beginning 1998-99. Students of 40,121 schools are now participating in skill demonstration, competitions, funfair and award presentation in the sixth anniversary School Family Day. Teachers and the people frankly discussed education activities for all-round development. Exhibitions, competitions and award presentation in commemoration of the School Family Day are being held simultaneously in townships, states and divisions.

Central level school family day was observed in Mandalay from 29 December 2003 to 3 January 2004. He reported on significant achievements in 2003-2004 academic year, the third year of first year short term Five Year Project of 30-year national education promotion plan.

The national education seminar on higher education and basic education was held in May 2003.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt has a cordial conversation with the outstanding students. — MNA

Projects to be implemented in 2003-2004 academic year were laid down, he said.

School enrolment committee at different levels were formed with local authorities, education personnel, departmental officials and social organizations. Data on literacy rate and list of school-going age children were collected. Textbooks, stationery, school uniform and cash were provided to all school going age children, he said.

Over one million school children who are five years old entered the kindergarten and school enrolment rate increased up to 95.05 per cent. In 144 project townships 98.93 per cent of school going age children entered the kindergarten.

He said over 130,000 who are six years and above entered the KG and the total number of schoolchildren at the KG are 1.2 million. There are about five million schoolchildren in primary education including the KG.

Beginning this year a special teaching programme was launched for 50,000 children who are beyond the school-going age, he said. Depending on the number of children, classrooms and teachers, some primary schools were upgraded to post-primary schools. Now there are 3,820 post-primary schools. Out of the 5,597 schools, 3,268 were repaired up to December 2003 by the government in cooperation with the people, he added.

A programme to produce 10,000 teachers a year by the institutes of education and education colleges are under way.

He said students are being trained with the use of modern technology on information and communication technology such as data broadcasting system and the Internet with the help of the people and wellwishers.

He said this year wellwishers donated about K one billion for classroom activities and multimedia equipment. The donations by wellwishers have amounted to over K 8.5 billion so far since the education promotion programme started.

He said such achievements have been made due to cooperation of local authorities, education, wellwishers and

the people. He said he believed due to the promotion by Myanmar society including the State Peace and Development Council, the government and education family Myanmar education system will be successful in accord with the 30-year project.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented prizes to all-round outstanding students of tenth standard in 2003-2004 and had a documentary photo taken with them.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented prizes to outstanding students in a decade and had a documentary photo taken with them.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presented prizes to eighth standard students in the 2003-2004 academic year and had a documentary photo taken with them.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented prizes to outstanding students in science combination in the 2003-2004 tenth standard examination and had a documentary photo taken with them.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe presented prizes to 17 outstanding students in arts combination in the 2003-2004 tenth standard examination, Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung to 17 outstanding students excellent in subject, Minister U Tin Winn to 17 outstanding students in school activities 2003-2004 eighth standard examination and had documentary photos taken with them.

Next, students of basic education schools and children of No 2 BEPS in Kamayut Township presented songs and dances.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung presented prizes to winners of English essay competitions, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyunt to winners of debate in English, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Minister at the Prime Minister's Office

U Ko Lay to winners of Myanmar and international social relations competitions, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan to winners of band competition and Deputy Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein to winners of those who implemented greening tasks for school and environs.

The ministers and the winners posed for souvenir photos.

Girl students of No 5 BEHS in Botataung Township presented "Bweto ke dance". Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo to top ten students in the matriculation examination, Deputy Ministers for Education Col Aung Myo Min and U Myo Nyunt to students who won gold in the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, Minister for Sports to gold medalists in SEA Games and international competitions, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung to gold medalists in international painting contests and had documentary photo taken with them.

Next, students of No 2 BEHS, Sangyung Township sang a song, "Son-nyipwe-daw-ah-lone-pyaw."

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presented certificates to basic education schools that won wholesome food shop awards, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa to first-prize winners of Pyinnayataung essay competition, Managing Director Mr Fumiyoishi Sakurai of Myanmar Tokiwa Corporation Ltd to first-prize winners of Tokiwa painting contest.

Then, basic education students sang the songs "We march towards all-round education" and "Zartiman", after which the ceremony ended at 4.20 pm.

After the ceremony Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greeted those present.

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Prime Minister attends cash presentation ceremony for all-round renovation of Naga Hlainggu Aungchantha Pagoda

YANGON, 3 Jan—The cash presentation ceremony for all-round renovation of Naga Hlainggu Aungchantha Pagoda was held in conjunction with the ceremony to offer 1,000 robes at Kalaywa Kyaungtaik in Mayangon Township, Yangon Division, this morning attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sanghaled by Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Kalaywa Kyaungtaik Agga Maha Pandita Dwipitakadhara Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa, ministers, deputy ministers, the Vice-Mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Coun-

cil Office, heads of department, wellwishers and others.

The ceremony was opened with the three time recitation of Namo Tassa.

Next, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Kalaywa Kyaungtaik Agga Maha Pandita Dwipitakadhara Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa.

Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented offertories and 100 bags of rice, 30 viss of edible oil, 30 viss of salt and 150 bags of gram donated by the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races to Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa. Afterwards, ministers and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted 1000 robes donated for the State Ovadacariya Sayadaws, the Tipitakadhara Selection Committee Ovadacariya Sayadaws, the Theravada missionary Ovadacariya Sayadaws and the border region missionary Sayadaws. The robes were donated by Kalaywa Tawya Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa.

Next, the minister accepted the cash donations for all-round renovation of the Pagoda—K 37,985,100 including K 10 million by U Maung Maung Kha Swe-Daw Aye Aye Soe and family; K 3 million by U Thein Win (Shwe Than Lwin Co)-Daw Ni and family; K 2.3 million by Managing Director of Gunkul Engineering & Fresh Airconditioner Co U

Zeya Thura Mon-Daw Khine Khine Myint and family; K 2 million by Daw Than Than Lay of Representative of China Airline and Mandarin Airline; K 1.6 million by Saya U Than Oo and party; K 1.5 million by Daw Aye Myat New (Bagan Hotel); K 1.4 million by U Aik Tun-Daw Khin Min; K 1 million by Daw Khin Than; K 1 million by U Tun Tun-Daw Way Way (Thirawmani Jewellery); K 1 million by U Maung Maung (Asia Express); K 1 million by U Kyan Daing Aung-Daw Khin Sanda Yi; K 1 million by Lt-Col Khin Maung Aye (Retd)-Daw Nan Kyein Kham and family; K 500,000 by U Sein Hla Win; K 500,000 by Teingya U Than Hla and family; K 500,000 by U Tin Hla-Daw Aye Aye Kyi and family; K 500,000 by U Ye Tun Naing-Daw La Min Nge and family; K 500,000 by Duiyinthi U Soe Myint; K 500,000 by Daw Khin Mi Mi Hlaing; and K 500,000 by U Nay Lin Tun and family.

Next, Kalaywa Tawya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa delivered a sermon and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party shared merits gained.

The ceremony ended with the three time recitation of Bhuddam Sasanam Ciram Tittathu. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party paid homage to the Buddha images kept in the three-storey Kyaungtaik.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Naga Hlainggu Aungchantha Pagoda and paid homage to the Buddha images. Next, the Prime Minister inspected all-round renovation of the pagoda.—MNA

Certificates of honour awarded

YANGON, 4 Jan—The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented the certificates of honour to 20 military personnel for their outstanding performance in discharging the national defence duties. —MNA

Notifications on conferring titles and medals of commendation

YANGON, 4 Jan—The State Peace and Development Council issued Notification Nos 1/2004, 2/2004, 3/2004, 4/2004, 5/2004, 6/2004, 7/2004 and 8/2004 on conferring titles and medals today, the 56th Anniversary Independence Day.

Under the Notification No 1/2004, religious titles have been conferred on Sayadaws and nuns and laity. Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru Titles have been conferred on three Sayadaws; Agga Maha Pandita Titles on 18 Sayadaws; Maha Dhamma Kahtika Bahujanahitadhara Title on one Sayadaw; Dhamma Kahtika Bahujanahitadhara Titles on two Sayadaws; Agga Maha Gantha Vacaka Pandita Titles on 32 Sayadaws and four nuns; Maha Gantha Vacaka Pandita Titles on 45 Sayadaws and eight nuns; Gantha Vacaka Pandita Titles on 22 Sayadaws and eight nuns; Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Titles on seven Sayadaws; Maha Kammathanacariya Titles on four Sayadaws; Kammathanacariya Title on one Sayadaw; Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhama Jotika Titles on nine Sayadaws; Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Titles on 54 Sayadaws; Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Titles on 34 Sayadaws, two nuns and eight laity; Saddhama Jotikadhaja Titles on 29 Sayadaws, two nuns and two laity; Agga Maha Thiri Suddhamma Manijotadhara Titles on five laity; Agga Maha Thiri Suddhamma Theingi Titles on three laity; Thiri Suddhamma Manijotadhara on four laity; Thiri Suddhamma Theingi Titles on six laity; Thihia Suddhamma Manijotadhara Titles on four laity; Thihia Suddhamma Theingi Titles on 11 laity; Suddhamma Manijotadhara Titles on five laity; and Suddhamma Theingi Titles on two laity.

Under the Notification No 2/2004, Gallantry Medals were presented to two persons, medals for Excellent performance in arts (First Class) to four persons, medals for Excellent performance in arts (Second Class) to four persons, medals for Excellent performance in medicine (Second Class) to one persons, medals for Excellent performance in Technology (Second Class) to ten persons, medals for Excellence performance in Agricultural field (Second Class) to one persons, medals for Excellent performance in Agricultural field (Third Class) to nine persons, medals for Excellent performance in Industrial (First Class) to tow persons, medals for Excellent performance in Industrial field (Second Class) to 12 persons, medals for Excellent performance in Industrial (Third Class) to 80 persons, medals for Excellent performance in Administrative field (First Class) to 45 persons, medals for Excellent performance in Administrative field (Second Class) to 61 persons, medals for Excellent performance in Administrative field (Third Class) to 214 persons, medals for Excellent performance in social field (First Class) to 54 persons, medals for Excellent performance in Administrative field (Second Class) to 79 persons, medals for Excellent performance in Administrative field (Third Class) to 268 persons, Ye Thura Medal to one person, Ye Bala Medals to four persons, Ye Thurein Medals to 21 persons, Ye Kyaw Swa Medals to 19 persons and Ye Kyaw Thu to eight persons. Under the Notification No 3/2004, Military Good Service Thinagaha Medals are presented to 877 persons. Under the Notification No 4/2004, Military Good Service Medals are presented to 11 retired personnel and 2246 personnel. Under the Notification No 5/2004, Public Service Medals are presented to 239 retired personnel and 7049 personnel. Under the Notification No 6/2004, Good MPF Service Medals are presented to 45 personnel. Under the Notification No 7/2004, MPF Service Medals are presented to 93 personnel. Under the Notification No 8/2004, Public Service Medals are presented to 42 retired personnel, 16251 personnel and State Peace and Tranquility Medals are presented 39 retired personnel and 24700 personnel. —MNA

Parade of outstanding students...

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The flag bearing team of No 4 BEHS in Tamwe Township, the band of No 8 BEHS, Mawlamyine and outstanding students who won prizes in 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions marched.

The band of No 8 BEHS, Mawlamyine performed marching songs "Aung-lan-wint-wint-tha-maing-ahsint-hsint", "Pay-hsat-chin-miyar", "Mya-pan-khway", "Auld Lang Sang" and "Myanmar-pyi-thar".

The flag-bearing team of No 2 BEHS, Latha Township and the band of No 3 BEHS in Taunggyi and students who were listed in the top ten in the 2003 matriculation examination marched.

The band of No 3 BEHS in Taunggyi performed the song, "Shwe-moe-lay-ga-

nyo-deh", demonstrated the word SHAN, sang songs "Pay-hsat-chin-miyar" and "Let-thee" together with Shan dances. After the first session, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the outstanding students.

The second session was held in the National Indoor Stadium in Thuwunna.

Ma Yadana Aye Min, a seventh standard student and Ma Hauk Khang Dimk, a ninth standard student of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung Township acted as masters of ceremonies and announced agenda in Myanmar and in English respectively.

First, outstanding student Ma Ngu Wa Phu of No 3 BEHS, Bago and Maung Zaw Lin, a student of Third Year (Hons) majoring in Chemistry of Dagon University reported on achieve-

ments in basic and higher education sectors.

Altogether 160 girl students of No 4 BEHS, Tamwe Township performed "Ahlathit-sa" dance. Girl students of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung Township performed "Kyun-shwin-pyaw-tha-nge-daw" dance.

A total of 200 schoolgirls from BEHS-2 Sangyoung Township presented dances and demonstrate the letters EFA which stands for Education for All and the numbers 2015, the targeted year of the success of the motto.

Afterwards, Maung Zeya Pyi Pyo of BEHS-6 Botahtaung Township and Ma Khin Mya Thet Hnin of BEHS-1 Sangyoung Township entertained the audience with Myanmar Thaing song to the accompaniment of Po Thingyan Mingala Saing Troupe of Kamayut BEHS-2, while schoolgirls of Latha BEHS-2 demonstrated Myanmar Thaing martial art.

Next, Khun Zarni Tin Kywe and Maung Win Khaing of Sangyoung BEHS-1 entertained the audience with Siyon-Chin-Atwet-Thichin-Tapoke song to the accompaniment of organist Ma Ei Yin Mon of Dagon BEMS-1 while trainees from Sports and Education Training School dem-

onstrated calisthnics.

Next, schoolgirls from Kamayut BEHS-1 entertained the audience with Pyinnya-Khit-Ko-Ahla-Simnye song composed by Hinthada Myint Ngwe and dances.

A total of 80 schoolgirls from Latha BEHS-2 presented a song and dance to the accompaniment of Latha Yadana music band of the school.

New generation Wushu athletes led by old medalists Khine Khine Maw and Swe Swe Than presented the demonstration of Wushu skill. Schoolgirls from Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS-3 presented a dance. Schoolboys from Insein BEHS-4 and Botahtaung BEHS-6 presented Myanmar traditional Chinlon skill while Saing troupes of Maung Hein Htoo Zaw and Ma Mya Thinzin Sating of Dagon BEHS-1.

Next, Ma Win Chit Wa and a team of students of North Okkalapa BEHS-3 demonstrated their Chinlon skill. The skill demonstration of students concluded with the song sung by schoolgirls of Dagon BEHS-1 at 9.30 am. After the demonstration, the Prime Minister, the Secretary-1 and party greeted the students of the skill demonstration.—MNA

Six trafficked Myanmar girls taken home

YANGON, 3 Jan—Six Myanmar girls aged 6 to 12, who have been trafficked into Thailand for child labour arrived back here yesterday after the coordination between Myanmar and Thailand and with the assistance of Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok.

They were welcomed at the airport by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Myanmar Women Affairs Federation, UN Inter Agency Project (UNIAP).

The girls stayed at women's vocational training school in Natmauk Road in Bahan Township.

They visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and Yangon Girls' Training School of Social Welfare

Department in Mayangon Township this morning.

Officials of Social Welfare Department, Myanmar Women Affairs Federation, UN Inter Agency Project (UNIAP) met them in the afternoon and took them homes in Bilin and Myawady.—MNA



The girls being seen off just before their departure for homes in Bilin and Myawady. —MNA

Foreign Heads of Government send felicitations to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt

YANGON 4 Jan —The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of Government sent to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China:

On the occasion of the 56th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China and in my own name, our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency and through you to the Government and the people of the Union of Myanmar.

In the recent years, Myanmar has made prominent achievements in national reconciliation, economic development and broadening external relations. I share the heartfelt happiness and wish your country further enjoy political stability, harmony among all nationalities and new developments in her construction. In the past year, the Sino-Myanmar friendly relations were further developed. Exchanges and cooperation in political, economic and cultural fields as well as other areas were continuously expanding. The Chinese Government cherishes the Sino-Myanmar Paukphaw friendship and is willing to join hands with the Myanmar side in further promoting the traditional Sino-Myanmar friendly relations of good neighbourliness. May the Union of Myanmar enjoy prosperity and her people wellbeing.

From Pol Lt-Col Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of Thailand:

I have the honour to extend Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government and people of Thailand, our sincere congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar. I am confident that the ties of friendship and cooperation between Thailand and Myanmar will be further strengthened and developed both bilaterally and within the ASEAN framework. I sincerely hope that we will maintain the momentum already achieved and work even more closely to promote closer cooperation for the benefits and pros-

perity of our two countries and peoples. Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

From Ms Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines:

The people and Government of the Republic of the Philippines join me in extending our most sincere felicitations to Your Excellency and to the people of Myanmar on the auspicious occasion of the 56th anniversary of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar. I believe that our warm and cordial meeting at the 9th ASEAN Summit in Bali has set the tone for future cooperative efforts, not just bilaterally but in ASEAN and other regional fora as well. I am confident that closer ties between our two countries would enable us to significantly contribute to peace, progress and stability in the region. Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

From Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia:

On the auspicious occasion of the 56th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the Royal Government and people of Cambodia, I have great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency and best wishes of happiness and prosperity to the people of Myanmar. I am fully confident that the excellent bonds of friendship and productive cooperative between our two countries will be further strengthened and developed for the common interest of our two peoples and of the ASEAN family as well. May I take this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency my best wishes of good health, happiness and greater success in fulfilment of your noble task. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Mr Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan:

On the auspicious occasion of the 56th anniversary of the Independence of the Union of Myanmar, I wish to extend to Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government and people of Japan, my warmest congratulations and best wishes for the peace

and prosperity of your country.

From Mr Zafarullah Khan Jamali, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:

I have great pleasure in extending to Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government and the people of Pakistan and on my own behalf our sincere greetings and warm felicitations to the Government and the people of Myanmar on the happy occasion of the Independence Day of Myanmar. Pakistan and Myanmar enjoy close and friendly relations, I am confident that these ties would be further consolidated in the years to come. I avail this opportunity to convey our best wishes for Your Excellency's wellbeing, health and happiness and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

From Ms Khaleida Zia, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh:

On behalf of the Government and the people of Bangladesh and on my own behalf, I extend to Your Excellency and through you to the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar our warmest greetings and felicitations on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar. It is my firm conviction that the friendly relations existing between our two countries will be further strengthened and consolidated in the years to come to the mutual benefit of our two peoples. I would like to convey my best wishes for your good health, happiness and long life and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Union of Myanmar. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

From Mr Ranil Wickremasinghe, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka:

I am pleased to congratulate you on the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar. I firmly believe that the bonds of friendship and cooperation that so happily exist between our two countries will be further strengthened for the wellbeing of our two peoples in the future. Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. — MNA

Today is the 56th Anniversary of the Independence Day. The Union of Myanmar regained her independence on 4 January 1948. On that day, while the State Flag of the Union of Myanmar was flying in the air, the Union Jack was lowered to the ground. The dawn of the Day marked the end of the colonialist rule in Myanmar. The colonialists were declaring themselves as the empire where the sun never set. But on that day, the colonialists sun set in Myanmar.

Piece by piece, the colonialists sliced off and occupied the Myanmar territory and transgressed the sovereignty. There were region-wise resistance of the national races to drive out the colonialists from the nation. The national races sacrificed lives, blood and sweat to write the history of independence struggle. The colonialists were using various evil means in installing the divide-and-rule policy in many parts of the world. Using the same method, the colonialists set up their administrative system and strengthened it in Myanmar. Because of the lack of unity and of a firm political system, and the time for emergence of a Tatmadaw, that would safeguard the nation at the risk if the lives of its members, had not arrived yet, the nation had to live under subjugation for a long period.

The social and education standard of the people was in a state of decline then. Although the plains and hill regions are located on the same mass of land and are contiguous to one another, the national races from both places were totally divided and in the darkness due to wrong views. With the participation of the people of both genders and all walks of life, and using the experience of the elders and energetic efforts of the youths as the force, the political struggle to liberate the nation was accelerated. The hearts of the people were totally filled with the desire to restore independence. The struggle became more intensified. At that time, there surfaced various political ideologies, and groups under different ideologies came into being. And the groups extended foreign relations and contacts in accord with their political belief. People of various ages of both genders took part in the struggle.

Despite their differences, they stood firm together, with the sole desire to regain the national independence. There emerged the Burma Independence Army. The young men were documented as the Thirty Comrades in Myanmar history.

The Tatmadaw was conceived as the core force to continue the independence struggle. The Tatmadaw has always served the interest of the nation and the people. The Tatmadaw became stronger, with the participation of all the national races, while facing the attempts of the colonialists to reorganize it and put it under limitations. The Fascists were reinforcing their troops to extend occupation in Myanmar. At the same time, the colonialists were preparing to launch a major war with the Fascists, mobilizing men from the colonial countries as a collective force. The colonialists assumed that Myanmar was their most important foothold. The Fascists granted Myanmar sham independence. The Fascists formed the government without the participation of the Myanmar people. Under the sham independence, the Myanmar people had to make sacrifices for nothing, but just for the Fascist victory, and faced a lot of troubles and cruelties. Because of the war between the Fascists and the colonialists, Myanmar was burning with the battles occurring on the land, in the territorial waters and in the air-space. There were no words to sufficiently express the sufferings and losses Myanmar had faced in the war to colonize the world. We cannot forgive and forget those who made us suffer.

Myanmar has become an independent and sovereign nation on 4 January 1948. The organization that is the first to drive Myanmar into poverty is the Burma Communist Party. Since then, multi-coloured insurgents were mushrooming in the nation. Because of the multi-coloured insurgency Myanmar could not fully enjoy the taste of her independence. The nation lacked peace and stability, and was facing hardships and poverty.

The then AFPFL government was not able to control or curb the internal insurgency, instead, the disagreements in the

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Witnessing the objective conditions

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party had created cracks among the people. There was no peace and political stability during the post-independence period as priority was given to the interest of the individual parties than to the national cause. And because of the political instability and internal unrest and insurgency, the nation was under the alien interference.

Then an incident worse than the internal insurgency appeared. It was the intrusion of the Kuomintang troops into the Myanmar territory. The Kuomintang scheme was to seize all the land from Shan plateau to Taninthayi region, with Thanlwin River as the borderline and attempted to do so.

The ruling party was involved more in serving its interest and power struggles than the national cause. It could not even hold the election successfully. For the nation to continue to stand tall as an independent nation, the Tatmadaw formed with various national races had ended the alien intrusion and crushed the multi-coloured internal insurgency. It restored the national peace and stability. It helped the then government for the sake of the national cause. It was loyal to the State and dutiful. Many of its members sacrificed lives, blood and sweat for peace, stability and security of the nation.

The Tatmadaw stood as a dutiful institution during the times of the successive ruling political parties. It also stood by the people. In every part and sector of the nation it served the State interest for the nation to have all the characteristics of an independent nation. In 1988, the nation faced a terrible situation in the political turmoil. The nation was at near-disintegration. The nation was under alien instigation and interference because of the internal instability. It nearly lost her independence and was about to fall apart. The administrative machinery came to a stop. Taking advantage of the internal instability, the insurgents launched major battles against the nation. There was alien encroachment on the nation's territory. The Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties to safeguard the national independence. In other words, it discharged the duty as the situation then needed its greater role.

The State Peace and Development Council has been able to restore peace, that could not have been achieved for over 40 years since the regaining of independence. Thanks to the negotiations that were made with mutual understanding, 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold. The people are now witnessing with pleasure the participation of the peace groups in the nation-building task as a considerable force.

Human resources, natural riches, capital and technologies are the foundation of an independent nation. The Government has been working night and day in building the necessary facilities to develop the human resources, natural riches, capital and technologies, that are the foundation of an independent nation, with the participation of the people, national races peace groups, departments and entrepreneurs in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. In other words, it is building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, with their participation.

In 1988-89 the growth rate of the gross domestic product was at its lowest. Now it is around 11 per cent. The number of labour force has reached 29 million at present from 19 million in the past. The paddy production at present is over 1,000 million baskets, up from 654 million in the past. The government has built 155 dams and 265 river water pumping stations all over the nation and put two million more acres

under crops. Forty dams are under construction, and another 84 are in planning stage. In the whole nation, the Government has established 18 industrial zones, and is setting more zones to boost region-wise production of goods and generate jobs. It has set up 257 State-owned industries of various sizes. The number of private industries has reached 24,293 at present. Up to now 55 new roads stretching about 2,000 miles have been extended in the nation. In the past, Ayeyawady River and Sittoung River had only one bridge each. But now, there are 174 major bridges including seven bridges on the Ayeyawady, two on the Chindwin, and three on the Thanlwin, each facility exceeding the 180-foot mark. Thirty-five bridges including, the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), which will become longest in Myanmar, and the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) are under construction and 23 more are in planning stage. The Government has built 1,012 miles of new railroads. The number of airports has reached 27 at present from 21 in the past. Of them, 18 airports can handle landing and take off of jet passenger aircraft. In the past, there were only six airports where jets could land and take off. All these developments are the foundations for the new nation.

The nation's electricity consumption has reached 5,064.2 million units at present, up from 2,226.45 million units in the past. Moreover, 28 more hydel-power stations and eight gas-fired power stations have been constructed. The 280-megawatt Paunglaung Hydel-power Project, and the 780-megawatt Ye Ywa Hydel-power Project are the largest among the hydel power plants under construction.

Twenty-four development zones have been set up in states and divisions, and institutions of higher learning have been built in them. The number of institutions of higher learning in the whole nation at present is 154, up from 32 in the past. Over 150 diploma and degrees courses including 18 master of research courses, 40 master's degree courses, and 20 doctorate degree courses. Ninety master's degree and doctorate degree courses in the medical field, and 73 master's degree and doctorate degree courses in the field of technology and computer have been conducted.

For over 40 years since the regaining of independence, the people of Myanmar could not enjoy peace, stability and development. Thanks to the endeavours of the State Peace and Development Council, peace, stability and development are flourishing in the nation. In reality, they are the fruits of the collective endeavours of the Tatmadaw, the people, the national races groups which have returned to the legal fold, the departments and the NGOs, during the period of over a decade.

The successes of the nation I have stated in the article are the achievements resulting from the sincerity, correct deeds and mutual respect of the Tatmadaw and the national people, or in other words, the fruits of the endeavours launched with the essence — perpetuation of the Union and sovereignty — based on national unity. These endeavours are not the political tricks for an individual to grab power. They are the efforts to build the infrastructures and to fulfil the actual needs of an independent and sovereign nation, that stand witness to the objective conditions. And with this article, I honor the 56th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the year 2004.

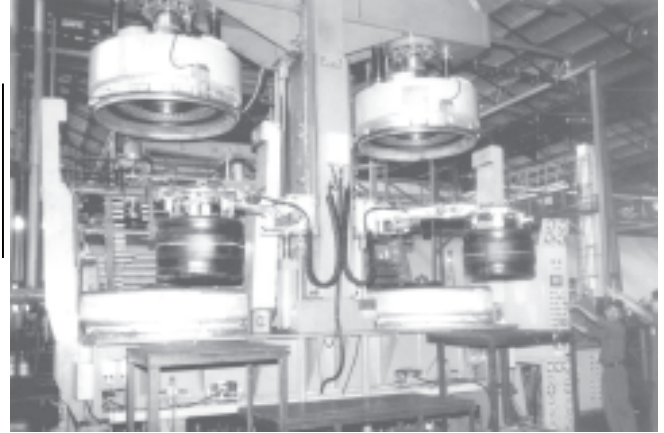
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Honouring the 56th Anniversary Independence Day:

Flourishing industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 in the time of the State Peace and Development Council



No-1 Factory of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2 near Naungchedauk Village, Padaung Township, Bago Division, produces electrical devices and wire.



Tyre Factory of Myanmar Tyre and Rubber Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2 in Thaton.

Fiscal year	GDP (kyat in million)	Fiscal year	GDP (kyat in million)	Fiscal year	GDP (kyat in million)
1988-89	691.24	1993-94	1500.33	1998-1999	4406.75
1989-90	767.51	1994-95	1459.28	1999-2000	7407.37
1990-91	725.90	1995-96	1824.69	2000-2001	8848.61
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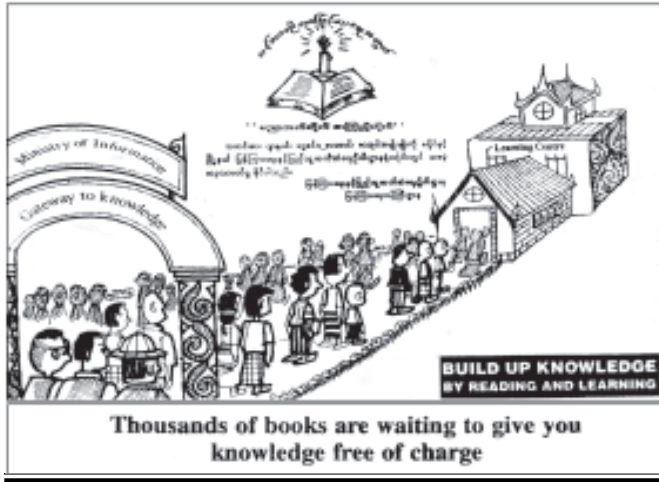
The motto "transformation from conventional farming to mechanized farming" has now been successfully translated into reality. Ever since its assumption of the State's responsibilities to date, the Government has been striving day in, day out for ensuring harmonious and equitable development of all parts of the Union.

The Government with a view to developing the industrial sector has established 18 industrial zones at the regions with potential resources, after organizing private industries. Some 7,000 national industrialists are making efforts to the best of their ability to manufacture respective industrial products at the industrial zones.

Among them, Yangon, Mandalay, Ayethaya of Taunggyi and Monywa industrial zones are in the forefront. They are also fulfilling the requirements of the State, gaining technological assistance from the Ministry of Industry-2.

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Factory of
Myanmar
Automobile and
Diesel Engine
Industries of the
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Industry-2 in
Htonbo, Padaung
Township, Bago
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Yangon Sailing Club Annual General Meeting
All members of Yangon Sailing Club are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held as follows:
Date : 18 January 2004
Place : Yangon Sailing Club
Time : 9:30 am
Secretary
Yangon Sailing Club

ARRIVAL/CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV "BAGO" VOY NO BG 759/N

Consignees of cargo carried on MV "BAGO" Voy No BG 759/N are hereby notified that the vessel arrives at Yangon port on 04-01-2004 and will be berthing on about 05-01-2004 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily between 8 am to 11.30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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မြန်မာ့ကြွယ်ဝခြင်းလုပ်ငန်း

PIA flight lands in Delhi, IAF plane touches down in Islamabad

NEW DELHI, 3 Jan — Passenger flights resumed Thursday between India and Pakistan for the first time since aviation links between them stopped since December 2000.

A Pakistan International Airways flight, carrying 40 passengers, arrived here from Lahore bringing hopes of stronger people-to-people contact as many on board the plane came to meet their relatives.

Earlier, an IAF Boeing 737 aircraft carrying External Affairs Minister Yashwant Sinha, National Security Advisor Brijesh Mishra and senior Indian officials reached Islamabad.

Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) is to operate its service from Karachi to Mumbai from Friday with 161 passengers booked on the Airbus A300 flight.

Two Indian Airlines flights carrying media-persons will fly to Islamabad Friday for the SAARC summit beginning in the Pakistani capital on January 4.

MNA/PTI

ပြည်တွင်းပြန်ကိုအားပေးပါ

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော် ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီ ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

ရက်စွဲ၊ ၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ် ဒီဇင်ဘာလ ၂၆ ရက်

ချိပ်ပိတ်ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာများခေါ်ယူခြင်း

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီ၏ လုပ်ငန်းသုံးအတွက် လိုအပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါပစ္စည်းများအား ယှဉ်တွဲပါအရေအတွက်များအတိုင်း ဝယ်ယူရန်အတွက် ချိပ်ပိတ်ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာများ ဖိတ်ခေါ်ထားရှိပါသည်။ -

စဉ်	ပစ္စည်းအမျိုးအမည်	အရေအတွက်
၁	ရေမီတာ	၁၁၀၀၀ လုံး
၂	သတင်းစာစက္ကူ (News Print Paper)	10,000 Reams
၃	လမ်းသွတ်ဆေး	၁၁၀၀ ဂါလံ
၄	စက်ဆီ၊ ချောဆီ	၁၁၀၀ ဂါလံ
၅	ရေတွန်းစက်အရန်ပစ္စည်းများ	1 Lot
၆	စက်ယန္တရားအပိုပစ္စည်းများ	1 Lot
၇	လမ်းဆေးဆွဲမှုန့် (Thermoplastic Powder)	၅၀ တန်
၈	Bleaching Powder	၂၅ တန်
၉	တိရစ္ဆာန်အစားအစာနှင့်ဆေးဝါးများ	1 Lot
၁၀	Water Proof Insulated Covered Winding Wire	၁၂၀၀၀ မီတာ
၁၁	Mechanical Water Pump Gland Packing	24 Packets

ချိပ်ပိတ်ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာများကို ၁၂-၁-၂၀၀၄ ရက်နေ့ ၁၆:၀၀ နာရီအချိန်တွင် နောက်ဆုံးထားပေးသွင်းရမည်ဖြစ်ပါသဖြင့် ပစ္စည်းပေးသွင်းရန် စိတ်ဝင်စားသည်သူများအနေဖြင့် ဈေးနှုန်းတင်သွင်းလွှာပုံစံများကို ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီ၊ ဘတ်ဂျက်နှင့်ငွေစာရင်းဌာန၊ ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးဌာနနှင့် ဆက်သွယ်ဝယ်ယူတင်သွင်းနိုင်ပါကြောင်းနှင့် အသေးစိတ်သိလိုသော အချက်အလက်များ ရှိပါက တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၂၅၂၄၄၊ ၂၄၈၁၂ လိုင်းခွဲ (၂၃၅)သို့ ဆက်သွယ်မေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

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ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

Dazed man rescued from Bam six days after quake

BAM (Iran), 3 Jan — At first they thought he was dead, but as they dug through the ruins, the rescuers realized the young man lying alongside six corpses was blinking and mumbling.

He had been trapped under a wardrobe, which probably saved his life when the world's most devastating earthquake in decades flattened his home town of Bam in southeast Iran six days ago.

Yadollah Saadat, a 27-year-old shopkeeper, was rescued around midnight (2030 GMT on Wednesday) by Red Crescent workers who had all but given up hope of finding any more survivors in Bam's mud-brick buildings, nearly all of which collapsed.

"They were taking out the corpses and they found him. They thought he was dead and then they realized he was alive," Saadat's wife Fatimeh Asghari, 22, said as medics treated him for a broken hip in a Red Crescent truck at Bam Airport. "I can't express how happy I am," she told Reuters.

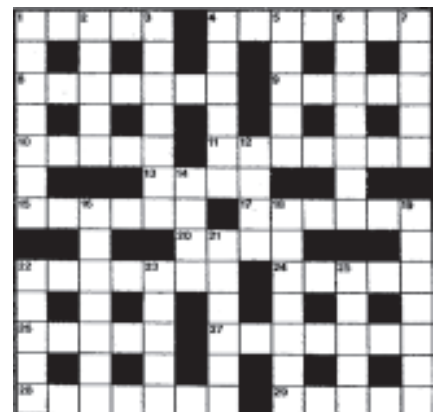
An ambulance medic held the dazed man's face and asked if he could say his name. The man mumbled "Yadollah" several times in reply. His right leg appeared to be covered by a metal

splint. "You can call it a miracle or anything you like," said Red Crescent worker Ali Asghar Namdari. "I'm just happy. At least we

have saved one life. I have been in war and through many struggles and I've never been so happy."

MNA/Reuters

Crosswords Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Perfume
- 4 Gap-filling material
- 8 Miser
- 9 Compel departure
- 10 Negotiate
- 11 Raffle
- 13 Across
- 15 Ripe
- 17 Indifference
- 20 Story
- 22 American reindeer
- 24 Gentle poke
- 26 Inapt
- 27 Defenceless
- 28 Recompense
- 29 Wearied

DOWN

- 1 Private study
- 2 Bird of prey
- 3 Renegade
- 4 Short oar
- 5 Plume
- 6 Money advanced
- 7 Ravine
- 12 Spoken
- 14 Forbid
- 16 Frugal
- 18 Hanging ornament
- 19 Gave up
- 21 Majestic
- 22 Fathead
- 23 Take a dip
- 25 Hesitate

မညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

India provides funds to upgrade Sri Lankan air base

COLOMBO, 3 Jan — The Indian Government has offered to provide 500 million rupees (about 5.2 million US dollars) to Sri Lanka to upgrade the Palaly Air Base in the northern Jaffna Peninsula for strengthening closer defence ties with the country, the official *Daily News* said on Friday.

The Indian Government pledged the assistance to Sri Lanka during Army Commander Lieutenant-General Lionel Balagalle's recent visit to India.

The upgrading of the Palaly Air Base has been seen as a prime need by the Sri

Lankan defence authorities owing to its dilapidated state with patch holes in several areas in the landing strip.

During his four-day visit to India, Balagalle who is also the Head of Joint Operations Command, also held talks with the Indian defence

authorities seeking their assistance to obtain helicopters on lease to transport troops to the Jaffna Peninsula. The upgrading of the air base will include the renovation of the 450-metre long tarmac and the modernization of the signal light sys-

tem and the ground handling equipment at the air base with sophisticated equipment. Sri Lanka and India expect to further strengthen defence ties through the proposed defence agreement between the two neighbouring countries. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Coldwave kills 20, disrupts traffic in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 3 Jan — Cold weather and thick fog have been responsible for at least 20 deaths and disrupted travel across Bangladesh over the last three days, Dhaka newspapers said on Friday.

The newspapers said most of the victims were from the old and poor in the country's northern and western districts, where the lowest temperature recorded on Thursday was nine degree Celsius (48.2 degree Fahrenheit).

Weather officials on Friday said that temperatures might dip even further over the next few days. Over 200 people have been admitted to hospitals with cold-related diseases, health officials said.

The cold weather also hit the capital Dhaka and southern port city of Chittagong.

Some 200 people died from exposure to cold weather this time last year — also mostly in the north.

Transport officials said thick fog disrupted flights and the movement of ships and ferries. — *MNA/Reuters*



The winners of the Eighth International Miss Tourism Contest held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, pose for photographers on 1 Jan, 2004. From left to right are: Zuzana Putnarova from Czech Republic, Xing Huiyuan from China, Angela Joan Beck from South Africa, Laura Romero from Argentina, and Victoria Karyda from Greece. — *INTERNET*

318 kilos of cocaine seized at Madrid Airport in 2003

MADRID, 3 Jan — Spanish authorities seized a total of 318 kilos of cocaine at Madrid's Barajas International Airport in 2003, police said on Thursday.

Police arrested 127 drug traffickers at the airport. In 2002, they seized 412 kilos of cocaine and captured 105 people.

Out of the people arrested over the past year in relation

to drug trafficking, 96 were men and 31 women. They included 89 people from South America and Central America and 18 from Spain.

Most of the drug traffickers hid cocaine in secret compartments of suitcases, hand baggage, girdles or inner shoe soles, police said. Some of them hid the drug inside their bodies and had to be taken to the hospital to remove it. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Ugandans urged to exercise self-restraint, mutual respect in 2004

KAMPALA, 3 Jan — The ruling Uganda National Movement has called on Ugandans to exercise self-restraint and mutual respect as the country enters a new political phase.

The call came from Movement Vice-Chairman Al Haji Moses Kigongo in his New Year message to the nation, according to local daily *The New Vision* on Friday.

Kigongo said the Movement had decided to open the political space whose ultimate goal is unity and the ability to work together, irrespective of political affiliation or opinion.

"Uganda is one and for all of us.

The ultimate goal is to build a peaceful, united,

democratic, industrialized and a prosperous country where all Ugandans can freely participate in the development process," he said. Kigongo said stirring differences and discrimination should be replaced with dialogue and cooperation to avoid confusion.

He wished all Ugandans a peaceful year and called for the strengthening and the consolidation of the good aspects sown by the Movement government in the last 17 years.

MNA/Xinhua

Number of CPC journal subscribers exceeds one million

BEIJING, 3 Jan — The number of subscribers around China to the *Qiu Shi* (Seeking Truth) Journal, an official publication of the CPC (Communist Party of China) Central Committee, has reached 1.126 million.

This constitutes the eighth consecutive year for the journal to have more than one million subscribers in a year. In 2003, the Chinese Government took substantial measures to halt mandatory subscriptions to the CPC and government-run newspapers, journals and magazines. *Qiu Shi*, however, retained a large number of subscribers thanks to the united effort and meticulous work of CPC committees at all levels, according to official sources. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Rose parade held in California

LOS ANGELES, 3 Jan — Threat of terrorism and gray skies did not cool the enthusiasm of hundreds of thousands of American spectators who on Thursday watched the 115th annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, southern California.

The rumbling fly-over of US Air Force airplanes, including B-2, F-117A and the latest fighter F/A-22 raptor fighter, opened the two-hour parade, which was named "Music, Music, Music".

"In today's increasingly complicated world, it's wonderful to have music to entertain, to share and to enlighten us all," Michael K. Riffey, president of the Tournament of Roses said at the beginning of the parade. He explained earlier that he chose the theme of music because of his belief "music is the creative expression that touches everyone".

The vivid, flower-festooned floats all reflected that theme, in one way or another. The city of Los Angeles' float looked like a giant "boom box", while the Coalition on Donation float, *A Symphony of Life* depicted a bridge over a garden stream.

Composer John Williams, the five-time Oscar winner known for writing the themes to "Star Wars" and dozens of

other films, was grand marshal and rode at the front of the parade.

Disney's 100-foot-high float was the tallest in the 115-year-old parade's history.

With all the US territory under a high terrorism threat, parade watchers were shoulder-to-shoulder with uniformed and undercover police officers. Reports said about 1,000 local, state and federal law enforcement officers were there to provide security for the estimated 800,000 people who watched the parade. Hundreds of others were also working behind the scenes, keeping eyes on surveillance monitors, air-space radar and electronic sensors designed to sniff out biological or chemical agents.

Pasadena police spokesman Alex Uribe said 37 people were arrested at this year's event and most of them for public intoxication. He said that the number is significantly lower than in previous years. — *MNA/Xinhua*

High-dives into muddy Tiber brighten Roman New Year

ROME, 3 Jan — Four Romans braved the chill to dive 52 feet off a bridge into the muddy River Tiber to mark a New Year tradition on Thursday.

A crowd of hundreds cheered the divers as they flung themselves off the Cavour Bridge into the swirling river that winds through Rome.

Italian diver Aldo Corrieri, 40, dedicated the event, which has taken place since 1946, to world peace.

"I'm dedicating this to peace in the world and to the

hope that these terrorist attacks stop — these attacks that make humanity live in terror," he told *Reuters* Television. But fellow diver Maurizio Palmoni, in his late sixties, who has taken part for the past 16 years and is not sure whether he will be back next year, was less concerned about world peace.

MNA/Reuters



Australian Steve Irwin, famous for his TV show 'The Crocodile Hunter' cradles his month-old son, Robert, under one arm and feeds piece of meat to a 13-foot crocodile in an image from television during Friday 2 Jan, 2004, at his Australia Zoo reptile park in Brisbane, Australia. — *INTERNET*

Secretary-1 attends opening of 56th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition

YANGON, 3 Jan — Under the objectives of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day — all the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and ensure perpetuation of sovereignty; all the national people to collectively strive for the building of a new, modern and developed nation; all the national people to be united to ensure non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity; all the national people to strive for emergence of enduring State Constitution; all the national people to collectively strive for the successful implementation of the seven-point future policy of the State, a ceremony to open the 56th Anniversary Independence Day commemorative Exhibition was held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here at 9 am today.

State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the opening ceremony of

the exhibition. It was organized by the subcommittee for the observance of the exhibition.

Chairman of the Central Committee for observance of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the chairman of subcommittee for observance of the exhibition and members, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and CEC members, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations, departmental



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win views booths at the 56th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition. — MNA

staff, students and guests.

First, Chairman of the subcommittee for observance of the exhibition Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein formally opened the exhibition by cutting a ribbon.

The Secretary-1 next

viewed round the portrait of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe displayed at the central booth, quotations, the pictures depicting the founding of the first Myanmar Emperor and the building of a modern developed State and the booths of Myanmar the origin of

human beings, cultural evidences of Bronze Age and Iron Age, the First, Second and Third Myanmar Emperors, independence struggles and attainment, Scenes of Myanmar, computer quiz, companies and the ministries and other booths. Officials at the exhibition con-

ducted the Secretary-1 and party round the exhibition.

News and Periodicals Enterprise book shop and Sarpay Beikman book shop are selling various kinds of books and the exhibition continues up to 11 January from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets with industrialists from the 18 industrial zones. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets industrialists

YANGON, 3 Jan — Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win held a meeting with industrialists from 18 industrial zones at the training hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning.

Also present were Industrial Development Committee Chairman Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Chairman Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thauang, Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Chairman Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, ministers in charge of respective industrial zones, the mayor of Yangon, deputy ministers, officials, departmental heads and others.

Chairman of the Work Committee for Making Tours of Factories and Holding Workshops Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win reported on arrangements systematically made for the tours and requirements for assembling of buses and trucks; Chairman of Subcommittee for Conducting the Industrialists round the Factories Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, the tours and plans for drawing designs of buses and trucks; Chairman of Subcommittee for Holding Workshops Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Chan Nyein, on progress in holding workshops, 27 kinds of machines asked by industrialists for enhancing the quality of the products, and needs. Representatives from Shwepyithar, Mandalay, South Dagon and Pyaw industrial zones presented benefits gained from the tours and further cooperation of the industrial zones and for manufacturing buses and trucks.

Minister U Aung Thauang and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin gave supplementary reports.

In response to the reports, the Secretary-1 said that the tours and workshops will contribute towards development of private industrial zones. The Government is giving encouragement as well as instructions enthusiastically for accelerating the development of private industrial zones, he added.

The industrialists, on their part, are thus to ardently make concerted efforts in response to the goodwill and encouragement of the Government.

Most of the basic infrastructures have been constructed for building up a modern nation and so it is the opportune time to place grater emphasis on speedy development of the industrial sector.

It is incumbent on the industrialists with vast knowledge of production of agricultural implements and assembling automobiles to cooperate with each other to further accelerate the private industrial sector.

The private sector plays an enormous role in the economy of the State as well as in the industrial sector. If the industrialists actively take innovative measures based on the encouragement and directives of the Government, the State's industrial sector will surely make substantial progress.

The government staff at all levels are to be correctly convinced of the private economic sector and to render assistance to the private sector which can facilitate the development of the State's economy.

Based on the workshops, the State-owned industries and private industrial zones are to make combined endeavours for the development of the State's industrial sector especially for ensuring speedy development of the industrial sector in 2004.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions on assembling of

buses and trucks, installation of modern machines including CNC and DRO machines, and production of machines based on their skills.

The industrialists made tours of the factories under the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Industry-2, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Transport from 26 to 31 December. They ardently made discussions on the workshops held in Kyaikkasan Ground on 31 December, and 1 and 2 January, at which 19 papers had been submitted.

The Secretary-1 cordially met with the industrialists at the workshop held on 31 December and gave necessary instructions.

The Government has designated 2004-2005 as the year in which more effective measures will begin to be taken and is providing necessary assistance for elevating the industrial sector. — MNA

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Puhtolon Bridge on new Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa road inaugurated

YANGON, 3 Jan —

As a gesture hailing the 56th Anniversary Independence Day, Puhtolon bridge constructed under the arrangement of the Office of the Quartermaster General by the Directorate of Military Engineers of the Ministry of Defence was opened with a ceremony at the bridge on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa road in Kani Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, this morning.

It was attended by members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Quartermaster General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Director of the Military Engineers Maj-Gen Tin Tun, senior military officers, local authorities, local people and members of social organizations totalling some 10,000.



Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveils the stone inscription of the Puhtolon Bridge. — MNA

western bank lagged behind others in successive eras. So, the Head of State gave guidance to construct Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa strategic road to facilitate transport to Kalaywa situated at the entrance to Chin State (North), and contribute towards the development of the regions on the western bank of the river, he said. The 115-mile long new Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa road is 45-mile shorter than the old and reduced the time to travel

from Monywa to Tamu, Haka, or Tiddim. A total of 174 small and large bridges were situated along the road. The bridge then inaugurated was one of the four bridges of 180-foot and above. The bridge, 450-foot in length and 36-foot in width including two 4-foot pedestrian lanes, would contribute towards the development of towns and villages along the road and serve the interests of local people and their new generations. Under the arrangement of

the Office of the Quartermaster General, Tatmadawmen, within the short period of one year, were able to construct the bridge installed with high quality iron beams produced in the country. Being able to produce iron beams by Myanmar engineers was the success of the technology entire nation can take pride, he said. The bridge would contribute towards the development of the regions in Sagaing Division and Chin State, facilitating the border

trade with the other country. The State had been constructing roads and bridges all over the country with the aim of narrowing the development gap among the regions. Only after constructing irrigation and transport facilities essential for the development of the country, the tasks to enhance the economy of the State and living standards of the people could be carried out. Therefore the Government, under the guidance of the Head of State, had been

constructing irrigation and transport infrastructure one after another, he said.

In conclusion, he urged local people to carry out maintenance tasks of the bridge for its perpetuity and strive for the development of the Union.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Director of Military Engineers Maj-Gen Tin Tun made speeches. Later, a local people expressed thanked the government for construction of the bridge. The director of Military Engineers handed over documents related to the bridge to Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun. Next, the commander, the minister and the director formally opened the bridge.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, the commander, the minister, the director and party passed along the bridge and posed for a documentary photo together with local people. — MNA



State Peace and Development Council Member Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses the opening ceremony of the Puhtolon Bridge on Monywa-Ywagyi-Kalaywa road. — MNA

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address. He said the State, designating 24 development zones, implemented projects to narrow the development gap among the regions under the guidance of the Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. Similarly, development tasks for rural areas where most of the people of the country live were also carried out by the State, the Tatmadaw and the people unitedly, he added. Sagaing division was divided by the Chindwin river and transport between the regions on the eastern and western banks of the river was difficult. As a result of the difficulties, regions on the



The Puhtolon Bridge on Monywa-Ywagyi-Kalaywa road in Kani Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division. — MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives national race leaders

YANGON, 3 Jan— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, received U Sandar, Chairman of Kayah State Special Region-2, Vice-Chairman U Tun Kyaw and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar at 5 pm today. Also present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director General of the Government's Office U Soe Tint and departmental heads.

During their meeting, the national race leaders said they fully welcomed and supported the seven-point future policy of the State and promised to attend the National Convention. Next, the national race leaders reported on matters relating to regional development tasks of education, health, economy and road and bridge construction. Later, U Sanda presented a New Year gift to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Kayah State Special Region-2 Chairman U Sandar, Vice-Chairman U Tun Kyaw and members. — MNA

Parade of outstanding students in commemoration of 2003-2004 academic year School Family Day held

YANGON, 3 Jan— A parade of outstanding students in commemoration of the 2003-2004 academic year School Family Day was held in front of the National Indoor Stadium-1 on Waizayanta Road in Thingangyun Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

The ceremony was held with four objectives—to implement education promotion programme and national education promotion programme, to show all-round educational development skill of students, for the students to try study hard after

taking great interest in all-round educational development skill and to promote the students' outstanding and brilliant skill.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, members of Myanmar Education Committee, the ministers, the attorney-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, officials

of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, diplomats, resident representatives of the UN Agencies, members of School Family Day Organizing Committee and Work Committee, the directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Education, rectors and principals of universities and colleges, members of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Township Education Officers, school heads, teachers, parents, members of school board of trustees, officials of NGOs, outstanding students and guests.

Ma Pyi Mon Thet and Ma Win Leh Phyu, a seventh standard and a ninth standard students of No 2 Basic Education High School, Sangyoung Township and Naw Ruth and Naw Mary, a ninth standard and a seventh standard students of the same school acted as masters of ceremonies and announced the agenda in Myanmar and in English respectively.

Outstanding student Ma Ei Ei Chun of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township and Ma Khin Mya Thet Hnin of No 1 BEHS, Sangyoung Township sang a song "Son-nyipwe-daw-doh-hnwe-pyaw" composed by pianist Saw Win Thin of Yankin Educa-

tion College with the accompaniment of the band of No 1 BEHS, Dagon Township. Two hundred girl students of No 2 BEHS, Kamayut Township performed dances.

State Flag bearing team of No 6 BEHS, Botahtaung Township marched together with the band of No 3 BEHS, Bago, playing the national anthem. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and those present saluted the State Flag.

Next, outstanding eighth standard students in literature, school activities and all-round development sectors, flag-bearing team of No 3 BEHS, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, the band of BEHS in Kyaukse Township, outstanding tenth standard students of the 2003-2004 academic year, flag-bearing team of No 4 BEHS, Botahtaung Township, the band of BEHS in Dawbon Township and students who won prizes in Pyinnayataung literary contest, Myanmar and international social relations skill contests also marched.

The band of BEHS in Dawbon Township presented "San-pya-doh-Tatmadaw" and "Myanma School".

The flag-bearing team of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung Township and the band of No 4 BEHS in Tamwe Township and students who won prizes in sports, physical education, painting and arts at home and abroad marched.

The band of No 4 BEHS in Tamwe Township presented their performance with the song "Mya-pan-khway".

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The parade of outstanding students in commemoration of 2003-2004 academic year School Family Day in progress. — MNA