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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Foreign Secretary of India Mr Shyam Saran and party at Zeyathiri Beikman. — MNA

## Prime Minister receives Indian guests

YANGON, 4 Oct— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar received Secretary of the External Affairs Ministry of the Republic of India Mr Shyam Saran and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta, here at 5 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Prime Minister's Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of For-

eign Affairs.

The guests were accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia.

They discussed matters related to cooperation in economic sector and border area development tasks.—MNA

## Sangyoung Township BEHS No 1 opens multimedia classrooms Entire nation in process of making efforts for education development

YANGON, 4 Oct — The No 1 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township, Yangon West District, Yangon Division, opened its multimedia classrooms this morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar

Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Wellwishers also presented donations for the classrooms.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Devel-

opment Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung

Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers for Education U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, officials, the headmistress, teachers, members of the school board

of trustees, old students, donors and students.

On arrival at the school, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by band troupes and dance troupes. Two girl students Ma Khin May Oo and Ma Chaw Kyi Phyu acted as master of ceremonies.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister U Than Aung and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Thein Myint formally opened the classrooms. The Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed students learning education at language lab, video system (electronic media) room, computer aided instruction room, electronic (audio system) room, printed media (reading corner) room, and computer application room.

They also visited the altar and domestic science training school. Students presented gifts to

the Secretary-1.

Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Mon explained that the school's matriculation examination pass rate for 2004 was 51 per cent, up from 46 per cent in 2003 and from 42.04 per cent in 2002. The success was thanks to the education promotion programmes launched in 1998, and the multimedia classrooms. A time-table has been set for teaching the students the use of advanced learning equipment. U Thein Myint also explained the efforts to open the classrooms.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win views learning of the students at language lab of Sangyoung Township BEHS No 1. —MNA

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Maintain dams for posterity

Myanmar being an agricultural country, agricultural production is very important not only for food supplies but also for the development of the national economy. Therefore, the Government has been fulfilling all the requirements to boost the agricultural production. One of the measures taken for this purpose is building dams, river water pumping stations and artesian wells.

A new dam — Myothit Dam — was inaugurated near Myothit Chaung village in Budalin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, on 27 September and the opening ceremony was attended by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Chairman of the Agricultural Development Committee. In his speech on the occasion, the Chairman of the Agricultural Development Committee said it was necessary for local authorities, departmental personnel and local people to strive for the success of agricultural sector by maintaining the dam and making effective use of its water.

The Government has been building dams in the Sagaing Division, including the Thaphanseik Dam, the largest in the country. As a result, the sown acreage has increased from 2.8 million acres in 1989 to 4 million in 2004. Due to such favourable conditions, Sagaing Division will become the granary of Upper Myanmar. Moreover, the cultivation of beans and pulses, edible oil crops, cotton and sugarcane is being extended there.

The newly-opened dam is the 18th facility in Sagaing Division and 165th in the nation and it will supply water to about 2,500 acres in Budalin Township. As a result, three crops including summer paddy and sesame are likely to be grown in a year.

The opening of the Myothit Dam in hot and dry upcountry will benefit farmers as well as their children and grandchildren. Therefore, we would like to urge the local people to strive for the development of agriculture by maintaining the dam and making effective use of its water.

### Forestry Minister inspects wood based industry

YANGON, 4 Oct— Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with the Director-General, the Managing Director and responsible personnel arrived at furniture factory of Sinma Furnishings Co Ltd in Thirimingala Market, Kyimyindine Township yesterday afternoon. Factory-in-Charge U Kyaw Kyaw Win explained functions of the factory. Next the Minister and party saw over finished furniture and production process and the Minister fulfilled the requirements.

The Minister inspected tasks being taken at Ahlon raft jetty of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Ahlon Township. Later, the Minister and party looked into measures being taken at furniture factory of Cupid Trading Co Ltd in Dagon Seikkan Township and attended to the needs. The factory is exporting the furniture to Malaysia.

The Minister inspected production functions and preparation tasks for exporting of the wood based industry of TKK International Ltd and attended to the needs. The factory is exporting the goods to Singapore, Italy and France.

In the evening, the Minister and party arrived at Timber shop in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and attended to the needs.

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### 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

### Minister inspects Kun Creek-2 dam project

YANGON, 4 Oct — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo arrived at Kun Creek-2 dam project site near Tatkon village, Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division, on 2 October afternoon. Officials of the Irrigation Department reported to the minister on measures being taken to irrigate some 20,000 acres of farmland and the use of construction materials.

Next, the minister gave instructions on accelerated efforts to complete the project ahead of schedule, and inspected construction works with the use of heavy machinery, storage of water in the dam, and construction of spillway, water control tower and conduit pipe.

The minister met farmers at Ywama monastery in Talokhtaw village, Hinthada Township, and gave instructions on national development, promotion of agricultural products, and water supply tasks. Yesterday morning, the minister visited Tilawka Okshaung



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects model plots of paddy cultivation in Indawai village-tract in Hinthada Township. —A&I

Shinhalau Pagoda in Nathmaw village, Hinthada Township, and donated cash to the funds of the all-round renovation of the pagoda.

The minister also visited Mahitayama monastery in Kanaungsu ward, Hinthada, where he paid homage to Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika U Indriyasabha and offered provisions to the Sayadaw.

The minister proceeded to Mogaung Pariyatti monastery in

Takalay ward, where he paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sudhammacara, and together with his family, offered provisions to the Sayadaw. They also donated cash to the funds for the all-round renovation of Myothugyi pagoda.

Next, the minister went to Indawai village-tract in Hinthada, where he met with farmers and service personnel and gave instructions on efforts to obtain target yield of paddy and the use of natural fertilizers.

Later, the minister visited Manaungmyin Pyidawpyan Buddha Image in Zalun, where he paid homage to the Buddha Image and donated cash to the pagoda.

In Zalun, the minister met with local authorities, departmental officials and members of social organizations, and called for continued efforts for national stability, economic growth, promotion of national education, which are essential in the making of a new nation. — MNA

### Education Minister receives Indian guests

YANGON, 4 Oct— Minister for Education U Than Aung received Foreign Secretary Mr Shyam Saran of the Republic of India and party at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and the directors-general. The guest was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia. — MNA



Minister U Than Aung receives Indian delegation led by Mr Shyam Saran. — (EDUCATION)

### Officials leave for Cambodia

YANGON, 4 Oct—The Myanmar delegation led by Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay left here by air this morning for Cambodia to attend the Eighth Senior Officials Meeting of ASEAN Information Ministers Conference to be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 4 to 8 October.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise Col Soe Win, Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Bo Kyi and officials. Director-General U Khin Maung Htay was accompanied by Director (TV/English) U Win Kyi of MRTV. — MNA

### Commerce Deputy Minister leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 4 Oct—The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun left here by air this morning for Vietnam to attend the opening of ASEAN Trade Fair 2004 to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by heads of department under the Ministry of Commerce, the President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and officials, and their families.

The deputy minister was accompanied by Chairman of Myanmar Gram and Sesame Merchants Association U Tun Aung and Staff Officer Daw Toe Toe Win of Directorate of Trade. — MNA



# Anger, confusion in France over failed mission to free journalists in Iraq

PARIS, 3 Oct—French media and authorities expressed anger on the weekend at an unofficial mission to free two French journalists taken hostage in Iraq more than six weeks ago which came up empty-handed after promising imminent success.

The operation, headed by a French parliamentary deputy in President Jacques Chirac's ruling UMP party, has sown confusion and raised many questions over government efforts — in public and in secret — to free the two men, Georges Malbrunot of Le Figaro newspaper and Christian Chesnot of Radio France International, who were captured south of Baghdad on 20 August along

with their Syrian driver.

Sunday's newspapers were especially scathing. Weekly Le Journal du Dimanche spoke of an "imbroglio" that was made up of "false leads, lies and confusion", while Le

Monde's Sunday-Monday edition said: "The contradictions, which give 'Operation Julia' an aura that could be judged ridiculous if it were not a matter of life and death, are legion."

Chirac on Saturday slammed the unofficial mission as "interference" while his foreign minister, Michel Barnier, said: "I want to hope that the parallel steps undertaken by a group in Iraq will not have consequences for the safety (of the men) and that they will not delay the moment of their release."

Internet

## Two bodies, possibly Westerners, found in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct—Two bodies, those of a woman and a man whose head was severed, were found Sunday twelve miles south of Baghdad. Police said the corpses looked like those of Westerners.

Police Lt Hussein Rizouqi said no identification was found on the corpses. The woman, who was shot in the head, had blond hair, he said. Insurgents have used kidnappings and grisly beheadings in their 17-month campaign to drive the United States and its allies out of Iraq. More than 140 foreigners have been kidnapped since April, some as political leverage and others for ransoms. At least 26 have been killed.

A Lebanese electrical company appealed to Iraqi kidnappers to release two employees seized last week, saying they were not working with US forces. The men were among 10 people seized by a group calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq — the same group that claimed responsibility for abducting two French journalists last month.—Internet



A US armoured vehicle waits near the site of a car bomb attack in Abu Ghraib, Baghdad, on 30 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

## HK's good times roll in broad spectrum rebound

HONG KONG, 4 Oct — Hong Kong has enjoyed a prosperous summer where a buoyant economy is reflected in booked out accommodation and a surge in high-end consumer spending, according to a report of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

Hotels and restaurants have recorded a boom season, with occupancy rates not seen for 10 years. Tourism arrivals reached a record 2.07 million in August, up 25 per cent on July. This brings the total year-to-date arrivals to 14.7 million, an increase of 58 per cent over the same period last year.

The Chinese Mainland easily remained the largest market by volume,

with a rise of 31 per cent to a record 1.24 million visitors. Notable increases from other major markets included Malaysia (up 69 per cent), Singapore (57 per cent), Thailand (53 per cent), Australia (49 per cent), the Britain (47 per cent) and Canada (46 per cent).

Latest government figures on retail spending reveal "a remarkable performance" in the six months to end June as sales of motor vehicles, electrical goods, photographic equipment, jewelry and watches all registered growth of over 20 per cent.

While increasing business tourism continues to have a positive impact on the hospitality industry, and rising numbers of affluent Chinese Mainland tourists boost the retail sector, many believe the upmarket mood is more a reflection of optimism in Hong Kong.

"There is a positive vibe about Hong Kong," said Allan Zeman, chairman of the Lan Kwai Fong Association. Zeman oversees the promotion of Lan Kwai Fong, one of Hong Kong's most famous restaurant and entertainment districts.

"There's a feel-good factor that says Hong Kong is booming," Zeman said. "Long haul tourists are coming in and droves; there are conventions almost every day; restaurants and bars are full. Customers are spending - and this is putting smiles on a lot of faces."

MNA/Xinhua

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## Philippines to issue "visa-upon-arrival" for Chinese tourists

MANILA, 4 Oct — The Philippine Government will grant "visa-upon-arrival" privileges to all Chinese tourists arriving in the Philippines, whether individually or in groups, said Philippine Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano on Sunday.

Durano said that the Bureau of Immigration and the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines had agreed to extend the privilege to Chinese tourists to boost their numbers.

He said the validity of the visa will be extended from seven days to 14 days after a survey has showed that the average time Chinese tourists spend in the Philippines is around 11 days.

## Iraq militants claim to behead contractor

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct—A militant group in Iraq claimed in an Internet statement posted Saturday that it abducted and beheaded an Iraqi construction contractor who worked on a US military base. A video released with the statement showed a man being decapitated.

A different militant group claiming to have kidnapped two Indonesian women in Iraq demanded on Saturday the release of an Indonesian cleric jailed in his home country. But the cleric refused to be freed in an exchange, saying hostage-taking is not

in keeping with Islam.

Another video broadcast Saturday on the Al-Arabiya network showed a man purported to be a Jordanian hostage. An announcer said the hostage appeared surrounded by gunmen threatening to kill him within 72 hours un-

less his company stopped cooperating with US forces. Meanwhile, in another, ongoing hostage drama, French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said Saturday private initiatives to free two French journalists kidnapped last month had frustrated the government's own negotiations with the captors.

The report of the beheading came in a statement posted on the Internet Saturday by the Ansar al-Sunnah Army. The group said it killed Barie Nafie Dawoud Ibrahim, who was described as "one of the biggest contractors," working on water, sewage and air conditioning projects at the US military base Al-Taji north of Baghdad.—Internet

## Wal-Mart construction suspended at archaeological site in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 4 Oct—The Mexican authorities have suspended the construction of a Wal-Mart supermarket near the archaeological site of Teotihuacan, about 45 kilometres north of Mexico City, government officials said Saturday. According to the officials, the governor of the state of Mexico, Arturo Montiel, ordered Friday to look for a new lot for Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, Ruben Regnier, spokesman of the National Anthropology Institute (INAH), affirmed the government's decision, adding "now it is the turn to wait the answers of Wal-Mart."—MNA/Xinhua



A man carries his injured daughter to the hospital after three bombs exploded near a US convoy in western Baghdad, on 30 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

## British manufacturing sector growth slows again in September

LONDON, 3 Oct— Britain's manufacturing sector recorded a second consecutive month of growth slowdown in September as a result of higher oil prices, reduced domestic demand and base interest rate hikes, a key survey released Friday showed.

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply *Reuters'* survey showed growth in production and new orders slipped to their weakest levels since last June, and employment barely grew.

The institute's index indicating performance fell from 53.1 in August to 52.2 in September de-

spite a forecast rise to 53.5.

Analysts said that although the figure is still above the 50 threshold — indicating continuing expansion in the sector — the latest figure represents a second consecutive month of growth decline in a sector that makes up about one-sixth of the world's fourth largest economy.

The survey found that rising oil and metal prices pushed input prices up, new orders fell for a second month in succession and growth in domestic demand weakened.

However, the survey also showed exports improved with the export orders index climbing to 50.1 from a near two-year

low of 47.7 in August.

The survey said manufacturers were able to pass on some of their higher input costs to clients, forcing up the output prices index to 54.6 in September from 54.0 in August.

"Margins are being squeezed and are forcing manufacturers to find productivity gains," said Chris Williamson, an economist at NTC Research, which compiles the report. "This is in contrast to the previous five months when we've seen modest growth in employment in the Britain manufacturing sector."

The news reinforced speculation that the Bank of England has nearly completed its current round of interest rate hikes and sent sterling down to a seven-month low against the euro. —MNA/Xinhua

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## UAE invests over \$5b in utility projects

ABU DHABI, 3 Oct— The total investment in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) utility projects is expected to exceed estimated 5.5 billion US dollars from 2000 to 2010, the *Gulf News* reported on Friday.

The figure is due to revised demand for power and water — 9,475 megawatts (MW) and 791 million gallons per day — an 8 per cent growth in electricity and 7 per cent in water consumption per year.

UAE's power demand is expected to stand at 12,000 MW by 2015, while water demand will rise to 900 million gallons daily.

With the continued rally of oil price, investment in general projects is expected to continue. The total gross domestic product of six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC) is expected to exceed 400 billion dollars, which will help the countries increase spending in new projects and development activities to boost their respective economies.

The total value of infrastructure, utility, energy development and construction projects in the GCC could well exceed 200 billion dollars, about half of which are being implemented in the UAE.

The GCC, a regional political and economic alliance, was established in 1981 and groups Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the UAE and Qatar.

MNA/Xinhua



Anti-Iraq war protestors march past the Washington Monument in Washington, on 2 Oct, 2004. More than 1,000 US military personnel have died in Iraq during the war, as well as more than 12,000 Iraqi civilians, according to the Iraq Body Count Organization. —INTERNET

## Five killed in overnight fighting in Samarra

SAMARRA (Iraq), 3 Oct— US and Iraqi forces pushed on with their offensive against guerillas in the town of Samarra overnight, killing five people and wounding 20 in the fighting, a doctor at a local hospital said on Saturday.

Residents said US aircraft bombarded parts of the city, 60 miles north of Baghdad on the banks of the Tigris, during the night, and tanks rolled through the town.

It was not clear whether the five people killed were guerillas or civilians.

In a statement released late on Friday, the US military said it had secured government and police buildings, as well as mosques and "other significant sites" in the city, one of the biggest rebel strongholds.

"Troops proceeded through the city routinely being engaged in military skirmishes by rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices and both direct and indirect fire," it said.

On Friday, a military spokesman said US forces had killed guerillas in the offensive, launched in the early hours of Friday morning, and captured some 35 fighters, including 25 men inside the city's famed Golden Mosque.

MNA/Reuters

## Business leaders confident about Japan's economic outlook

TOKYO, 3 Oct— The Japanese business community expressed confidence Friday about the outlook of the domestic economy in the wake of the Bank of Japan's release of a better-than-expected reading for business confidence among large manufacturers.

"I have the impression that Japan's current economic conditions are

significantly strong," Kakutaro Kitashiro, chairman of the Japan Association of Corporate Executives, said in a statement.

Kitashiro was commenting on the BOJ's Tankan quarterly report, which found a business confidence index for large manufacturers at 26 for three months through September, up from 22 marked three months ear-

lier and the highest since the burst of the speculative-driven bubble economy in the early 1990s.

The reading surpassed an index of 23 pointed in a *Kyodo News* survey.

However, the large manufacturers' confidence index for the next quarter through December stood at 21.

MNA/Xinhua

## More foreign investment pours into Vietnam in first nine months

HANOI, 3 Oct— Vietnam attracted foreign direct investment (FDI) of 2.97 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, a year-on-year rise of 41 per cent.

In the period, the country lured 1.67 billion dollars of fresh investment from 518 newly-licensed projects, and 1.3 billion dollars of additional capital from 342 operational projects, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Saturday. Most of the FDI was poured into the industry, construction and service sectors. Vietnam's biggest investors in the first three quarters included Taiwan, Canada, South Korea

and Japan. To attract more FDI, the ministry has recently proposed the government to take new measures such as permitting localities to license bigger projects, allowing stronger foreign participation in several fields such as education and vocational training, perfecting FDI-related legal documents and infrastructure, publicizing the national list of projects to be implemented in the 2005-2010 period calling for foreign investment in

the next few months, and promoting investment in key markets such as the European Union, the United States and Japan.

Vietnam is forecast to lure more than 3.3 billion dollars' worth of FDI this year, up from 3.1 billion dollars last year. It now has nearly valid 4,900 foreign-invested projects with total registered capital of more than 44 billion dollars, including realized capital of nearly 26 billion dollars. —MNA/Xinhua



Local residents look at a crater caused by an overnight US airstrike in Sadr City, Baghdad, on 2 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET



# UNSC urges contributions to forces to protect UN in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Oct — The Security Council welcomed on Friday proposals by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan regarding security arrangements for the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), including close protection troops for senior UN staff, and urged world governments to contribute to the units.

The safety of UN personnel and premises has been a top issue surrounding the return of the United Nations to Iraq ever since two bomb attacks against the world body's offices in Baghdad last year led to the eventual withdrawal of all international staff.

The first blast on 19 August, 2003 killed 22 people, including Annan's special representative Sergio Vieira de Mello, and wounded scores of others. A month later a second explosion near the premises killed a security guard and left 19 others injured.

In a recent letter to the Council, Annan called for international security staff, protection coordination officers, personal security details and guard units in addition to protection provided by the US-led multinational force, which would be responsible for

security throughout the country.

Among their tasks, the different elements would be responsible for close protection of senior UNAMI personnel when they travel outside of headquarters, and security at UN premises and access control to headquarters.

The Council's response came in the form of a letter approved during an open meeting. Annan's spokesman said the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the Security Council was intended to provide a legal framework for this arrangement.

Asked about progress in obtaining troops for the security elements, the spokesman said there was nothing to announce yet. While there were reports that one country would provide assistance, there was nothing to confirm pending a final agreement, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

## Iraqi militant group will release two kidnapped Indonesian women

DUBAI, 3 Oct — An Iraqi militant group claiming to have kidnapped two Indonesian women said it would release them if Jakarta freed a Muslim cleric detained on suspected terror links, Al-Jazeera television reported on Saturday.

"The Islamic Army in Iraq put a condition to the Indonesian Government to release Abu Bakar Bashir in return for freeing the two Indonesian hostages," the Arab channel said, quoting what it said was a statement by the group. It gave no further details.

Six Iraqis and two Lebanese were also kidnapped by the group, Al Jazeera said.

Indonesia confirmed the kidnapping of the two women on Friday and advised any other nationals in the country to leave immediately.

In the statement, the group said Indonesia had arrested Bashir earlier this year at Australia's request.

The frail cleric is accused of leading the al-Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiyah network. He is also suspected of hav-

ing links to the 2002 Bali bombings which killed 202 people. Bashir has consistently denied links to both the bombing and the group.

On Thursday, Jazeera aired a video tape from the "Islamic Army in Iraq, the Western leadership" showing images of the two Indonesians in Muslim headscarves with the other hostages.

MNA/Reuters



The smoldering remains of a US armoured vehicle is seen strewn on a street in the poor, mainly Shiite Muslim neighbourhood of Sadr City in Baghdad, on 1 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

## More Nepalis want to become journalists

KATHMANDU, 3 Oct — Four kinds of certificate of recognition were awarded to more than 250 Nepali journalism trainees on Saturday morning in Kathmandu by Global Media and Research Centre (GMRC).

"More and more Nepalis want to become journalists," the chairman of GMRC Laxman Dutta Pant told Xinhua at the awarding ceremony.

The country's first text book of journalism was released at the ceremony.

Established in January 2000, the centre aims to produce capable manpower in Nepali media industry.

A total of 1,600 Nepali have been trained and given the certificates by the centre, he said,

adding that more Nepali people are interested in courses of journalism.

The four kinds of training include print, photography, broadcast and communication lifeful of journalism.

Anchoring, news reading, photo techniques, documentary production, script writing, public speaking, news reporting, feature writing, organizing Press conference and article writing are the major courses of the centre, he

said.

Having finished several months of training, some outstanding trainees have been warmly welcomed by popular newspapers, national television channels and radio stations.

Among them, 116 students have been working in different kinds of media and a lot of young trainees have become skilled journalists, photographers and anchors in the kingdom of Nepal, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysia resumes exports of poultry products to Singapore

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 Oct — A total of 1.4 million eggs, 169,262 chickens and 3,744 ducks were exported to Singapore Friday after the city-state partially lifted a six-week ban Thursday, said an official statement.

The statement, released by the Malaysia Veterinary Services Department here Friday, urged the Federation of Livestock Farmers Associations of Malaysia (FLFAM) to coordinate and facilitate matters concerning supply and marketing.

On 18 August, Singapore imposed a blanket suspension on the import of Malaysian poultry products after the H5 strain of avian influenza was detected in Tumpat, north state of Kelantan on 17 August.

Malaysian poultry farmers in south states of Johor and Melaka are allowed to export their produce to Singapore after the outbreak bird flu has been under control and limited to Kelantan only.

MNA/Xinhua

## Standard chartered approved for RMB services in Jiangsu

NANJING, 3 Oct — British Standard Chartered Bank's Nanjing branch was given approval to conduct Renminbi (RMB) services in the capital city of Jiangsu Province Thursday by the China Banking Regulatory Commission.

The first foreign bank approved to deal in RMB services in Jiangsu, Standard Chartered will provide loans, savings and credit card services to small and medium-sized businesses and individuals, while managing cash, foreign exchange and securities for customers.

Founded in 1992, Standard Chartered's Nanjing branch is the biggest foreign bank in the province. An official with the bank said the opening of RMB services will further expand its influence.

The bank's branches in Shanghai and Shenzhen obtained the approval for providing RMB services to Chinese and foreign companies earlier this year.

MNA/Xinhua



A civilian car burns after a car bomb targeting a US military convoy exploded in Mosul, 360 kilometres (225 miles) north of Baghdad, on 2 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

## Kerry accuses Bush of serious misjudgments on eco, war

ORLANDO (Florida), 4 Oct — Democratic challenger John Kerry pivoted from the contentious debate over Iraq to bread-and-butter issues on Saturday and accused President George W Bush of “serious misjudgments” on the economy as well as the war.

Two days after the presidential debate in Miami which many Americans thought he won, Kerry turned the same aggressive focus on Bush’s “wrong choices” on Iraq to his domestic agenda and said the Republican President had turned his back on the middle class in favour of the wealthy and well-connected.

“In fact, the only people George Bush’s policies are working for are the people he chooses to help,” the Massachusetts senator said. “They’re working for drug companies. They’re working for oil companies ... and they’re certainly working for Halliburton.”

Halliburton, the Texas-based oil services giant run by Vice-President Dick Cheney from 1995 to 2000 and the leading logistics contractor for the US military in Iraq, is a favourite whipping horse for Democrats.

In closely divided Florida, epicentre of the disputed 2000 presidential election and a must-win state for Bush, Kerry told supporters at an Orlando high school the President had proved time and again “that’s he’s just plain stubborn, out of touch and unwilling to change course”.

“He confuses staying in place with leadership,” Kerry said. “But it’s not just Iraq. Over the past four years he’s made serious misjudgments here at home.”

Kerry cited a 1.3-trillion-US-dollar, 10-year tax cut he said mostly benefitted the wealthy, job losses, high gas prices, rising college tuition, unaffordable health care and expensive prescription drugs.

A Boston millionaire who has served in the US Senate for two decades, Kerry said he shared the middle class’ “frustration that this administration seems to be in a constant state of denial that neglects the needs of these Americans.”

He offered “a new choice” on jobs, health care, taxes and energy, saying he would roll back Bush’s tax cut for Americans earning more than 200,000 US dollars a year to pay for his proposals.

Kerry would eliminate tax breaks that reward US companies for sending jobs abroad, cut corporate taxes by 5 per cent, offer a new tax credit to jump-start the creation of manufacturing jobs, enforce trade laws and raise the minimum wage from 5.15 US dollars per hour to 7 US dollars by 2007.

He said he would allow the importation of cheaper prescription drugs from Canada, provide affordable health care for many of the 44 million uninsured Americans and extend middle class tax cuts.

“If you asked President Bush, he’d tell you everything’s just fine here at home,” Kerry said. “Maybe that’s true for his friends — for Enron, for Halliburton, for the big oil industry.”

He portrayed Bush, a fellow Yale graduate with a similar privileged upbringing, as unable to empathize with the middle class and a man who could neither see nor fix the country’s economic problems.

“The real test of leadership is how you respond if things go wrong,” Kerry said. “Do you face the facts ... or do you stick with your story and ignore reality?”

Although almost all of Kerry’s speech focussed on domestic issues, he said he would not let a day pass between now and the 2 November election without talking about Iraq.

“There is nothing more important. George Bush made a colossal error of judgment in Iraq,” he said, reprising a line from Thursday night’s presidential debate. —MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi boy searches amid the rubble of a destroyed house, on 2 Oct, 2004 in the guerrilla-held city of Fallujah after an attack by a US warplane overnight. — INTERNET

## Baby white shark spends 18 days in captivity

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Oct — A baby female great white shark spent her 18th day on Saturday swimming in a giant tank at California’s Monterey Bay Aquarium after setting a record for longevity in captivity.

The 52-inch, 62-pound shark caught in a commercial fishing net off Huntington Beach in Southern California, set the mark on Friday, the aquarium said.

The previous record holder was a great white at the San Diego SeaWorld, released in 1981 after 16 days in captivity. —MNA/Reuters

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## One-sided view given for believing Saddam had nuke arms

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct — Bush Administration officials, in the lead-up to the invasion of Iraq, gave a one-sided view of the case for believing Saddam Hussein had a nuclear arms programme that ignored the doubts of their own experts, the *New York Times* said on Saturday.

The newspaper made the charge in an article about thousands of high-strength aluminium tubes ordered by Iraq that leading administration officials said were intended for use in uranium centrifuges.

“As the only physical evidence the United States could brandish of (Saddam’s) revived nuclear ambitions, they gave credibility to the apocalyptic imagery invoked by President Bush and his advisers,” said the article on the newspaper’s web site.

It referred to remarks by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice in September 2002 in which she said the tubes, a shipment of which were intercepted in Jordan in June

2001, were “only really suited for nuclear weapons programmes”.

The paper said that before she made the remarks, “she was aware that the government’s foremost nuclear experts had concluded that the tubes were most likely not for nuclear weapons at all”.

It said the Energy Department experts believed the tubes were probably intended for small artillery rockets, as Iraq itself maintained.

“Senior administration officials repeatedly failed to fully disclose the contrary views of America’s leading nuclear scientists,” the *Times* said, citing Rice, Vice-President Dick Cheney and

Secretary of State Colin Powell by name.

“They sometimes overstated even the most dire intelligence assessments of the tubes, yet minimized or rejected the strong doubts of their own experts. They worried privately that the nuclear case was weak, but expressed a more certain certitude in public.”

“The result was a largely one-sided presentation to the public that did not convey the depth of evidence and argument against the administration’s most tangible proof of a revived nuclear weapons programme in Iraq,” the paper said. A White House spokeswoman had no immediate comment.

MNA/Reuters



A masked Shiite militiaman stands near a damaged mural of the late religious leader Mohammed Sadiq al Sadr, father of radical Iraqi cleric Moqtada al Sadr, in the eastern Baghdad suburb of Al Sadr City, on 2 Oct 2004. INTERNET

## Philippines expects much from ASEM in Hanoi

MANILA, 4 Oct — The Philippines is expecting much from the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) to be held next week in Hanoi, Vietnam, with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo taking part for the first time to seek a stronger engagement with the European Union (EU), said presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye on Sunday.

“President Arroyo will be at the forefront of a diplomatic offensive to enhance cooperation with the expanded EU in the fields of trade, tourism, security, environment protection and international migration,” he said. “She will strongly advocate for a closer ASEM economic partnership”.

Arroyo will leave for Hanoi on October 6, leading the Philippine delegation composed of the secretary of foreign affairs, trade and industry and other senior government officials.

Bunye said the EU expansion from 15 to 25 countries represents an integrated market of about 455 million people.

He said the Philippines views the ASEM as a good opportunity to thank several ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) and EU leaders for their continuing support to the Philippine government’s peace agenda.

The Philippine Government will also seek the approval of an agreement of Asia-Europe cooperation and dialogue in maritime environmental protection and marine scientific research, said the spokesman. — MNA/Xinhua



# OUR NOBLE TEACHERS

*U Thaung Tut*

## အာရိယာ ဂုဏ် အနန္တော acariya guno ananto The Magnificent Infinite Teacher

The United Nations has designated October 5 as World Teachers' Day. It has been widely accepted by the world of to-day that the present Age is 'The Age of Knowledge.' The last two or three decades have seen a tremendous changes and developments in electronic telecommunications and computer technology. These advancements have great effects upon human way of life and civilization far beyond imagination. The power and might of these information technology not only influence but shape every country and individuals also.

This situation paves the way to the serious attention of all nations that the competitive investment of a nation is no longer the richness of material resources but the richness of highly-educated, highly-qualified, highly-innovative man-power or human resources capable of facing and living up to the challenges of an over-changing world. All countries have agreed that creating a life-long learning society is the must for every country, every society and every individual to combat these challenges successfully.

Hence every country is now in the process of "re-engineering education" for change and development in the light of the prevailing socio-economic, Culture and political situations of its own country. At the centre of any education change or reform of a nation, inevitably lies the important role of our teachers.

In a changing world of to-day the role of our teacher naturally is changing also. The world is now paying more attention to the status and quality of our teachers in all aspects from all angles. The task of a teacher is now not confined to teaching academic discipline and making students to pass the examination. The teacher has to unlock the unlimited hidden potential of each student to become an all-round development of the personality to his or her own fullest abilities. Hence teachers of to-day need to learn and play the role of learning facilitators, flexible orientators, wise counsellors, habitual readers, curriculum developers, reflective class-room researchers, community promoters and organizers, active members for community development, critical intellectuals. In short our teachers

should be able to cope with the new profile and role for nurturing and creating the students as expected by the society they live in and the challenges of the Age.

On 5 October countries all over the world are celebrating 'World Teachers' Day' as requested by the United Nations aiming to call upon all people to honour and pay a tribute to teachers who are taking important duties, multifarious responsibilities and varied functions for building better developed and peaceful world in future. In Myanmar everybody highly values the gratitude of the teachers and pays respect and obeisance to all our noble teachers, young or old and places them on the same level with the Buddha, the Dhamma, the Sangha and the Parents. Hence, in fact, in Myanmar every day is the Teachers' Day. Anyhow,

**The task of a teacher is now not confined to teaching academic discipline and making students to pass the examination. The teacher has to unlock the unlimited hidden potential of each student to become an all-round development of the personality to his or her own fullest abilities.**

being a member nation of the UN, Myanmar holds the World Teachers Day every year with a grand scale to demonstrate vividly Myanmar's stand and determination to actively participate in this international cooperation for the status uplift of our noble teachers.

In Myanmar the term 'teacher' may be interpreted linguistically as (ဆရာ, ဆရာမ, မြတ်ဆရာ) a person of knowledge and wisdom having the ability of balanced and wise judgements and decisions. The Dictionary of Myanmar Language defines the term 'teacher' as:

- (a) a person who teaches an academic discipline
- (b) a person who guides how to behave or conduct in a good manner~
- (c) a person skilled in an art or craft.

Traditionally in Myanmar there are three categories of teachers. They are

(1) Teaching Teacher (2) Seeing Teacher and (3) Hearing Teacher. Teaching Teacher category is also classified into two types of Teacher in Pali terms: Acariya Teacher (အာရိယာဆရာ) and Upajjhaya Teacher (ဥပဉ္စယဆရာ). The first type teaches art (academic) whereas the other one guides good manners, morality, decency and ethics. Myanmar people—old or young—

feel indebted and pay due respect and regards to any teacher who provides knowledge and wisdom or skill by any mode of education (formal or non-formal or informal). This is why Myanmar literature is rich with sayings, poems, verses and homilies depicting the virtues, benevolence and gratitude of our noble teachers.

In Myanmar society, the relationship between the teacher and his or her students is reciprocal. The students pay due reverence and obeisance to their teachers as parents and the teachers take care of and nurture the students as their sons and daughters by blood. Our teachers are also usually regarded as role models in their communities. Teachers are traditionally regarded as community leaders or parents in rural as well as urban communities. On the part of teachers they observe high moral and ethical standard and simple way of living as highly expected by students, parents and communities. Obeisance ceremonies to present and former teachers by present and old students are usually held after the end of lent festival in schools as well as in the community. These practices have been in existence for many years. It is encouraging to see that this practice of paying homage to our noble teachers has been spreading and increasing year by year and becoming more common and popular in all levels of education including university level in this country.

The wise, sincere and far-reaching incredible contributions based on "cetana", love and compassion rendered by our noble teachers for the proper development of the students and society are immeasurable. On this momentous "World Teacher's Day" let the peoples of the world pray to our dedicated noble teachers for the health, wealth and happiness throughout their life.

အာရိယာ ဂုဏ် အနန္တော  
acariya gunam aham vandami  
We adore you—our Noble  
Teacher

## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

## Health care, leadership and management course (2/2004) opens

YANGON, 4 Oct — Health care, leadership and management course (2/2004) under the aegis of the Ministry of Health was opened at the health staff training school in Dagon Township this morning.

Present were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, heads of departments under the Ministry of Health.

In his address, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said the health staff

training school conducted leadership, management and work efficiency courses for health staff at different levels and it trained altogether 578 staff.

He quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that human resource is the basis for development of science and arts fields including health sector. It is impossible to develop those fields if there is no human resource development, he added.

He said conducting

course for doctors means promoting the qualifications of health staff. Health activities will develop through the combination of high qualification of health staff and use of modern equipment.

The present course includes leadership and organizational matters. The State's policies on health, health care services in cooperation with international communities, disease control, public health and treatment, new thoughts,

new management on-job training and e-government will be lectured.

In conclusion, the minister urged the doctors to try to become qualified ones with the application of the knowledge gained at the course.

Altogether 34 deputy division medical officers, district and township medical officers from states and divisions are taking the course which will last till 27 October.

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## Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-mega-watt power station can supply.



Prime  
Minister  
General  
Khin Nyunt  
greeted Mr  
Shyam  
Saran,  
Foreign  
Secretary  
of the  
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India at  
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## Sangyoung Township BEHS No 1 opens...

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Director of Eden Co Ltd U Nay Myo Khaing presented K 8.3 million for the multimedia centre through the headmistress. Chairman of Kya-koe-gaung vehicle assembling and production and U Ko Ko Htwe, Daw Aye Aye Than of Tawwin Family Co presented K 1 million each and people of Sangyoung Township K 210,000 for the centre through the commander. Minister U Than Aung accepted K 100,000 presented by Vice-Chairman of SBT U Aung Htaik of Seiktaingkyia Cafe; K 100,000 by U Aye Kyi and Daw Htay Htay Win of Seiktaingkyia Cafe and 71 CD teaching aids worth K 100,000 by U Han Aye of Parami Avenue family. Other donors including

students who have passed the matriculation examination from the school presented K 140,000; Secretary of SBT U Hla Aung Shwe and Kaythipan U Hla Myint K 80,000; U Min Soe-Daw Hla Hla Win K 50,000; U Hsan Win and friends K 50,000; U Myint Sein-Daw Ohmma Khin of Thamada Co Ltd K 50,000; old student U Aung Soe Moe K 50,000; SBT members U Soe Naing, U Moe and U Nyein Maung K 60,000; Jazz Restaurant and U Khin Zaw K 60,000 and U Saw Win Ko-Daw Tin Tin Myint K 50,000. Minister Col Zaw Min, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min accepted the donations. Minister U Than

Aung thanked and honoured the wellwishers for their donations to enhance human education and knowledge, saying that at present, the entire nation is in the process of making efforts for education development. The entire people of the nation are taking part in the task with the encouragement and assistance of the Government. The staff of the education sector will have to strive for the successful realization of the goals of the education promotion programmes.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greeted the headmistress, teachers, members of SBT, donors, parents and students. The Secretary-1 and party also posed for photo together with them.—MNA

### POEM:

#### WITH GOODWILL TOWARD ALL TEACHERS

- \* Whether a human has matured  
Or not, cannot merely be discerned  
His features and built are  
Also not criteria for gauging.
- \* His age and size must be considered  
His growth and speech  
His wit and his manner  
There must be no imperfection  
Must be able to know good from bad  
Must have knowledge to gauge  
With ample education  
Must be able to make  
His way in the world  
Then only will he be mature.
- \* Parents teach their children  
To speak and to walk  
Know names and the rest  
To those who teach first, we supplicate  
They are teachers, first and foremost.
- \* Foremost teachers are mother and father  
Primarily teaching, and in continuity  
Sent to school for education and knowledge  
What one would know, over what one already  
Leaving out nothing, to be learned and clever  
To acquire all these  
They as teachers, teach carefully.
- \* Teacher disseminates knowledge  
Based on education that is acquired  
What one hears and sees, is knowledge  
Must know good from bad  
Continuous teaching of educators  
Increasingly, he acquires.
- \* First and foremost, those who taught us  
To listen and to see, greatly honourable  
Teachers, all Four Kinds, I supplicate  
To our teachers who add goodwill  
For a good world, peaceful  
May it be perpetuated.

Nwai Cho (Trs.)  
(Hailing World Teachers' Day.)



Lt-Gen Soe Win has a cordial conversation with wellwishers at the opening ceremony of multimedia classrooms of Sangyoung Township No 1 BEHS. — MNA

## Minister receives Indian delegation

YANGON, 4 Oct — Indian delegation led by Mr Shyam Saran2, Foreign Secretary of the Republic of India, called on Minister for Science

and Technology U Thaug at the latter's office on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon.

Also present at the

call were Deputy Minister Dr Chan Nyein and officials, and Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia.

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Minister U Thaug receives Indian delegation led by Mr Shyam Saran. — MNA

## Winners of International Rice Year commemorative colour photo competition announced

YANGON, 4 Oct — Entries for Colour Photo Competition to mark the International Rice Year 2004 were scrutinized at the Myanmar Photographic Association here yesterday morning. Sein Win Htwe (Aung Chan Tha) stood first, NyaungU Pho Cho second, and Thein Kyi (Zaw Ye Htut-Taninthyai) third. The consolation prizes went to Sein Win Htwe (Aung Chan Tha), Mogok Soe Htay and Htin Aung (Insein).—MNA





Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets trainees of the Advanced Organizing Course of MWVO. (News on page 16)—MNA

## No 11 LID Commander's Shield Boxing Tournament open

YANGON, 4 Oct — No 11 Light Infantry Division Commander's Shield Boxing Tournament was opened yesterday afternoon at the hall of the command.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an address and opened the match.

A total of 11 teams of the battalions and regiments under the command are participating in the march which will last till 9 October. — MNA

## Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister hosts dinner to Indian delegation

YANGON, 4 Oct — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu hosted a dinner to Indian delegation led by Mr Shyam Saran, Foreign Secretary of the Republic of India this evening at Inya Lake Hotel here.

Before the dinner, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Mr Shyam Saran signed an agreement of the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations.

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Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu receives Mr Shyam Saran, Foreign Secretary of the Republic of India. — MNA



## MYANMAR TRADITION AND WORLD'S BEATITUDE

- \* Human potential, resources  
Goodwill for it to grow  
Compassion multiplies  
Teacher who contributes to these  
Not being selfish  
To sacrifice with goodwill  
Only satisfaction he enjoys  
One of the Noble Five  
Feel as if you place on your head.
- \* Teacher who helps listen, see and learn  
Included among the Three Gems  
With conduct honourable  
First and foremost Teacher  
Myanmar character  
At bedtime, supplicate  
As long as one lives  
Exercise humility.
- \* United Nations, with due honour  
Creating this historic event  
"Teachers' Day" of World Village  
Has appeared beneficially  
Welcome and ask for blessings  
Add to it Myanmar traits  
Politely, must not forget  
World Teachers' Day.

Kyaw Saw Han (Trs.)  
(In honour of World Teachers' Day)

## Private companies reclaiming land for export crops

YANGON, 4 Oct — Five private companies are reclaiming 1,215 acres of land near Tatkon village in Myothit Township, and another 792 acres of land near Bondaw village in Natmauk Township, to grow onion and sesame for export.

On 2 October, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, accompanied by officials of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading, inspected the projects and explained the means to help the companies grow and export the crops. Yesterday morning, the minister inspected storehouses of MAPT in Magway. In Aunglan, he met with entrepreneurs.

He also inspected a 70-ton rice mill of MAPT in Pyay, a barn oil mill and a 75-ton rice mill in Paungde, and a 250-ton rice mill in Letpadan and looked into the requirements of the workers of the mills.

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## Use of g-GIS demonstrated

YANGON, 4 Oct — MCC-Mastech Co Ltd and ESRI (Thailand) Co Ltd jointly gave a demonstration of a g-GIS (Geographic Information System Portal for Government) at Myanma Information and Communication Technology Park in Hline Township here this afternoon. Present on the oc-

casion were e-National Task Force Vice-Chairman and Training Board member U Aung Myint, members of e-National Task Force, e-Government Implementation Committee, MICT-DC board of directors, officials. U Aung Myint spoke on the occasion. Next, MCC-

Mastech Co Ltd Managing Director U Tin Win Aung explained the purpose of g-GIS. Later, ESRI (Thailand) Co Ltd Director Mr Soottipong Winyoopradist, and Business Development Manager Ms Thanaporn Thitisawat gave a demonstration of GIS Web Portal.

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## UMFCCI President meets Japanese entrepreneurs

YANGON, 4 Oct — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-2 Dr Maung Maung Lay and officials met 23-member Japanese entrepreneurs grouped by President of Chi Chi Bu Railway Co Ltd of Japan Mr Arafune Shigetoshi at the UMFCCI office here on 1 October. At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on promotion of trade and cooperation and tourism. —MNA



UMFCCI officials meet Japanese guests.—UMFCCI

## Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

- In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- The use of natural gas can not only save fuel oil but also extend engine life.
- Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
- Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.

## Joint Message on the Occasion of World Teachers' Day

YANGON, 5 Oct — The following is the joint message of UNESCO, ILO, UNDP and UNICEF issued on the World Teachers' Day today. — Ed

On World Teachers' Day, and on any other day for that matter, the basic message that a teacher needs to receive is quite simple. "We appreciate you". That message cannot be repeated often enough, by those of us in the United Nations family and by those who interact with you every day.

We highly appreciate you having chosen this profession, one so fundamental to society, and the fact that you continue in it, despite — and often because of — the challenges you face. We value the initiatives you take in opening doors of knowledge and tolerance for each girl and boy. We are aware of what your profession demands of you, of your responsibilities and of your rights. We acknowledge the difficulty of your task, and the fact that it takes professional training and a decent work environment to teach well. We appreciate the care you take to direct your knowledge at children with special needs, and your awareness that all students have individual needs. We value your ability, developed through training and experience, to listen to your students and to shift the responsibility of being a learner from your shoulders to theirs.

In sum, we appreciate you, and we call upon parents, community leaders, business people, trade unions and government officials, especially educational authorities, to find a way, this World Teachers' Day, to tell you just that, in their own words and in their own way.

**Koichiro Matsuura**  
Director-General  
UNESCO

**Mark Malloch Brown**  
Administrator  
UNDP

**Juan Somavia**  
Director-General  
ILO

**Carol Bellamy**  
Executive Director  
UNICEF



Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations in progress. — MNA

## Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations held

YANGON, 4 Oct — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Kyaw Thu received Indian delegation led by Mr Shyam Saran, Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India and party who are visiting Myanmar to attend the Foreign Office Consultations in Myanmar, together with Ambassador

of the Embassy of the Republic of India, Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning.

After the call, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Kyaw Thu and Mr Shyam Saran, Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India and party attended the

Foreign Office Consultations being held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Also present at the Foreign Office Consultations were directors-general and responsible officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and directors-general and responsible officials from the respective ministry.

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## Basic Training Course No 1 on Fresh Water Prawn Breeding opened

YANGON, 4 Oct — With the sponsorship of Myanmar Fisheries Federation of the Fisheries Department and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association, Basic Training Course No 1 on Fresh Water Prawn Breeding was opened at the Yuzana Hotel, Shwegondine, here this morning with an

address by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein and directors-general, the President of MFF and CEC members, the MPEA members, course instructors, trainees and others.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein made an opening speech on the occasion. Next, President of MFF U Htay Myint and Chairman of MPEA Dr Hla Maung Shwe explained the purpose conducting of the course. The two-week course is being attended by altogether 57 trainees.—MNA



Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and Mr Shyam Saran sign an agreement of Foreign Office Consultations. — MNA

## Senior Officials' Meeting of 26th ASEAN Ministers' on Agriculture and Forestry commences

YANGON, 4 Oct — The Senior Officials Meeting of the 26th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry commenced at Sedona Hotel, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, this morning. Present on the occasion were leaders of senior officials of agriculture and forestry and representatives from Brunei, Cambodia,

Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, officials of ASEAN Secretary General's Office.

Leader of senior officials of Malaysia Dato Abi Musa Mohamed, Chairman of the SOM 25th AMAF Meeting made a speech on the

occasion.

Next, those present at the meeting elected Director-General U Tin Htut Oo of Agriculture Planning Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation leader of senior officials of Myanmar as chairman and Segfredo R Serrano, leader of senior officials of the Philippines as vice-

chairman for the SOM 26th AMAF Meeting.

After that Chairman of SOM 26th AMAF Meeting Director-General U Tin Htut Oo made a speech on the occasion.

He said he was highly grateful for compliment, and deemed it as a recognition of Myanmar's role, in the efforts of the

common endeavours for the betterment of the Region's food, agriculture and forestry sectors.

And in these respects, he said, he would also like to offer his heartfelt appreciation to Dato Abi Musa Assars bin Mohamed Nor, for his service and dedication as Chairman of the SOM 25th AMAF, during the

past two years.

Our contributions during the past two years have given a lot of impetus to ASEAN's Agriculture and Forestry. It will be necessary to move on actively and I hope the deliberations and activities of the respective sector working groups, together with the other

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Senior Officials' Meeting of the 26th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers' on Agriculture and Forestry in progress at Sedona Hotel in Yangon. — MNA





Lt-Gen Soe Win unveils the signboard of the multimedia rooms of Sangyoung Township No 1 BEHS. (News on page 1) — MNA

## Minister U Tin Winn meets with Mr Kofi Annan, explains Myanmar's developments

YANGON, 4 Oct — Leader of the Myanmar delegation to the 59th UN General Assembly Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Tin Winn received Dr Gary Allen, President of the Christian Mission for UN Community at the hotel in New York where he was temporarily staying on 23 September. He explained the religious freedom in Myanmar. Also present were Ambassador U Kyaw Tint and Director-General U Thauung Tun of the Political Department.

At 11 am on the next day, the minister met with the President of the UNGA Mr Jean Ping, and briefed him about the Myanmar's political developments. On 25 September at 8 am, Myanmar Minister attended the working

breakfast hosted by Japanese Foreign Minister Ms Yoriko Kawaguchi to the ASEAN foreign ministers. At the meeting, he explained Myanmar's vision on the UN reform programmes.

At the breakfast meeting of the foreign ministers of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries, held at 8 am on 27 September, the Myanmar Minister discussed the nation's potential role in agriculture and tourism. Together with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, he attended an occasion at which former Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Anand Panyarachun clarified the functions of the body under his leadership. The body was formed with senior officials assigned by the UN Secretary General.

Other foreign ministers of the ASEAN nations were also present. At the Informal Meeting the ASEAN FMs, he discussed the changes and developments in Myanmar. U Tin Winn was among the ASEAN FMs who hosted luncheon in honour of the UN Secretary General and UNGA President. Together with Minister U Nyan Win, he met with Foreign Affairs Minister of Pakistan Mr Mahmud M Kasuri at 5.30 am. He explained the latest political developments in Myanmar. At 10 am the next day, the two Myanmar ministers attended the Non-Aligned Movement meeting. Alternative Chairman of the NAM Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato Seri bin Haji Ahmad Badawi delivered an address there.

At the UNGA, Minister U Tin Winn delivered a statement in which he explained the nation's policy concerning the political, economic

talks, he also briefed the PRC minister on Myanmar's developments. On 30 September, he attended the meeting of the G-77

pm, Minister U Tin Winn, accompanied by Minister U Nyan Win, Ambassador U Mya Than, Director-General U Win Mra, and Director U Damsel Abel,

*Minister U Tin Winn delivers a speech at 59th Session of United Nations General Assembly.*  
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(News Reported)



and social sectors. In the evening, he held talks with his counterpart of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Zhaoxing matters relating to further cementing the bilateral relations between the two countries. In the cordial

nations together with Minister U Nyan Win. In the evening, he called on Vice-Secretary General of the UN Mr Riza Iqbal, and explained Myanmar's reform programmes and progress.

On 1 October at 5

paid a courtesy call on UN Secretary General Mr Kofi Annan. At the meeting he explained the nation's developments, and progress and success in convening the National Convention.

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## Senior Officials' Meeting ...

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subsidiary bodies of the SOM AMAF and plus three countries, will further contribute to ASEAN's progress.

Yet there is no denying that, there is still a lot more to be done, presently as well as in the future for food security and prosperity in the Region. And on the international scene, the ASEAN Member countries as developing countries, need to work together to reap the full benefits of our increased integration, into the global economy.

There is an urgent need to take necessary concerted actions to increase the competitiveness of our agriculture and forestry sectors, in a liberalized agricultural trade regime.

It is also necessary for ASEAN members to make continuous efforts to gain market access for its agricultural products in the international market, in particular, markets of the developed countries since the non-tariff barriers in the form of SPS measures and food safety requirements, imposed by the developed countries, following liberalization, are becoming obstacles.

ASEAN Vision for 2020 calls for an open, dynamic and resilient ASEAN region that will promote financial stability, and advance economic integration; strengthen the multilateral trading system; assist in industrialization; and enhance human resource

development. The current meeting will be focusing on agricultural, fishery, livestock and forestry, which are the basic sectors of our member countries. At the same time, the promotion of agro-based products, cooperation in the transfer of technology, the facilitation of intra-ASEAN investments, and the elimination of trade barriers will be focused during over deliberations. I am certain that enhancing cooperation and collaboration in the area of agricultural and forestry, between the ASEAN and the plus three countries is highly vital for us to further strengthen our capacity in achieving food security and sustainable forest management. As the preliminary to our respective Ministers' meeting on the 7th of October, we have an arduous task, to accomplish in two days. All the same. I am fully confident that, with your guidance, wisdom and kind indulgence, we will be able to cover the topics in time with fruitful outcomes. And in these aspects, may I call upon our delegates to cooperate in the spirit of ASEAN solidarity and also request our ASEAN Secretariat for the necessary assistance in our deliberations.

The meeting approved agenda of the 26th Senior Officials meeting on agriculture and forest and discussed work programmes—Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (2005-2010), Vientiane Action Programme, signing of MoU on ASEAN Cooperation in

Agricultural and Forest Products Promotion Scheme and Establishment of ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund — laid down at the 25th meeting, ASEAN Statement on CITES to the 13th meeting of Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to be held in Bangkok in October 2004 and draft letter of chairman of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry to European Commission (EU). The meeting also discussed Agenda of the 26th meeting of AMAF, topics and approval.

Senior officials and officials of ASEAN Secretariat also discussed preparations for the 4th meeting of AMAF plus Three.

The meeting continues on 5 October. Booths on task of cooperation between ASEAN and International Rice Research Institute, Nora Green Tea produced as a opium substitute crop in Panwa region in Kachin Special Region-1 and seeking of local and foreign markets by National International Commercial Enterprise (NICE) Ltd and booths of Myanma Agriculture Service and Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise under the Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Livestock and Veterinary Department, Apiculture Department and Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries are on display at the meeting.

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## WTO discusses textile quota issues

GENEVA, 3 Oct — The World Trade Organization (WTO) discussed at a regular meeting on Friday adjustment-related issues that may be caused by the elimination of quota restrictions against textile and clothing products on January 1, 2005.

The discussion was conducted upon the request of Mauritius and some other members. But on Mauritius' proposals for WTO to carry out a study and establish a work programme, the WTO members expressed different views, according to a WTO official who attended the meeting but declined to be named.

According to the Agreement of Textiles and Clothing (ATC) signed in 1994 by WTO members, after a 10-year transition period, the agreement itself and all quantity restrictions in textiles and clothing imports which are imposed by developed countries shall end on January 1, 2005.

One of the proposals put forward by Mauritius and six other countries is

that the WTO Secretariat carry out a study aiming at identifying the adjustment-related issues and costs that may arise with the phase-out of the ATC.

The other is that the Council for Trade in Goods of the WTO should establish a work programme to discuss with a view to finding solutions to related problems.

Some delegates spoke in support of the proposals, but more delegates said these proposals go contrary to the basic general principles and rules of the WTO and would affect the smooth functioning of the multilateral trading system.

Sun Zhenyu, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of China to the WTO, was quoted by the WTO official as saying that he understands that some members may encounter difficulties in the post-ATC adjustment process, but trade liberalization will inevitably require members concerned to make relevant domestic structural adjustment.

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## Mozambique, Portugal to negotiate on Cahora Bassa dam

MAPUTO, 3 Oct — Mozambique and Portugal are to resume negotiations on the future of the Cahora Bassa dam on the Zambezi River in mid November, local media reported on Friday.

A round of "technical meetings" on the matter between the two sides have been held in Lisbon this week. According to Mozambican Deputy Finance Minister Manuel Chang, who headed the Mozambican delegation, negotiating over HCB (the company that operates the dam) is never easy, given the scale of the undertaking, and it will still take more time. But those involved in the negotiations think the work is going well. — MNA/Xinhua

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### INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

1. For and on behalf of the Ministry of Construction of the Government of the Union of Myanmar sealed Quotations with deferred payment for three years as well as L/C at sight proposals are invited by the Project Management Unit, Public Works, Yangon, Myanmar for the detailed design (including the erection procedure), fabrication, supply of materials, erection equipment, and supervision of steel erection for **NGALAIK CHAUNG Cable Stayed Bridge** across NGALITE CHAUNG.
2. The particulars of **NGALAIK CHAUNG Cable Stayed Bridge** may be obtained for USD 4000 by request in writing or in person at the following address.  
Project Management Unit  
Public Works  
No. 60, Shwedagon Pagoda Road.  
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3. The Quotation should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:30 hours on 15th December, 2004.
4. When this Quotation is accepted, the Contract will be made in the name of Public Works, Yangon, Myanmar.

**Managing Director**  
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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

#### MV KOTA MUTIARA VOY NO (143)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MUTIARA VOY NO (143) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.10.2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bylaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER**  
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## Museveni emphasizes need to produce value-added goods for export

KAMPALA, 3 Oct — Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has emphasized the need for members of the business community in Uganda to reorient their activities to produce value-added goods for export.

Museveni made the remarks on Thursday evening at a dinner given by members of the Ugandan National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UNCCI) at Hotel African in Kampala to mark the chamber's annual delegates conference, according to a Press release from

the State House on Friday.

The President said processing and adding value to raw materials is the answer to Uganda's financial problems, calling on the UNCCI to study and analyze Uganda's economic structural problems to find solutions to the country's financial constraints.

Museveni said processed goods for export would earn the country more wealth, create jobs for Ugandans and improve the country's purchasing power. "This will in turn strengthen the domestic market, as people will have more purchasing power," he said, adding that the availability of market is the key to every successful business.

MNA/Xinhua



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## Petroleum products leakage into Arabian Sea detected

PANAJI, 4 Oct— A minor leakage of petroleum products into the Arabian Sea was detected at one of the drainage pipes of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) at Mormugao Port— two days ahead of the Indo-US Naval Exercises scheduled to be held there.

The leakage from a drainage pipe belonging to IOC was noticed at around 2230 hours (IST) Friday night by fishermen due to the strong odour of oil near Mormugao Port. They immediately alerted the port officials, who in turn notified the police and the fire services, and brought the situation under control, official sources said.

"We noticed a film of oil a little ahead of the port, leading us to believe that one of the drainage pipes had leaked. Later it was found to be one of IOC's

pipes. Fire personnel used foam to get rid of the film of oil and also to prevent any further fire related mishap," Chairman of Mormugao Port Trust Venkatchalam told PTI. He also said the leakage would cause no harm to the environment. "The leak was noticed almost immediately and whatever oil had spilled was cleared by midnight. The situation was under control by midnight, just an hour and half after the leak was noticed. There is therefore no question of any damage to the environment," he added.—MNA/PTI

## Heart disease becoming main cause of death in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 4 Oct— Heart disease has already become the leading cause of death in Nepal, a famous Nepali cardiologist told Xinhua on Sunday.

"In Nepal, out of the total patients admitted to the hospitals, about 20 per cent are related to high blood pressure, rheumatic fever and coronary heart disease," said Dr Harish Chandra Shah.

The number of heart patients in Nepal has increased five times in the last 20 years, accounting for 10 per cent of the country's total population now, Shah noted.

If Nepali people do not change their way of living, for instance going to bed immediately after dinner, Nepal could face cardiovascular disease in epidemic proportion by the year 2020, he warned.

Modifying nine simple lifestyle factors, including cigarette smoking, abnormal ratio of blood lipids, hypertension, diabetes, abdominal obesity, various measures of stress, low consumption of fruits and vegetables daily and lack of exercise, can reduce the risk of heart diseases by up to 90 per cent, he suggested. —MNA/Xinhua

## Sri Lanka, India to sign economic partnership agreement

COLOMBO, 4 Oct — Sri Lankan and Indian governments are close to the signing of a closer economic agreement, the state radio announced here on Saturday.

Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation quoted Sri Lankan Trade Minister Jeyaraj Fernandopulle as saying that the two countries would soon enter the comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

"The partnership agreement under negotiation will address the shortcomings in the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two countries that is into its fourth year now," the minister was quoted as saying.

The radio said the new pact that would broaden and deepen the FTA's scope and content will not only involve trade in goods but also liberalization of trade in services and investment cooperation between the two countries.

The trade officials of the two countries believe that the agreement will push the FTA to new heights. The trade between the two neighbouring countries reached a record one billion US dollars in 2002. —MNA/Xinhua

## Thailand to supply drugs to 300,000 AIDS patients in two years

BANGKOK, 4 Oct— Thailand will be able to offer locally-made anti-AIDS drugs to 300,000 HIV-positive people in and outside the country in two years, an official of the Government Pharmaceutical Organization has said.

After a new state drug factory opens in 2006, the country's production capacity would be expanded to cover the target number of patients, Israet Gosriwatana, the GPO international sales manager was quoted by Bangkok Post newspaper as saying on Sunday.

"We have enough capacity to give more people access to low-cost anti-AIDS drugs within two years," Israet said. The state-owned enterprise can now manufacture GPO-VIR, a generic version of three combination medicines, for 50,000 local HIV-positive people.

Costing 1,200 baht (28.6 US dollars) a month, the drugs are handed out to poor patients in the country through a pilot project.

Thai Government also plans to provide more such drugs to HIV-positive Thai patients and those in

neighbouring countries.

At the XV International AIDS Conference this July, Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra promised to offer anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs to other countries.

The GPO has submitted to the Cabinet a proposal to adopt compulsory licensing for two drugs needed during the second regimen of ARV therapy. If approved, the cost of generic versions would be cut by as much as 80 per cent.

Due to the generic version of ARV produced in Thailand, the first-line treatment cost less than 300 US dollars a year for one patient, compared to over 8,000 US dollars a year needed for similar drugs in Europe and North America.

MNA/Xinhua

## Scientists say quakes detected at Mt St Helens

VANCOUVER (Washington), 4 Oct — Small earthquakes were detected at Mount St Helens on Saturday, a warning sign that pressure was building up again in the volcano after it spewed steam and ash on Friday, scientists said.

"The volcano has repressurized. We think that additional steam and ash eruptions are possible at any time," Dan Dzursin, a US Geological Survey researcher at the Cascades Volcano Observatory, told reporters.

He said they could be comparable to Friday's eruption that belched steam and ash for about 24 minutes to an altitude of 10,000 feet.

Small, shallow earthquakes were occurring at a rate of one to two a minute on Saturday, following a swarm of earthquakes before Friday's eruption.

The seismic activity trailed off after the eruption but started to rebuild late on Friday, the USGS said. —MNA/Reuters



People talk in front of a six-metre-high horse sculpture at Credit municipal yard in Paris, during the third edition of Nuit Blanche (White night), a night-long cultural festival.—INTERNET

## World's largest porcelain pillar unveiled in E China

NANCHANG, 3 Oct— A grand porcelain pillar was unveiled Friday at the opening of the "thousand-year porcelain altar" in Fuliang County of Jingdezhen City, east China's Jiangxi Province.

Measuring 13.83 metres in height and 1.5 metres in the diameter, the pillar is the largest in the world.

The giant pillar, along with eight others measuring 80 cm in the diameter, is the most spectacular part of the 5625-square-metre altar.

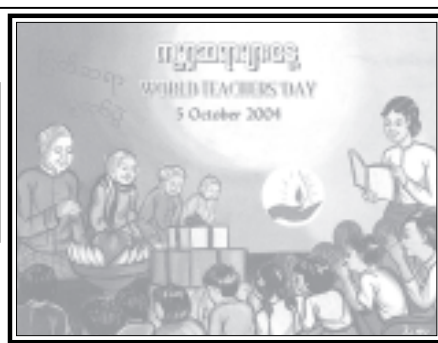
Some mimic porcelain

kilns of the ancient times were built on the altar, marking the county's long porcelain making history.

Known as the porcelain capital of China, Jingdezhen has a porcelain-making history of more than 1,700 years and is one of China's biggest producers and exporters

of porcelain products.

The city has many imperial kilns dating back to the Yuan (1271-1368), Ming (1368-1644) and Qing dynasties (1644-1911). Thousands of ancient porcelain items have been found in the remains of the kilns over the past 20 years. —MNA/Xinhua



## SPORTS

**PSV Eindhoven increase lead at top of Dutch First Division**

AMSTERDAM, 3 Oct— PSV Eindhoven enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win over Groningen to increase their lead at the top of the Dutch First Division on Saturday.

PSV have 19 points, five clear of Ajax Amsterdam, who play fifth-placed AZ Alkmaar on Sunday.

PSV got some help from Groningen when defender Kurt Elshot scored an own goal after five minutes.

Thirteen minutes before the break DaMarcus Beasley doubled the lead after he broke through on the left to beat goalkeeper Bas Roorda and John de Jong made it three 20 minutes into the second half. Martijn Reuser made the difference for Willem II Tilburg against sixth placed Vitesse Arnhem, scoring a first-half hat-trick including two converted penalties.

In the final 10 minutes Nick Hof and Igor Gluscevic scored for the visitors, who finally lost 3-2. — MNA/Reuters

**Arsenal to extend lead at top to five points**

LONDON, 3 Oct— Champions Arsenal opened out a provisional five-point lead at the top of the Premier League with a 4-0 thrashing of Charlton Athletic at Highbury on Saturday.

With closest challengers Chelsea hosting Liverpool on Sunday, Thierry Henry scored twice as Arsene Wenger's team kept up their momentum and stretched their record unbeaten league run to 48 games.

Arsenal have 22 points after eight matches, with Chelsea on 17, one clear of third-placed Everton

who lost 1-0 at home to Tottenham Hotspur.

Aston Villa drew 2-2 at Blackburn Rovers and Norwich and Portsmouth also shared four goals at Carrow Road. Earlier struggling Southampton drew 0-0 at home to Manchester City.

Arsenal pair Patrick Vieira and Lauren started at Highbury following

their midweek scuffle on the team bus after the disappointing 1-1 Champions League draw with Rosenborg Trondheim.

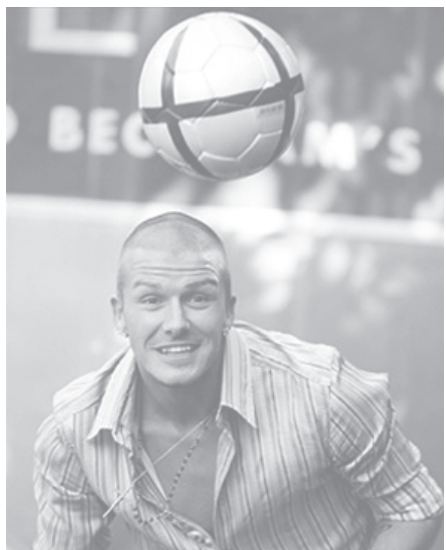
Wenger's team controlled the match from the start and broke through after 33 minutes when Dennis Bergkamp squared the ball for Swede Freddie Ljungberg to tap in.

Henry then struck the cheekiest of goals three minutes after the break, back-heeling the ball into the corner of the net.

The Frenchman drove in his seventh goal of the season after 69 minutes after he and Spaniard Jose Antonio Reyes toyed with the Charlton defence and Henry set up Reyes for the fourth a minute later.

At Goodison Park, Spurs' miserly defence held firm and French defender Noe Pamarot headed his first goal for the club after 53 minutes to seal the three points.

The goal was completely against the run of play and Everton were unlucky, with Tim Cahill and Leon Osman striking the woodwork. Jacques Santini's team leaped six places to fourth on 13 points with victory. —MNA/Reuters



British football player David Beckham plays during the presentation of 'Really Bend it Like Beckham,' a new DVD displaying his soccer skills in Madrid. — INTERNET

**Nice to fight back from 3 goals down, beat Monaco**

PARIS, 3 Oct— Nigeria's Victor Agali scored three times within 10 minutes to inspire Nice to fight back from three goals down and finally beat Ligue 1 leaders Monaco 4-3 in the principality on Saturday.

The French Riviera derby ended in confusion with the dismissals of Monaco's captain Julien Rodriguez and Nice defender Samy Traore after a massive punch-up in time added on in an extraordinary contest.

"We achieved a huge feat. It's exceptional," said Nice midfielder Olivier Echouafni.

"It will stay in the history of the Monaco against Nice derbies and maybe in the history of Ligue 1," he added.

Monaco were leading 3-0 after 66 minutes and looked set for their fourth win in as many home games this season when Agali's goal bonanza started.

The Nigerian international then beat Monaco's goalkeeper Flavio Roma from close range in the 72nd and 76 minutes as the home side suffered an unbelievable lapse of concentration.

Varama Vahirua sealed victory thanks to another defensive blunder in the 83rd minute, inflicting the second defeat of the season on Monaco.

The principality team still kept their one point lead at the top of the standings on 17 points.

But second-placed Lille and champions Olympique Lyon, both in away action on Sunday at Stade Rennes and St Etienne respectively, are now ideally placed to take over.

Monaco had been impressive for an hour before collapsing. Argentine Javier Saviola scored the opener with a cunning header from a cross by Eduardo Chevanton in the fifth minute and Monaco found themselves in a comfortable lead after Togo's Emmanuel Adebayor struck twice in the 20th and 58th minutes. — MNA/Reuters

**Valencia one-point lead in Primera Liga**

MADRID, 3 Oct— Wasteful Valencia had to settle for a 1-1 draw away to Real Betis on Saturday, while Atletico Madrid missed a chance to move into the top three when they were beaten 1-0 away to Real Sociedad.

Valencia, beaten by Werder Bremen in the Champions League in midweek, took the lead in the 10th minute when Marco Di Vaio shot low from the edge of the area but Betis equalized just past the half-hour mark when Edu converted a Ricardo Oliveira cross.

Di Vaio and fellow Italian Bernardo Corradi squandered the best chances late in a frustrating game for the champions, who will be disappointed at merely extending their unbeaten start to the season.

A draw was enough to give Valencia a one-point lead in the Primera Liga but Barcelona can climb two points clear at the top if they win at home to Numancia on Sunday. With six games played, Valencia lead with 14 points, followed by Barcelona with 13 points from five.

Atletico Madrid missed the chance to join Barca in joint-second place when they were beaten at Real Sociedad, who claimed their first win of the season

thanks to a Darko Kovacevic header five minutes before the break.

Atletico drop to fifth place on 10 points from six games, while Sociedad move up from last place to 13th with five.

Real Madrid, in eighth place with nine points, host 14th-placed Deportivo Coruna on Sunday in a battle between two sides yet to find their best form this season.

Valencia, missing in-form winger Vicente through injury, nevertheless made a bright start and Stefano Fiore and Miguel Angel Angulo both went close before Di Vaio cut inside and beat Toni Prats with a low shot inside the keeper's right-hand post.

Betis were struggling to get the ball off Valencia's talented midfielders but they almost snatched an equaliser in the 20th minute when Edu flashed a shot across goal. —MNA/Reuters

**Bayern move into third in Bundesliga**

BERLIN, 3 Oct— Bayern Munich moved into third place in the Bundesliga with a 2-1 victory at champions Werder Bremen in Saturday's top game.

Bayern, who confirmed they were waking up from a sluggish start after crushing Ajax Amsterdam 4-0 in the Champions League on Tuesday, took the lead with a headed goal from midfielder Michael Ballack in the 20th minutes.

Substitute midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger doubled it in the 75th minute but Werder kept fighting and pulled one back with an acrobatic

header by Germany striker Miroslav Klose nine minutes from time.

"We were well organized and were helped by the fact that Werder seemed to struggle a bit physically today," said Bayern coach Felix Magath.

"We're now near the top of the table and we're playing better football," he added.

Bayern, desperate for a title after missing out last

season, climb a place but stay four points behind surprise leaders VfL Wolfsburg, who held on to top spot with a 2-1 home win over Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Wolfsburg, who have now won six games out of seven, took the lead on 13 minutes courtesy of Argentina midfielder Andres D'Alessandro, the best man on the pitch.

Olivier Neuville, now the league's joint top scorer

with Klose with six goals, equalized two minutes later but Wolfsburg defender and captain Stefan Schnoor hit the winner against the run of play with a header shortly before halftime.

"I have to say that Moenchengladbach were the better side but my players put up a combative performance and I'm satisfied with that," said Wolfsburg coach Erik Gerets. —MNA/Reuters

**Olympique Marseille score first away win in Ligue 1**

NIMES (France), 3 Oct— Pre-season favourites Olympique Marseille scored their first away win in Ligue 1 this season when they beat promoted neighbours Istres 2-0 on Saturday.

The win brought Marseille to 16 points, one behind leaders Monaco, who host Nice in another Mediterranean derby later on Saturday.

The game took place in Nimes as the Istres stadium has not yet been improved to Ligue 1 standard.

Habib Bamogo opened the scoring with a header in the 16th minute from a cross by former French international defender Bixente Lizarazu.

Laurent Batlles hit the woodwork two minutes from the break but Senegal's Sylvain Ndiaye made it 2-0 in the 48th minute. —MNA/Reuters



Andy Roddick of the US returns a forehand to Marat Safin of Russia in their semi-final match at the Thailand Open in Bangkok, on 2 Oct, 2004. Roddick defeated Safin 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 to advance into the Thailand Open final where he will meet Switzerland's Roger Federer. —INTERNET



**MRTV-3**
**5-10-2004 (Tuesday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Myanmar Traditional  
Tayaw Kinbun  
Shampoo
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Mandalay and its  
popular Snack
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Fabulous Glassware  
decorations
- 9:25 Long Drum Folk  
Song & Dance
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Travelogue "Yangon  
to Bagan"
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern  
Song "You can take  
me but not my love"
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and  
See Myanmar"

**5-10-2004 (Tuesday)  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma

- Panorama & Myanma  
Sentiment"
- 15:36 Myanmar Traditional  
Tayaw Kinbun  
Shampoo
- 15:40 **Headline News**
- 15:42 Mandalay and its  
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- 15:50 Fabulous Glassware  
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- 15:55 Long Drum Folk  
Song & Dance
- 16:00 **National News**
- 16:05 Travelogue "Yangon  
to Bagan"
- 16:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "You can take  
me but not my love"
- 16:15 **National News**
- 16:20 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30 **National News**
- 16:35 A Hidden Treasure  
(Kekku)
- 16:40 Green Turtle
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 Popa Mountain Park
- 16:55 Wararya Dance
- 16:58 Myanmar Profile  
"Supermarkets"
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 Myanma Ancient Orna-  
ments Showroom
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Land of  
Beauty"
- 17:12 The Art of Stone  
Sculpture
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 Greening of Hill and  
Mountain for Tem-  
perate Climate  
Change (Sagaing-  
Minwun)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and  
See Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 100 Shuttle Tradi-  
tional Weaving In-  
dustry
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Inle, Land of the  
fabulous Leg-rowers
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Travelogue (PyinOo-  
Lwin)
- 19:55 Kachin Dance
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Tasty fried Nga-Poe  
from Padu Village
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Greetings  
From Chin Hills"
- 20:12 Fishery In Kayin  
State
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Fabulous Shwe Gu  
Dage Daw Gyi
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Shadow of  
Love"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 Chin Cultural Mu-  
seum
- 20:40 Kachin Traditional  
Wedding Ceremony
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Art in Glass Bottles
- 20:55 Dance of the Drums
- 20:58 Beautiful Taninthyi
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 International Factory  
(Taninthyi) Kyauk  
Ni Maw Clod Storage  
Factory
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Secret Love"
- 21:12 Myanmar Lacquer-  
ware
- 21:15 **National News**
- 21:20 Mee Hsu Khan Folk  
Songs
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar

- Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma  
Panorama &  
Myanma Sentiment"
- 21:35 Myanmar Traditional  
Tayaw Kinbun  
Shampoo
- 21:40 **Headline News**
- 21:42 Mandalay and its  
popular Snack
- 21:45 **National News**
- 21:50 Fabulous Glassware  
decorations
- 21:55 Long Drum Folk  
Song & Dance
- 22:00 **National News**
- 22:05 Travelogue "Yangon  
to Bagan"
- 22:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "You can take  
me but not my love"
- 22:15 **National News**
- 22:20 Kambozathadi Palace  
of Conquerors
- 22:25 Songs On Screen  
"Predestination"
- 22:30 **National News**
- 22:35 A Hidden Treasure  
(Kekku)
- 22:40 Green Turtle
- 22:45 **National News**
- 22:50 Popa Mountain Park
- 22:55 Wararya Dance
- 22:58 Myanmar Profile  
"Supermarkets"
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ments Showroom
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Song "Land of  
Beauty"
- 23:12 The Art of Stone  
Sculpture
- 23:15 **National News**
- 23:20 Greening of Hill and  
Mountain for Tem-  
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Change (Sagaing-  
Minwun)
- 23:28 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and  
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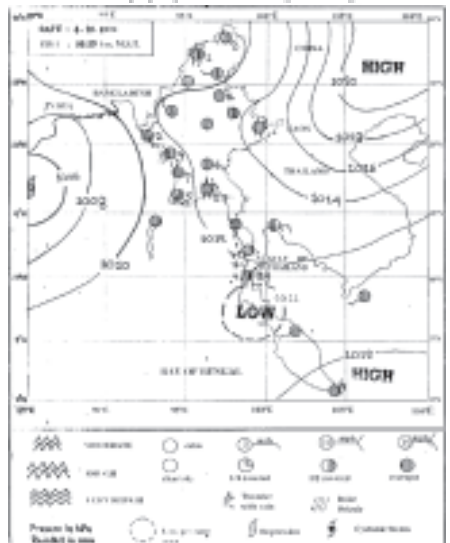
**Rainfall on 4-10-2004**

- Nil at Yangon Airport
- 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye
- Nil at central Yangon.

**Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was**

- 110.94 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 106.18 inches at Kaba-Aye and
- 108.58 inches at central Yangon

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


**WEATHER**

**Monday, 4 October, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Mon States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, widespread in Kayah, Kayin States and Bago Division and scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pymmana (2.05) inches, Kawthoung (1.50) inches, Yamethin (1.26) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-10-2004 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 4-10-2004 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30hrs MST on 4-10-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 3-10-2004 was (4.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 4-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport and central Yangon, 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (110.94 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.18 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (108.58 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Southwest at (12:45) hours MST on 3-10-2004.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the depression over Central Bay centred about (450) miles Southwest of Kolkata, India. It is likely to move Northwestward and forecast to cross ANDHRA PRADESH coast, India. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 5-10-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-10-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-10-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Special weather news**

YANGON, 4 Oct — According to the observations at 15:30 hours MST today, the depression over Central Bay of Bengal is crossing near about 50 miles north of Visakhapatnam, India, Andhara Pradesh coast.

It is likely to move northwestward and cross the coast within six hours.— *MNA*


**Tuesday, October 5  
View on today:**

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas  
by Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
5. ကဗျာပန်းညှာပွင့်
- 8:05 am
6. အရေပြွန်ပွင့်
- 8:10 am
7. Song of yesteryears
- 8:20 am
8. သုံးဆယ်ရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. Grammar Made Easy

- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold  
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံ  
ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဉ္စမအကြိမ်  
မှူးကြီးဝန်ထမ်းပြိုင်ပွဲ(ပထမဆုံး)  
(အထက်-၂ ခု) (အမျိုးသမီး  
ဝန်ထမ်းအဖွဲ့)
- 4:45 pm
4. အစားသစ်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ  
- ဒုတိယနှစ်  
(သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 5:00 pm
5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
6. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဒွါသမအကြိမ်  
(၁၂)ကြိမ် ပြန်လည်ပြုလုပ်သော  
အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေ၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ  
ဝင်ရောက် ယှဉ်ပြိုင်ရန် ကာလ  
ပေါ်နှင့် ခေတ်မောင်းထား(အဆင့်  
မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:20 pm
7. "ဗွားချို"  
ခံစားတင်၊ ဝါးသစ်ရဲ့အောင်  
ခါရိုက်တာ-ခင်စော် (ကောသီပန်)

- 5:35 pm
8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:15 pm
9. နိုင်ငံခြားကားတိုက်လမ်းညွှန်  
"အောက်မင်းပုခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 6:30 pm
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
12. ဒွါသမအကြိမ် (၁၂)ကြိမ်  
ပြန်လည်ပြုလုပ်သော အဆို၊  
အက၊ အရေ၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ  
ဆုတံဆိပ် (အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ)
- 7:20 pm
13. အင်းလယ်ခေတ် ပြတ်စုမှု  
(ရွှေပျံတော်တော်)
- 7:35 pm
14. တိုင်းတော်ထွင်း ရေနံချောင်း  
တော်စုတော်စု Star မော်တော်  
ဆိုင်ကုန်ထုတ်လုပ်မှု (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားကားတိုက်လမ်းညွှန်  
"သံခွံခွံသံ" (အပိုင်း-၁)
19. The next day's  
programme


**Tuesday, October 5  
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Sweet  
dreams
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: Be with  
you again
- 8.50 am National news/  
Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: Good  
feeling
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: Feel so  
good
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Luch time music:  
-To Sir with love  
-Inside my head
- 9.00 pm English Lesson:  
Speaking Course,  
Level II Unit (4)
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm Music for your  
listening pleasure  
-Superstar  
-Crazy for you
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

**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

## Advanced Organizing Courses of MWVO open in Hmawby, Mandalay and Magway

YANGON, 4 Oct —An Advanced Organizing Course No 4/2004 of the Myanmar War Veteran's Organization was opened this morning at the training school of MWVO in Hmawby Township.

It was attended by Chairman of the Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd), members of the central organizing committee, senior military officers, departmental officials, course instructors and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Thein Sein

briefed on the purpose of MWVO, five tasks and seven future work programmes of the organization and the tasks being carried out by the organization. He also urged those present to make efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme for emergence of a discipline flourishing modern developed nation.

The advanced organizing courses of MWVO were also opened today at the training schools of MWVO in Mandalay and Magway. There are 50 trainees at each course.

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*Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening of the Advanced Organizing Course No 4/2004 of MWVO. — MNA*

## Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects agricultural work in Hopong Township

YANGON, 4 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Shan State PDC Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and departmental officials, on 1 October arrived at the briefing hall of the local battalion in Hopong Township of Hopon Station where Hopon Station Commander Lt-Col Aye Khaing reported on

cultivation of crops. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on extension of seasonal crops cultivation, especially that of 5,000 acres of maize grain.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected cultivation of Shweyinaye paddy on Shweyinaye rice fields in Yankin Ward in Hopong Township. Shan State Agriculture Service Assistant Manager Daw Thuza Mynit, officials and local farmers reported on

paddy cultivation. Hopong Township PDC Chairman U Than Oo reported on township's agriculture and livestock breeding; Daw Thuza Myint on production of over 200 baskets of paddy per acre and paddy strains and farmer U Phyu Pha Khin on cultivation of Shweyinaye and Shwewah paddy, use of natural and chemical fertilizers and production of 197.70 baskets of paddy per acre. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint explained matters pertaining to cultivation of Shweyinaye paddy, 10 major crops and 30 other crops in Shan State including Hopong Township.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on extension of paddy sown acreage, meeting the target of 600,000-acre paddy cultivation, fulfilled the needs and cordially greeted those present.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and party proceeded to the local battalion of Taunggyi and inspected agricultural products and raising of chickens and pigs. In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived at the research camp of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Htonebo in Taunggyi where camp in charge Daw Phyu Phyu reported on research being conducted on potatoes, grapes wine and vegetables and process of potato tissue cultures.

Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected research works. They also went to Shwenyaung (Tayaw) paddy research camp, inspected research works and attended to the requirements. — MNA

YANGON, 4 Oct — Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Tin Winn arrived back here by air this evening after attending the 59th Session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York. He was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Ministers at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe and Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein and departmental officials.

MNA

## Minister arrives back from NY



*Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Tin Winn being welcomed back. — MNA*