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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents cash donation for all-round renovation of Kyaukhmawwun Yayle Pagoda in Kyauktan.— MNA

Upholding the guidance of the Head of State on establishment of universities to produce intellectuals and intelligentsia in the fields of maritime and aerospace, the Government has opened the Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University.

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

MAEU & MMU facilitated with international level syllabuses, modern teaching, learning aids

Efforts to be made for ensuring universities to be prominent among international communities

YANGON, 9 Oct.—The Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University held a coordination meeting at the former in Thanlyin Township here this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered a speech at the meeting.

Also present on the occasion were Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division

Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon Mayor, the Chief of Staff (Navy), senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the rectors of the universities and officials.

The Prime Minister in his speech said that these two universities have come into existence in the time of the SPDC. Upholding the guidance of the Head of State on establishment of universities to produce intellectuals and intelligentsia in the fields of maritime and aerospace, the Government had opened the Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt views students using modern teaching aid at Myanmar Maritime University.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Preserve and safeguard traditional performing arts

Every nation or every race has its own culture. And every nation preserves its own culture.

In Myanmar, the cultural heritage, which has been preserved for years countable by the thousand, has firmly existed up to date. The traditional cultural heritage, traditions and qualities already in place continue to be preserved and safeguarded.

In building the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one, the Government has laid down and is implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives.

One of the four social objectives out of the 12 objectives, is uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character.

In accord with the objective, the 12th Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions, that reflect Myanmar traditional fine arts, will soon be held.

The objectives of the 12th Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions are: to vitalize patriotism and nationalism; to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage; to perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts; to preserve Myanmar national characters; to nurture spiritual development of the youths; and to prevent influence of alien culture.

In accordance with the objectives, the Leading Committee for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held its first coordination meeting at the National Museum on Pyay Road, Yangon on 5 September 2004 with an address by Patron of the Leading Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his address, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that Myanmar will be able to further promote and strengthen the national pride and character through preservation and safeguarding of the performing arts that has been preserved for years countable by the thousand. With those lofty aims, the performing arts competitions are being held consecutively.

Myamars will be able to hand down the traditional fine arts, which are worthy of preserving and safeguarding, from one generation to another, by holding the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions yearly.

Therefore, the entire national people are to strive for further forging patriotism, nationalism and the spirit of preserving traditions and cultures, while safeguarding own cultural heritage and staying away from alien culture.

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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



Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry of ASEAN countries and heads of delegations of three partner countries view a booth at Drug Elimination Museum.— MNA

Delegations to AMAF Meeting visit Shwedagon Pagoda, Drug Elimination Museum

YANGON, 9 Oct — Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry of ASEAN countries and heads of delegations of three partner countries who attended the 26th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and Fourth Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three hosted by the Union of Myanmar, accompanied by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, visited Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

They were welcomed by the alternate member

of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and officials.

The guests signed in the visitors' book and visited the pagoda. Next, they proceeded to Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw Roads in Kamayut Township.

Deputy Director of the museum Police Lt-Col Htay Aung and officials welcomed them. Afterwards, Police Lt-Col Htay Aung conducted them round the booths of the museum.

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130th World Post Day observed
Prizes presented to winners in letter writing competition

YANGON, 9 Oct — The ceremony to mark the 130th World Post Day in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony of the 33rd World Post Day commemorative under-15 letter writing competition (local division) for 2004 was held at Communication and Postal Training Centre on Lower Pazundaung Road in Pazundaung Township this afternoon.

Present were Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, the vice-chairman of e-National Task Force, heads of Directorate of Telecommunications and Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, officials of the



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents a prize to a student.— MNA

Basic Education Department and prize-winning students.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented

first, second and third prizes to the respective winners.

After the ceremony, the minister and party

viewed documentary photos and stamps throughout the world displayed at the hall.

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Third batch course of Myanmar Canaan Farmers' Training Centre concludes

YANGON, 9 Oct — Under the arrangement of Myanmar and the Republic of Korea technology cooperation programme, the third batch course of the Myanmar Canaan Farmers' Training Centre concluded at the hall of the centre in Doegwin, PyinOoLwin Township, on 1 October morning.

Present were Managing Director Col Myint Shwe of Myanmar Agriculture Service, President Dr Kim Bum Il of World Headquarters of Canaan Farmers' Movement Corporation of the Republic of Korea, local authorities and officials.

The course was attended by 15 employees of the ministry and 14 local farmers.

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Canaan Farmers' Movement Corporation President Dr Kim Bum Il presents a completion certificate and gifts to a trainee.— MNA

Britain shocked by death of Iraq hostage

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct — Washington's closest ally in Iraq was horrified by the beheading of a British hostage there and Prime Minister Tony Blair urged Britons not to let it undermine their support for continued involvement in the country.

Blair's government, which for three weeks refused to bargain with Kenneth Bigley's kidnappers even after they killed his two American colleagues, revealed that it had opened secret contacts with them in the days before his death on Thursday.

But on Friday a Reuters journalist saw a video in Baghdad in which the 62-year-old construction engineer made a final despairing plea for his life before militants suspected of fostering ties to al Qaeda severed his head with a knife.

British and Iraqi officials denied that Bigley died after a failed attempt to rescue him somewhere in rebel-held Sunni Muslim territory west or south of Baghdad but declined comment on a report from a Western security source that he was killed after mak-

ing an attempt to escape with help from an insider.

The video scene was familiar from tapes of the deaths of Americans Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley, seized with Bigley from their Baghdad home on 16 Sept, and of other killings by a group led by Jordanian Islamist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Abu Dhabi television said it had the tape but would not broadcast it.

Reuters Iraqi cameraman Maher Nazih, who saw the video but has only a limited command of English, said Bigley, unshaven and clad in an orange, prison-style jumpsuit, had spoken before he died. He said something along the lines of: "I need help. I need my government's help. I am a simple man. I want to live."

Internet

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US soldier killed in northern Iraq, another dies of wounds suffered days ago

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct — A US soldier was killed and another wounded in a roadside bomb blast in northern Iraq on Friday afternoon, while a third soldier died of wounds suffered in a similar attack in Baghdad last week, the military said.

"One Task Force Danger soldier was killed and another was wounded when anti-Iraqi forces attacked their patrol near Tuz on 8 October at about 11.43 am (0843 GMT)," a statement said, using the common military term for insurgents.

Tuz, 60 kilometres (35 miles) south of Kirkuk, is home to Kurds, Arabs and Turkmen and has been rocked by ethnic violence. Later in the day a soldier wounded in a roadside bombing southwest of the Iraqi capital on 1 October passed away, the military said.

The latest deaths bring to 1,063 the number of US troops killed in Iraq since last year's invasion. —*Internet*



A picture released by the US Army shows soldiers conducting house to house searches during Operation Baton Rouge, a joint combat operation in the northern city of Samarra on 8 Oct, 2004. —*INTERNET*

Annan says China plays important role in UN

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Oct — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Wednesday that China, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, plays an important role in the world body.

"It is now playing an increasing role in global economy. The impact of Chinese dynamic economy is felt around the world," Annan said in an interview with Chinese

reporters on the eve of his trip to China.

The UN chief said he appreciated the opportunity to go to China periodically to exchange views with Chinese leaders on UN-China relations and global development.

Annan said he would discuss with Chinese leaders issues like UN reform and the implementation of the Millennium Develop-

ment Goals. He also wanted to express his thanks to China for its participation in UN peace-keeping operations.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany supports India for permanent seat in UNSC

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct — Germany said on Thursday it would support India's candidature for permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council and also forge good economic and cultural ties between the two countries. This was stated by German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder after his ceremonial reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan (Presidential Palace) where he was received by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Thursday morning.

Both India and Germany would work closely for adopting a multilateral strategy in strengthening the United Nations besides supporting each others possible candidature in the UNSC, Schroeder, who is here on a two-day visit, told reporters in the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

He said Germany is interested in deeper economic relations with India and would also work closely to forge better cultural ties as well.

Besides the Prime Minister, External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh, Junior Minister for External Affairs E Ahmed, Heavy Industries Minister Santosh Mohan Deb, Cabinet Secretary B K Chaturvedi, Navy chief Arun Prakash and Delhi's Lieutenant Governor B L Joshi were present at the ceremonial reception. —*MNA/PTI*

Ministers had returned from their summer break desperate to switch the political focus from the chaos in Iraq to domestic issues.

Their hopes were shattered on 16 September, when Mr Bigley and his American colleagues Jack Hensley and Eugene Armstrong were snatched from their Baghdad home by the Tawhid and Jihad group.

The Government's public line was that it would not negotiate with

terrorists, arguing that to do so would encourage more kidnappings.

Ministers soon suspected that the kidnappers were using Mr Bigley to manipulate British public opinion.

In an emotional address to anti-war delegates at the conference, Ken Bigley's brother Paul accused Mr Blair of signing his "death warrant" by not doing more to secure his release. He called for the hostage-takers' demands to be met.

Internet



A boy sits in the rubble of a house destroyed in an overnight airstrike in the Iraqi city of Fallujah on 6 October, 2004. —*INTERNET*

Vietnam recognizes China's full market economy status

HANOI, 9 Oct — Vietnam has agreed to recognize China's status as a full market economy and pledged not to apply three restrictive provisions on trade with China as prescribed in documents upon China's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The agreement was included in a joint communique issued here Friday during Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's official visit to Vietnam.

The provisions are Article 15, on price comparability in determining subsidies and dumping, and Article 16, on transitional product-specific safeguard mechanism, of the "Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China to the WTO" and paragraph 242 of the "Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China", which concerns China's textile exports. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Rockets slam into Baghdad hotels

BAGDAD, 8 Oct — At least two rockets have been fired at the Sheraton and Palestine hotels in central Baghdad, causing damage and starting a fire in the area, witnesses say.

Shortly after the attack on Thursday, bursts of gunfire could be heard in the city centre. Iraqi police sealed off access to the heavily fortified hotel complex.

There were also reports of a car bomb going off in the vicinity shortly after the missiles struck their apparent targets.

Flames and smoke could be seen rising from the area around the Sheraton hotel, used by foreign contractors and journalists.

There were no immediate reports of any casualties. A source at Iraq's interim interior ministry said three Russian-made Katyusha rockets were

used in the attack.

A tree was on fire at the front entrance to the hotel, which stands across the Tigris river from the heavily fortified Green Zone, a complex housing the interim Iraqi government and US and British embassies. A resident of the Sheraton hotel said one rocket had hit a room on

the first floor and a second explosion followed immediately afterwards.

Windows in the Sheraton were shattered and the main lobby was filled with smoke and debris.

Panic-stricken guests fled from the building, the lobby of which was littered with shattered glass and bits of rubble.

Fighters have attacked the Sheraton and Palestine hotels — which stand alongside one another inside a fortified wall and are guarded by US troops — several times over the past year, often firing mortars at the buildings.

Internet



Local residents examine the debris after houses were flattened in an US overnight airstrike in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, Iraq on 8 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

UN Chief to visit China, Ireland and Britain

UNIED NATIONS, 8 Oct — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan will depart this weekend on official visits to China, Ireland and the United Britain, a UN spokesman said here Thursday.

Spokesman Fred Eckhard told a Press briefing in New York that the UN chief will meet with President Hu Jintao and senior government officials in Beijing.

"He will visit an eco-village and HIV/AIDS testing centre, and he will tour the Chinese peace-keeping training centre at Langfang," he said. China currently provides close to 1,000 military and police personnel to 12 peace-keeping operations, according to the spokesman.

"A speech and question and answer session with students of Tsinghua University is also included on his programme in China, as are the opening celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the UN-China partnership," said the spokesman.

In Ireland, Annan will meet with President Mary McAleese, the Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, Foreign Minister Dermot Ahern and Defence Minister Willie O'Dea.

In Britain, Annan will

deliver the Tip O'Neill Lecture at the University of Ulster on the topic of peace-building before travelling to London, where he will meet with Queen Elizabeth II, Prime Minister Tony Blair, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown and the Secretary of State for International De-

velopment, according to the spokesman.

In an interview with Chinese reporters on the eve of his trip to China, Annan said Wednesday that China, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, plays an important role in the world body.

MNA/Xinhua

UNSG says panel to examine UN reforms in broad sense

BEIJING, 9 Oct — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has said that the high-level panel he appointed last year would look at reform of the world body in a broad sense and it would be incorrect to assume that the group would focus only on reforming the Security Council.

Annan said the high-level panel he appointed last year to deal with the reform of the United Nations would look at in broad sense the threats that were facing the world today, not just weapons of mass destruction and terrorism. He said it was incorrect to assume that the panel was focusing only on Security Council reform. Annan was quoted as telling Chinese reporters ahead of his official trip to China from October 9-13 as the guest of the Chinese Government.

Annan appointed the 16-member group of eminent persons to examine international threats, provide an analysis of future challenges and recommend the changes necessary to ensure effective joint action. — MNA/PTI

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US mortgage rates increase this week

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — Mortgage rates in the United States increased this week, with 30-year mortgages rising to the highest level since early September, Freddie Mac reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey.

In the week ending on 7 October, rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages increased to 5.82 per cent. That was up from 5.72 per cent last week and registered the highest level since the week ending on 9 September, when 30-year mortgage rates averaged 5.83 per cent.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 per cent the week of 13 May and had slowly drifted downward since then as economic activity cooled in the late spring and early summer. In the last two weeks, however, the rates rose again, while there are signs showing the economy is emerging from its soft spot.

MNA/Xinhua

British hostage beheaded in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 Oct — Militants in Iraq beheaded British hostage Kenneth Bigley, three weeks after kidnapping him to press a demand for the release of women held by US-led forces, a video seen by Reuters showed on Friday.

Guerilla sources in the rebel-held city of Fallujah said earlier that Bigley, who had been seized by a militant group led by alleged al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was killed on Thursday afternoon in Latifiya, just southwest of Baghdad.

A video seen by a Reuters journalist in the office of a foreign news organization in Baghdad showed the 62-year-old engineer appearing to plead for his life as six men stood behind him. One read a statement, then cut off Bigley's head with a knife and brandished it.

The scenario resembled the killings of Bigley's two American colleagues, who were beheaded within a week of being captured along with him.

The tape showed the unshaven Bigley wearing an orange jump suit like those worn by detainees in US prisons, including Islamist suspects at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

A flag of the Tawhid and Jihad group hung above the militants. After Bigley spoke, one of the militants read a statement saying British Prime Minister

Tony Blair had failed to meet the group's demands.

In Britain, Bigley's family said it had received "absolute proof" of his killing. His brother Paul urged Blair to end the war in Iraq, saying: "Mr. Blair has blood on his hands."

Having taken a doubting country to war alongside his US ally, Blair has seen his popularity fall following the difficulties British troops have encountered in Iraq and the failure to find the banned weapons he said Saddam Hussein had.

Bigley was kidnapped in Baghdad on September 16 along with Americans Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley. Militants have launched a spate of kidnappings as part of attempts to undermine Iraq's US-backed interim government before January elections.

The kidnappers had demanded US-led forces in Iraq release women prisoners to spare Bigley's life. Washington says it holds only two women in Iraq, both top weapons scientists from the days of Saddam whom it was not about to release.

MNA/Reuters



An elderly Iraqi prisoner carries his belongings as he walks past a US military vehicle after being released from Ameriya prison west of Baghdad recently.

INTERNET

India, China will beat US in "skills war"

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — India, China and other emerging economies will beat United States at the "skills war" unless it improves the teaching standards resulting an increase in outsourcing, an American businessman has said.

"Our nation, which has prevailed in conflict after conflict over several centuries, now faces a stark and sudden choice: adapt or perish," Louis V Gerstner, former IBM chairman has said.

"I am not referring to the war against terrorism, but to a war of skills — one that America is at a risk of losing to India, China and other emerging economies. "We are not at risk of losing it on factory floors or lab benches. It is happening every day, all across the country, in our public (government) schools.

"Unless we transform those schools — by upgrading our corps of classroom teachers for the next generation — and do it now, it will soon be too late," Gerstner, now chairman of Carlyle Group wrote in an article Bad-Schools

Plus Shackled Principals Equals Outsourcing in *The Wall Street* journal.

On outsourcing, he said "American companies do not simply go offshore for inexpensive labour. They are increasingly going abroad to find skills that are not available, or plentiful, in their own backyard."

He said foreign companies are not taking market share from US companies simply because they have less expensive workers but because those workers have equal or better skills.

US is also witnessing a reverse brain drain with foreign scientists who used to flock its shores now opting for their home countries as which have improved economically and politically.

MNA/PTI

Asian, European leaders stress cooperation for peace, development

HANOI, 9 Oct — Leaders attending the ASEM 5 summit in Hanoi on Friday stressed the need to further strengthen cooperation between Asia and Europe to create a favourable peace and stable environment for development in the two continents.

They also held that the United Nations should play the leading role in maintaining international peace and security as well as in addressing the pressing issues as noted in the Millennium Declaration.

The leaders, at their first closed-door session of the fifth summit of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), focused on the topic "International Developments and New Global Challenges."

They exchanged views on the issues of peace, security and stability, multilateralism, the role of the United Nations, international terrorism, non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and non-traditional threats,

according to a Press release issued after the session.

The leaders shared concern over complicated political and security developments in the world. They held that these developments have presented both opportunities and challenges to peace and development of all the countries and agreed that peace and cooperation remained a prevailing thrust.

They highlighted international terrorism as a serious threat to peace, security and sustainable development. Therefore, they agreed to further intensify ASEM cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

The meeting also called for close coordination to deal with new global

challenges, such as the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, organized crimes, drug trafficking, money laundering, infectious diseases.

To cope with the challenges, the leaders said that it is necessary to have a common approach through extensive and intensive dialogues and close cooperation based on international laws, mutual understanding, equality and mutual benefit.

The two-day summit started Friday morning will also discuss economic partnership and exchanges of culture and civilizations to enhance the relations between the two continents.

MNA/Xinhua

Poll shows bulk of New York City roads in poor condition

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — A whopping 98 per cent of roadways in New York City are considered to be in "less than good condition" because they are plagued with cracks and potholes, according to a study released on Thursday.

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign, a transit advocacy group, analysed 2002 federal data of major urban roads and found that expressways and other arteries in the five boroughs are the worst in the state.

"These roads need the most attention," said Michelle Ernst, staff analyst for the Tri-State Transportation Campaign. "These roads also get the most cars and trucks, but that also means they need the most care."

State-run roadways that are considered to be in "less than good condition" are rated as either "poor", "mediocre" or "fair".

Ernst said the federal authorities con-

duct a test every year called the "International Roughness Index" where a machine calculates the "up and down movement" of a car as it travels on a particular road.

"The test shows that most of these roads are filled with cracks and potholes," he said.

Roadways on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley also rank near the bottom.

The group said the percentage of roadways considered to be in less than good condition has dropped 26 per cent over the last 10 years and that there should be more money allocated to improving the conditions of city roads.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army soldiers march of Samarra, Iraq, on 7 Oct, 2004, enroute to their base outside of the city. — INTERNET

Philippines to negotiate air ties with India, Nepal, China

MANILA, 8 Oct — The Philippines will soon negotiate air services agreements with India, Nepal and China to expand air access to and from the three countries.

The Civil Aeronautics Board's priority is to target countries where the Philippines stands to gain in the growing tourism and information technology (IT), the *Philippines News Agency* on Thursday quoted board official Ner Porciuncula as

saying.

Members of the air panel were set to meet with their Indian counterparts before the end of the year to negotiate for the air services agreement that will allow Philippine Airlines (PAL) and Cebu Pacific

to fly to India, the report said.

PAL was the first international airline that began flying to India in 1946, particularly in New Delhi and Kolkata, all the way to Europe. However, Porciuncula said the old agreement with India already needs updating.

PAL President Jaime Bautista said, "India is becoming an economic power. It's a favourite destination of IT companies. PAL wants to take advantage of the growing tourism and IT industries in India."

Indian call centres employ more than 100,000 professionals who mainly answer calls from the US-based customers.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil prices soar in New York with \$53 a barrel

NEW YORK, 8 Oct — Crude oil price reached 53 US dollars per barrel Thursday as traders concerned that winter supply might not meet demand.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, light sweet crude oil for November delivery reached 53 US dollars a barrel before retreating. Meanwhile, the November Brent touched 49.20 US dollars per barrel in early trading on London's International Petroleum Exchange.

The concern about short winter supply had pushed crude oil prices higher in the past three sessions.

MNA/Xinhua



A US security officer stands by a burnt out vehicle along a main highway leading out of west Baghdad toward Fallujah. — INTERNET

Philippines willing to hold ASEM permanent secretariat

MANILA, 9 Oct—The Philippine Government Friday said that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had expressed willingness for the country to host a permanent Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Secretariat.

According to the government statement, President Arroyo noted the need to create a Secretariat during her meeting with ASEM heads at the sideline of the two-day 5th ASEM summit beginning Friday in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Arroyo said that a permanent ASEM Secretariat is necessary in the coming years to "manage our increased membership, and also to better coordinate, rationalize and sustain our cooperation".

"The grouping moves

from dialogue to consolidation and from partnership to collective enterprise, which is how I see the new role of ASEM in the years to come," she said.

Since its first summit was held in 1996 in Bangkok, Thailand, ASEM has become a venue for closer and constructive engagement between Asia and Europe, but still remained as an informal forum of dialogue.

The 26 founding members have agreed to admit additional 13 new

member countries to the group, including three remaining ASEM countries Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, and 10 European Union countries Republic of Cyprus, Republic of Czech, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Arroyo noted that the ASEM process should be institutionalized so as to fulfil a meaningful role in the coming years.

The President also said that she believes that the coming years would

see the redefinition of the role of multilateral and interregional organizations like ASEM in promoting common interests. ASEM countries represent roughly half of the world's population and half of the world's gross domestic output.

The Philippine Government said that ASEM provides a forum for the country to propose areas of cooperation beneficial not only to the country but also to the other ASEM members as well.

MNA/Xinhua



Wen Jiabao hopeful of smooth development of ties with Vietnam

HANOI, 8 Oct—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Thursday that Sino-Vietnamese relations will move forward soundly and stably so long as the two sides take a long-term perspective, grasp the overall situation, trust each other, and practise mutual understanding and accommodation.

Wen, who arrived here on Wednesday for an official visit, told Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong that China and Vietnam are friendly neighbours linked by mountains and rivers, and the 2000 joint communique on comprehensive cooperation in the new century has defined the orientation of the development of collaboration in various fields. Luong, for his part, said Vietnam attaches great importance to developing comprehensive and friendly cooperation with China, which accords with the fundamental interests of both peoples and has major importance to peace and development in the region. — MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN rural development ministers meeting ends in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—The 4th meeting of the ASEAN ministers on rural development and poverty eradication (AMRDPE) ended here on Thursday with the participants stressing the need for ASEAN cooperation on rural development and poverty eradication to continue to respond effectively to the opportunities and challenges of globalization and closer economic integration.

In a joint communique issued after the one-day meeting, the ministers from member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) stressed the importance of the participation and contribution of various organizations to ensure the success of any rural development and poverty eradication process.

"In sharing their respective experiences on facilitating poverty eradication and self-reliance, the ministers acknowledged and encouraged the efforts of various sectors in alleviating poverty and noted that there was room for more participation and involvement of the private

sector, civil society organizations, and grassroots organizations in the process of poverty reduction both at the national and the ASEAN levels," said the communique.

The ministers commended their senior officials for putting together a comprehensive framework action plan containing strategies to address priorities such as globalization.

The framework action plan, which will be implemented over the next six years, will serve as the key strategic plan for ASEAN to respond to the challenges of poverty alleviation in the face of the changing economic and

social environment in the ASEAN region.

They also emphasized the need for ASEAN countries to continue their closer cooperation with East Asian partners in pursuing rural development and poverty eradication priorities for the region.

The meeting with the theme of "Enabling Self-Reliant Communities" was attended by ASEAN ministers responsible for rural development and poverty eradication or their representatives.

The next meeting of the ASEAN ministers on rural development and poverty eradication will take place in Thailand in 2006. — MNA/Xinhua



Visiting Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (2nd R) and his Malaysian counterpart Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (2nd L) share a light moment as they are flanked by their foreign ministers, Malaysia's Syed Hamid Albar (L) and Singapore's George Yeo, in Putrajaya on 5 October, 2004. — INTERNET

13 more countries join ASEM

HANOI, 8 Oct—Three more nations of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)—Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia—and 10 new members of the European Union (EU) became participants of ASEM on Thursday.

They were officially accepted as members of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) at an ASEM enlargement ceremony in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam.

"After eight years of evolution, ASEM is now enlarged to embrace 13 new members," said Prime Minister of Vietnam Phan Van Khai at the ceremony.

"This enlargement is an eloquent testimony to the success and attractiveness of the process," he said.

With the new members, the fifth ASEM summit on Friday and Saturday will be attended by state and government

leaders of the whole 10-member ASEAN as well as China, Japan and South Korea, and all the 25 EU members and the European Commission.

"It is our expectation and conviction that the new members will make active and concrete contributions to our common endeavour of deepening and expanding the process, and revitalizing and substantiating the Asia-Europe partnership as well as heightening ASEM's role and position in the world arena," said Khai.

ASEM is a process of informal dialogue between Asia and Europe launched in 1996 in Bang-

kok, Thailand. It addresses political, economic and cultural issues, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between the two regions.

ASEM summit has been organized every two years since 1996, alternating their location between Asia and Europe. Meetings between foreign and finance ministers have also been held on a regular basis.

Since the fourth summit of the inter-continent bloc in 2002, the EU has been enlarged with 10 new members and it wanted all its members to join the ASEM.

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An Iraqi boy stands amid the debris of building and vehicles following a US military attack on the city of Fallujah. US warplanes bombed the rebel-held Iraqi city saying it was a "precision strike" targeting militants. — INTERNET

Yangon-Thilawa diesel engine rail bus launched

YANGON, 9 Oct—The Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation launched diesel engine rail bus to be run between Yangon and Thilawa, this morning at Thilawa Station in Thanlyin-Kyauktan Region, Yangon South District.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, Commander of Naval Dockyard Command Headquarters Rear-Admiral Paw Tun, Commander of Aye-yawady Naval Region Command Commodore



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min formally open Yangon-Thilawa rail bus.—MNA

Maw Thein, departmental heads, officials, local authorities and locals. In his address, Commander

Yangon Division has enjoyed fruitful results in various sectors considerably. In its drive to en-

Thilawa Region has prospects of rapid progress in the near future in parallel with the Special Industrial Zone (Thanlyin-Kyauktan).

Maj-Gen Myint Swe said that the diesel engine rail buses would contribute to smooth transport and development of Thilawa Region. Yangonites have participated in nation-building tasks with enthusiasm. As a result,

sure regional development, Yangon Division PDC upholding the guidance of the Head of State has placed emphasis on raising economic, health, education and social sectors of local people.

Thilawa Region has

prospects of rapid progress in the near future in parallel with the Special Industrial Zone (Thanlyin-Kyauktan).

In conclusion, the commander urged local people to make combined efforts for greater development of the region in concert with local authorities, departments and social organizations. Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min also delivered a speech. Commander

Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opened the diesel engine rail bus. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers and deputy ministers inspected the rail bus.

The commander and party took the first trip of the rail bus from Thilawa Station to Kwema Station through Yangon-Thailin Bridge and inspected condition of the railroad

along Thilawa-Okpou-Aungthukha-Kwema.

Before the ceremony, the commander and ministers inspected loading of containers onto rail buses at Myanmar International Terminal, Thilawa.

The diesel engine rail bus has two foreign-made diesel engine rating 246.31 HP locomotives and four coaches built by Myitnge Coach and Carriage Shed under the Myanma Railways. MNA

PBANRDA Minister back from Singapore

YANGON, 9 Oct—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt arrived back here by air this afternoon, after attending the 4th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication held in Singapore.

The Minister was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Home Af-

fairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, First Secretary of Singaporean Embassy to Myanmar Mr Mark Low, directors-general of the ministry, and his family members.

Director-General of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department Col Than Swe and Director U Aye Lwin left here for Sin-

gapore on 3 October and attended senior officials' preliminary meeting on ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Eradication held on 4 and 5 October.

They accompanied the Minister at the 4th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication. They also arrived back here on the same flight.

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Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Bui Ba Bong of Vietnam and party being seen off at the airport.—MNA

ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers leave

YANGON, 9 Oct — Minister of Industry and Primary Resources Mr Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib of Brunei Darussalam and delegates, Minister of National Development Mr Mah Bow Tan of Singapore and delegates, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Agro-based Industry Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd Yassin of Malaysia and delegates, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forest Dr Memed Gunawan of Indonesia and delegates who attended the Twenty-Sixth Meeting of the ASEAN

Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and the Fourth Meeting of AMAF Plus Three left here by air yesterday evening. The delegates were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the ambassadors from respective foreign embassies in Yangon, the embassy staff, members of reception and accommodation subcommittees and officials.

Similarly, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Mr Hiroyuki Kinoshita of Japan and delegates left here by air this evening and they were seen off at

Yangon International Airport by officials of reception and accommodations subcommittees of the meeting.

Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Mr Chan Sarun of Cambodia, Minister of Agriculture Mr Arthur C Yap of the Philippines, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Bui Ba Bong of Vietnam and the delegates of plus three countries left here this morning and Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forest Hae-Sang Pak of the Republic of Korea, tonight by air.—MNA



Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt being welcomed back at the airport.—MNA

Official inspects development tasks

YANGON, 9 Oct — Director-General of Development Affairs Department Col Myo Myint, accompanied by Director U Soe Lwin of Bago Division (West) Development Affairs Committee and officials, inspected construction of Padaung-Natmauk rural gravel road in

Padaung Township on 6 October. On 7 October morning, the director-general inspected development tasks in Pyay Township. At Paukkhaung Township DAC Office, the director-general heard reports on rural and urban development tasks by the township executive of-

ficer. He then inspected Paungde-Byugon rural road. In Thegon Township, the director-general inspected construction of Shwegyobin earth road and gave necessary instructions. In Okpo Township, he inspected progress in building Tagaung Road.

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Rector of Myanmar Maritime University U Thein Tun reported on academic matters; Managing Director of Golden Flower Co Ltd U Aung Htwe, on extended construction of university buildings.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Nyi Hla Nge reported on training courses and number of students at Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, organizational set-up of academic and management staff, international relations, lectures given by visiting professors from foreign universities to faculty members, collection of modern teaching aid and books, general matters and requirements. Minister U Thaug, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and officials gave supplementary reports.

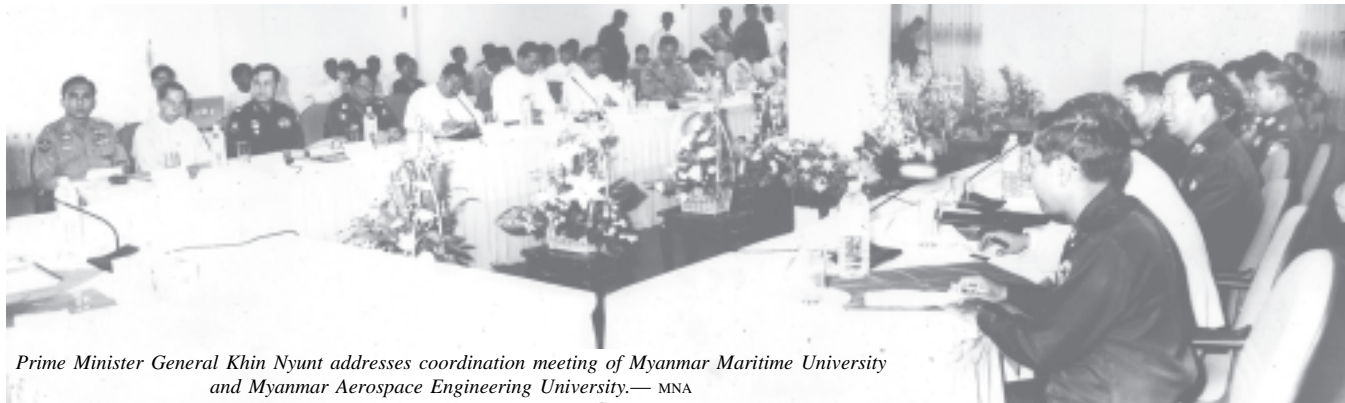
Managing Director U Tint Hsan of ACE Construction Co submitted reports on progress in construction of the main building, other buildings and roads on the university campus.

Next, those present gave suggestions on MMU and

health care services to the aged persons.

At the donation ceremony, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 2.5 million for the ancient pagoda donated by National Development Companies Group; K 2.5 million by U Kyaw Naing Oo (Naing Group); K 2,502 million by Captain U Ko Ko Htoo-Daw Sanda Aung and family; K 1.5 million by U Tint Hsan-Dr Htay Htay Nyein (ACE Construction); K 1.5 million by U Yan Win (A-1 Construction); K 1,003,500 by UMFCCI; and K 1 million by U Kyaw Nyunt and Dr Zaw Tun (Shwe Kyar Byan Construction). Certificates of honour were presented to them.

Next, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe accepted K 1 million each donated by U Win Myint-Daw Myint Myint Than (Shwe Nagamin Co) and U Maung Maung Gyi; K 500,000 by Dr U Ko Ko Gyi; K 300,000 each by Myanmar Pulses and Beans and Sesame Merchants Association and U Soe Tint-Daw Than Htay; and K 100,000 by U Myo Aung-Daw Mar Mar Oo, and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses coordination meeting of Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University.— MNA

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The Myanmar Maritime University was at first located on the campus of the Institute of Marine Technology in Ahlon Township. Then, it was moved to Thilawa in Thanlyin Township. The Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University was established in Meiktila, Mandalay Division.

Having been established systematically and in conformity with the advice and suggestions of the scholars who had been sent abroad for further studies, the two facilities run smoothly now. The Prime Minister called on responsible personnel to ensure further progress of the facilities.

Now, students have been well convinced that only when they have learnt their studies at the universities, can they catch up with the international community in maritime and aerospace areas. As the students are now coming to take greater interest in these areas, it is for State an encouraging sign.

The two magnificent universities have been facilitated with international level syllabuses and modern teaching and learning aids. Modern machines such as simulator have been installed in the Myanmar Maritime University, and that contributes to academic matters. Plans are under way to install such machines in the Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University.

With a view to ensuring better academic functions of the universities, the Government has been sending faculty members abroad for further studies and having the classes taught by some foreign experts. Besides, local faculty members and foreign experts teach and train the students theoretically and practically in the subjects on aeroplane-building and ship-building.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on all to continue to make efforts to ensure the universities to be prominent among the international communities.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported on organizational set-up of the Myanmar Maritime University, types of degrees and terms, academic matters, the selection of scholars to attend the universities at home nations and abroad, cooperation between Maritime University and international community, classes taught by foreign experts, admission granted to students, and construction of the university; Deputy Minister U Pe Than, on construction of workshops, lecture rooms and car parks including main building; sea training being provided for the students and cooperation with international organizations on maritime.

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After attending to the needs, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

The Prime Minister and party viewed the ship handling simulator lab and the engine room simulator lab of MMU and students learning at the university. Deputy Minister U Pe Than and officials conducted the Prime Minister round the university.

On arrival at the Ship Building Workshop of MMU and Silver Wave Trading Ltd, the Prime Minister inspected construction of speed boat, leisure boat, fishing boat, pilot boat, patrol boat, ferry boat, party boat and passenger boat. Rector U Thein Tun and Managing Director U Min Min Aung briefed the Prime Minister on matters related to the boats. Next, the Prime Minister and party saw over construction tasks in the university.

Afterwards, they proceeded to the construction site of Kyauktan Home for the Aged near Padagyi Hsawdawnshin Pagoda in Kyauktan Township and attended the cash donation ceremony for the pagoda and the home.

Managing Director U Tint Hsan of ACE Construction Co reported on progress of building the ancient pagoda near Padagyi Pagoda and the home. Director-General Col Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development gave a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on construction of the religious edifice on a grand scale with Myanmar handicraft, systematic use of funds, setting up of the Home Administrative Board and providing of

Similarly, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung accepted documents related to the 4.5 acres of plot for the Home donated by U Win Myint (Shwe Nagamin Co); K 40,882,000 for two hostels and furniture by Dr Zaw Tun-Dr Daw Htay Kyi; K 1,435,000 for office, parlour, portico and furniture by U Htay Myint (Yuzana Construction); K 20,441,000 for a hostel and furniture by U Tint Hsan-Dr Daw Htay Htay Nyein (ACE Construction); K 18,868,000 for clinic, reading room and furniture by U Aik Tun (Olympic Construction); K 16,821,000 for a dining room and furniture by U Maung Maung (Asia Express); K 15,317,000 for fence and gate by U Yan Win (A-1 Construction); K 14,350,000 for Dhammayon and the rest room by Dr Khin Shwe-Daw San San Kywe; K 13,437,000 for power and water supply by U Zaw Zaw Naing, U Aung Zaw Ye Myint and U Maung Maung Tin; K 5 million by U Maung Maung (Shwe Gabar Construction); US\$ 1,000 by Mr Nurul Islam (Chairman of Grand Master Asia Co Ltd); K 2,502,000 by Captain Ko Ko Htoo and family; and K 1 million by U Tin Thein-Daw Aye Aye Myint (Aye Yeik Nyein Co), and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accepted K 200,000 to the trust-fund of the Home donated by Kyauktan Township and Ward Peace and Development Councils; K 300,000 by U Kyauk Khe-Daw Kyin Myaing; K 200,000 by U Khin Win-Daw Myint; K 110,000 by Captain Tun Naing and family; K 100,000 each by

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The main building of Myanmar Maritime University.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt pays obeisance to Linkayama Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimala and members of the Sangha in Kyauktan.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt pays homage to Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Htidaw to be hoisted atop Kyaikhmawwun Yayle Pagoda.—MNA

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social organizations of the township, U Tin Ngwe, U Ba Khin-Daw Hla Yi, Daw Tin Tin Nwe and U Myint Kyi-Daw Mi; K 200,000 by U Ar Lu-Daw Saw Kyi; K 100,000 each by U Pyo Wah-Daw Yati, (U Chit)-Daw Nwe Yi, Daw Yi and U Myint Swe-Daw Htar Kyi; K 150,000 by bus owners of Kyauktan Township USDA Bus Line. Certificates of honour were presented to the donors.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister inspected construction site of the Home and the ancient pagodas.

Next, the General and party paid homage to Kyaikpadagyi Hsandaushin Pagoda.

On arrival at the office of Kyaikhmawwun Pagoda Board of Trustees, the General and party paid homage to the pagoda, the Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and

Shwehtidaw.

Director of Yangon Division Development Affairs Committee U Kyan Daing Hsaung reported on construction of drains at the pagoda and extension works. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

At Kyaikhmawwun Yayle Pagoda, Pagoda Board of Trustees Chairman U Hlaing and officials welcomed the Prime Minister. Next, the General and party inspected all-round construction of the pagoda and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the General and party offered flowers, water and lights to Ngasat Buddha Image at the prayer hall.

The Prime Minister heard reports on hoisting of new Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnadaw and donation of the Bowl by Pagoda Board of Trustees members. The General attended to the needs. Then, the Prime Minister made cash donations for all-round construction tasks.

The Prime Minister inspected renovation of Shin Upagutta Sankyaungdaw and went round the pagoda.

They proceeded to the construction site of Kyauktan Township Gymnasium where Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and Managing Director U Tint Hsan of ACE Construction reported on construction matters. Next, the General and party inspected progress of construction tasks. The Gymnasium will be 120 feet long, 90 feet wide and 36 feet high. It will be of steel structure frame. A total of 500 spectators can be accommodated at the six-stage stand.

The Prime Minister and party saw over greening and renovation of Kansein Lake in the township. On arrival at Kyauktan Linkayama Monastery, they paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimala and members of the Sangha and offered donations for the monastery.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects progress in building Kyauktan Home for the Aged.—MNA



Triple wins of Ma Chit Su Yi in Karachi tennis

YANGON, 9 Oct — Ma Chit Su Yi, one of the Myanmar tennis players led by Manager/Coach U Aung Myint bagged three first prizes in the U-18 Karachi Club-Kapadia-ITF (World Ranking) Tennis Championship held in Karachi, Pakistan, from 27 September to 8 October. The Myanmar tennis team comprising one manager/coach, two men players and one woman player arrived back here by air this morning.

Ma Chit Su Yi won the first prize in the women's singles event and another first prize in the women's doubles event together with Miss Amita of Sri Lanka in the first contest from 27 September to 3 October. Ma Chit Su Yi secured one more first prize in the women's doubles event together with Miss Amita of Sri Lanka in the second contest from 4 to 8 October.

A total of six countries—Myanmar, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Canada and Sri Lanka participated in the men's/women's singles and doubles events. MNA

CSSTB Chairman leaves for Brunei

YANGON, 9 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun left here by air this morning to attend the Technical Meeting of the 12th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters and the ASEAN Heads of Civil Services Meeting to be held in Brunei on 11 and 12 October.

The CSSTB Chairman and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, members of CSSTB U Nyunt Swe, U Aung Myint and U Hla Myint Oo and officials of departments under CSSTB.

The CSSTB Chairman was accompanied by Director-General U Hla Kyi of Civil Service Selection and Training Department and Second Secretary of the Myanmar Embassy in Brunei Daw Khin Thida Aye.

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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 cannot only save fuel oil but also extend engine duration.
- * 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.

Teachers to actively...

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back native towns, the teachers are to share the knowledge and thoughts they acquired at the course with their workmates as well as with the public around them. The teachers are to actively participate in education promotion tasks with new outlooks.

Now is the time when concerted efforts are being made to promote the level of education on a national scale without leaving the task to the Ministry of Education



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presents model hostel award to No 8 hostel of No 1 men's company through a trainee leader.— MNA

alone. Very instrumental is the active cooperation of regional administrative bodies, the public and social organizations in the education promotion drive that covers the construction of multimedia classrooms in basic education schools and the keeping of school-age children at schools. As a result, there has been an annual increase in the number of kindergarten students. Success has been achieved to an extent that almost all school-age children have been enlisted in respective schools this year.

Given the goodwill, charity and interest of Myanmar people, the education promotion drive will no doubt bear fruit.

The government, on its part, is also taking measures for the promotion of national education, with necessary



Officials open Yangon-Myingyan Shwemanthu highway bus line.— H

Shwemanthu Highway Bus Line launched in Myingyan

YANGON, 9 Oct — A ceremony to launch the Yangon-Myingyan Shwemanthu Highway Bus Line of Bandoola Transport Co Ltd was held in front of Myingyan District USDA Office on 7 October afternoon. It was attended by local authorities, Director (Mandalay) Lt-Col Lwin Naing Wai of Shwemanthu Transport Service of Bandoola Transport Co Ltd, officials and guests.

Secretary of Myingyan District Peace and Development Council Maj Myint Soe and Director (Mandalay) Lt-Col Lwin Naing Wai of Shwemanthu Transport Service formally launched the bus line. Buses of the new bus line will leave Myingyan at 3 pm daily and bus charge is K 3,900 per head.— H

policies and lofty aims. It is important for the teachers to play their part energetically and earnestly to reach the goal.

Only when the citizens can broaden their horizon of knowledge, expertise and scruple will the task for the safeguarding of the nation be successful.

In implementing the education promotion drive bearing the future of the national in their minds, the teachers are to arm their students mainly with a mastery of literary, personality and good morality, while keeping on trying to adapt themselves to the rapidly-advancing education of the world.

The reforms being made today with firm objectives in political, economic and social spheres are all based on Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuity of sovereignty — which is the soul of every citizen who has cultivated patriotism and nationalistic sentiment in their hearts.

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After his speech, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presented best cadet awards to two trainees and diligence awards to three trainees and best hostel awards to two hostels.

Next, trainees presented cash to be donated to Lawka Chanthabhaiyabhamuni Buddha Image, to the funds of the renovation of ancient pagodas in Bagan, to Union Solidarity and Development Association, to the National Convention, and to affiliated BEHS in Zeebingyi village of PyinOoLwin township.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour. After the ceremony, the Secretary cordially greeted trainee teachers. A total of 1,006 trainee teachers attended the course, which lasted five weeks. — MNA

Work under way...

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The general manager also reported on requirements, stockpiles and fulfillments for the plant. Deputy Minister U Myint Thein gave a supplementary report.

The Secretary-1 made arrangements for boosting production of iron and steel.

He said personnel at different levels are well-experienced in production and urged them to apply their experience for industrial development.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the plant, coal, lime, iron, model of furnace of the plant, the master room, voltage regulator, electric furnace and steel bars.

They also inspected production of steel pipe used in cement plant, iron bars, production process and various kinds of steel rods and bars.

They inspected small electric furnace, work done for production and import-substitute items. The Secretary-1 gave instructions.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to Anisakan Airport Construction Project and inspected progress of work.

They went to Sagaing Institute of Education where they were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Commander of No 33 LID Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung, officials, rector and professors of Sagaing

Institute of Education.

The Secretary-1 met the rector and professors of Sagaing Institute of Medicine and teaching staff. Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Dr Thein Myint reported on history of the institute, its area, courses, major subjects, number of students and others.

Managing Director of Shwe Nagamin Co Ltd U Thurein reported on buildings completed, construction of the main hall, convocation hall and two-storey lecture halls.

Rector of Sagaing Institute of Education Dr Myint Thein reported on appointment of health staff and water supply in the campus.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave a supplementary report.

The Secretary-1 cordially greeted the rector, professors and faculty members.

They inspected construction of the main hall, convocation hall and two-storey lecture halls.

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SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda.— MNA

New Shwehtidaw to be hoisted atop SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda

YANGON, 9 Oct — With the sponsorship of SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda Board of Ovadacariya Sayadaws, Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council and Thitagu Sayadaw, new Htidaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw will be hoisted atop SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda on top of Wutyon Taungdaw, Sagaing Hill.

Those wishing to make cash donations are to contact the Ponnyashin Pagoda Board of Trustees, Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council and Thitagu Sayadaw.

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The scale model of Sagaing Institute of Education.— MNA

Those who daren't show their face — 63

Pauk Sa

Because of the situation that has prompted me to say frankly nothing but the plain truth, I cannot help writing this article.

The problem started with the National League for Democracy that was making demands impossible to accede to at present. The NLD ordered its township branches to organize the locals to sign in its books of signatures to make the demand a public voice. So, the township parties were acting like door-to-door salesmen beseeching people or resorting to various kinds of tricks to get public signatures in the books, instead of keeping them at the houses of the leaders of the respective townships.

Because of their undisciplined acts, the local authorities and Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commissions had to issue directives forbidding them from launching door-to-door visits and using various kinds of tricks and methods of intimidation that might cause public annoyance and asking them to keep the books at the houses of a certain township leaders or members of the party.

Although the authorities were making arrangements for the NLD to continue its activity without causing public nuisance, the party was airing a statement through a foreign radio station, accusing the authorities as if they were trying to disturb its activity and intimidate the people into staying away from signing in the books of signatures. "But will the

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attempts of the NLD serve its interest or national or public interests?" I would like to ask the party members. The NLD went too far that in an interview with a foreign broadcasting station, its spokesman said that the Government was making threats and laying obstacles to bar the people from signing in the books, and that the Government's acts of public intimidation were worse in areas outside the Yangon city. He was so irresponsible to make such a statement.

The party then made a lopsided announcement, saying that such an act of collecting signatures was legal. It even tried to give trouble to the negotiators who had tried to facilitate the task of building confidence between the party and the Government. A notification or an announcement never expires automatically unless it is annulled by another announcement or notification. They should have understood this. But the NLD members did not even understand why the authorities were making arrangements to enable the party to continue its activity smoothly without harming any one's interest. See, the NLD members have the desire of making matters worse. So, how are they going to introduce democracy in the country? Some of the persons have bad inborn nature or characters. So, I am now going to present the mischievous acts of some NLD leaders and members.

In 1989, the NLD led in inviting members of other political parties to attend a meeting. But the NLD did not mention the purpose of the meeting. Only at the meeting did the NLD announce that a delegate representing all political parties to hold talks with the Government would be chosen there. But the NLD members themselves proposed and approved a leader of their own party for the task. But when an experienced politician criticized their act, saying that the

choice should be in accord with the majority's wish, NLD youths jeered at him. When the meeting broke down, failing to make any decision, the NLD tried to use the attendance list of the meeting to bluff others. A milestone in the NLD's democracy struggle?

Soon after the 1990 election, the NLD distributed copies of a paper which it said included the signatures of the members of the NLDs at different levels in Mandalay Division demanding to call the Hluttaw. But when the matter was investigated thoroughly, the authorities found out that some of the signatories were not in Mandalay Division then, but in other towns or villages far away from it. Some persons filed a complaint against the party, saying that they had not signed in the paper nor any knowledge about the matter. NLD is a party with such a bad tradition.

Now, I will continue the problem of the book of signatures. After making demands, the NLD issued an order and distributed its copies to all its organization-areas to obtain public signatures, with an incentive, promising the ones who could collect a large number of public signatures were to be assigned to the division organizing body as a member. In the first stage, the NLD told all its members and guests attending the Arzani Day memorial ceremony, sponsored by the party itself on 19 July 2004, to sign in the book of signatures. Well, I would like to record the party's attempts to make political gains by using the Arzani Day as an investment as a milestone in its own history.

On 5 August 2004, Daw Nyunt Nyunt Yi of 8th street, 1/Ka ward, Mingaladon Township, filed a complaint against two youth members of the NLD, Aung Thu and Sein Lwin, at Ward Peace and Development Council, for their rude behaviour towards her when she refused to sign in their book of signatures.

Thirteen villagers of Ohn-nhe village including U Khin Maung Myint complained to Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommission about U Mya Zin and U Hla Soe of Thongwa Township NLD on 27 July and 3 August, as the two tricked them with a lie to sign in the book. The two organized them to take part in a welfare service, and then urged them to sign in their book of demand.

In an incident that occurred on 31 July, Treasurer of Thaton Township NLD U Kyi Hlaing tried to organize ten persons who were taking sabbath at the Mohnyin monastery, while the abbot monk was away in the town. The incident will be left as a farce in the NLD's history of democracy struggle. And here was another story about the NLD's tricks. Chairman of Amarapura Township NLD U Hla Myint and Dr Yu Yu May, wife of representative-elect Dr Zaw Myint Maung, were able to obtain signatures from 25 flood victims, who had been relocated at the dhammayon of Bawdithandaung Pagoda, on 29 July, with a promise to provide free medical treatment for the victims. The incident should be documented as a medical-treatment-for-signature democracy struggle of the NLD.

Likewise, in many other villages and townships including Natmauk, Mohnyin, Myingyan, Mindon, Kyonpyaw, Kale, Thaton, Bago, Kyimyindine, and Kungyangon, the NLD members used various kinds of deceptions, tricks and flattery to collect public signatures. I have heard that as the people were not able to tolerate their acts any more they were filing complaints against the NLD members at the local administrative offices and Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommission Offices. True public response to the NLD?

Thus, the answer to the question — Was the Government really trying to bar the people from signing in the books as said by the big spokesman of the NLD headquarters at the interview or was the NLD trying to force the people to sign in the books against their will? — is quite clear. Besides, the public complaints demanding flowing in almost daily to erase the names of the list of signatories or saying that they do not support the NLD and that the lists of names and signatures are just frauds stand proof to the answer.

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Maybe, the basic level members were resorting to rough tactics as they had full trust in the incentive of the NLD HQ, promising the ones who could collect a

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large number of public signatures would be assigned to the division organizing body as a member.

So, I will try to understand that the problem of the public-signature issue is one of the trademarks of the NLD's so-called democracy struggle that has adopted the brazen means since 1988-89, and I also pity the party and its members for their being the persons who daren't show their face in public.

(Translation: TMT)

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SELF-RELIANT LIBRARY OPENED: Under the supervision of Township Information and Public Relations Department, a self-reliant library was opened at No-10 Basic Education Primary School in Bahan Township on 7 October.

Sri Lanka moves to strengthen economic ties with India

COLOMBO, 8 Oct— Sri Lanka is seeking closer and stronger economic and trade ties with India and was moving to open the bilateral free trade agreement to cover the services sector, a senior official said here on Thursday.

Finance Secretary P B. Jayasundera said work was underway to expand the scope of the Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement to cover services and said the government was ready to allow Sri Lankan companies to invest in Indian enterprises.

There had been reports that although India allowed Sri Lankan companies to buy shares in Indian companies listed in Mumbai, the central bank was reluctant to relax foreign exchange

regulations to allow the capital flow.

However, Jayasundera told reporters here that he was not aware of the issue, it had not been brought to his notice by the central bank, but he was willing to clear any obstacles to improve trade and economic ties between the two countries.

He said the two countries were also working on finalizing a new 150 million dollar Indian line of credit for Sri Lanka to buy petroleum products from India.

The credit amount is coincidentally the same amount that the Sri Lankan Government owes the Indian Oil Company in Sri Lanka as a subsidy for maintaining lower than market rate prices for diesel and petrol.—MNA/PTI

Two container ships collide in Singapore waters

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct— Two Panama-registered container ships collided in Singapore waters on Wednesday before dawn, the second accident in three weeks in one of the world's most congested shipping lanes, Port Authorities said.

No one was injured and no oil was spilled, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore said.

The bow of the *MV Heng Shan*, bound for China with 160,000 tons of iron ore, was damaged after it and *MV MSC Lucia*, which was entering Singapore with about 700 containers, collided, the Port Authority said in a statement.

Accidents and pirate attacks are common in the Straits of Malacca, a narrow sea lane between Malaysia and Singapore that carries more than a quarter of the world's trade and the majority of China and Japan's oil imports.

The accident left a 230 feet gash on the side of the *MV MSC Lucia*, which also briefly caught fire, authorities said.

MNA/Reuters

ADB to support more inclusive Nepal development in 2005-2009

MANILA, 8 Oct— The Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s lending programme for Nepal over the next five years will foster a more inclusive and results-based approach to better meet the needs of the poor, according to the Country Strategy and Programme (CSP) endorsed on Thursday by the ADB.

The CSP for 2005-2009 will assist the Nepali Government to promote a greater balance between different regions of the country and improve access of the poor to basic services and opportunities for advancement, the Manila-based ADB said in a statement.

It will also address the needs of the most disadvantaged groups, such as women, ethnic groups, and lower castes, the ADB said.

The CSP proposes a lending programme of 350 million US dollars for the first three years, consisting of 11 projects to focus on developing rural areas, improving basic social services, helping women, promoting private sector

development and improving public and private sector governance.

It is ADB's first pilot results-based CSP that identifies the results sought by the government, to which ADB will contribute, and the outcomes expected to be achieved by the CSP.

The actual level of assistance will depend on country performance and progress of the peace process.

The pace of poverty reduction has been slow in Nepal, which remains one of the poorest countries in the world with a per capita gross domestic product of around 270 dollars and poverty incidence of 38 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

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EU shows strong WTO-related support to Vietnam

HANOI, 8 Oct— The leaders of the European Union (EU) have strongly supported Vietnam's accession to the World Trade Organization next year, and been willing to widen EU's import doors to Vietnam's textiles.

During the Vietnam-EU Leaders Meeting held here on Thursday night, They agreed to accelerate the bilateral negotiations with the expectation to reach a positive completion on the occasion of the 5th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM 5), according to an EU's Press release here.

"The EU is willing to further open its market access to Vietnam's textiles in the context of the 'Early Harvest' deal before Vietnam's accession to WTO," said the Press release.

The leaders of EU and Vietnam highly appreciated the good progress in their political, economic, trade and investment ties as well as those in the fields of science, technology, human resource development and capacity building. They stated that there

are great opportunities to beef up their relations.

The European Commission and the Vietnamese Government inked a memorandum of understanding on the national indicative programme for the 2005-2006 period, and two financing agreements on the private sector support programme and the multilateral trade policy assistance programme which total nearly 59 million US dollars.

Besides economic concerns, the EU leaders laid emphasis on principles written in the EC-Vietnam Cooperation Agreement.

The EU took note of Vietnam's proposal to set up a regular mechanism of political consultation at the level of foreign ministers.—MNA/Xinhua

New standardized e-mail IDs for Regional Passport Offices

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct— Indian Ministry of External Affairs has standardised the e-mail addresses of all Regional Passport Offices (RPOs) within the domain name mea.gov.in.

The new e-mail addresses of RPOs, created as part of the ministry's Standardized e-mail Addresses and Management (SEAM) project, follow a simple and predictable formula of rpo.station@mea.gov.in, according to an official release here on Thursday.

For example, the e-mail address of RPO Delhi would be rpo.delhi@mea.gov.in. Only three stations with names containing more

than 10 characters have been abbreviated, namely Bhubaneswar, Thiruchirappalli and Vishakhapatnam.

Their addresses are rpo.bbsr@mea.gov.in, rpo.trichy@mea.gov.in and rpo.vizag@mea.gov.in, respectively.

The complete list of RPO e-mail addresses can be accessed at the web site <http://indianpassport.nic.in/rpoi.htm>.

MNA/PTI

Costa Rican President signs anti-corruption decree

SAN JOSE, 8 Oct— Costa Rican President Abel Pacheco signed into law on Illegal Embezzlement Wednesday, aimed at ending his country with legal tools to prevent, detect and crack down on corruption.

Under the decree, authorities of the supreme powers and officials in charge of transmitting public biddings, managing funds and handling income of the country have the obligation to show a sworn statement before the Accountant Inspector's office. It punishes those who are caught

in acts of corruption with a 10-year term of imprisonment. Pacheco said the decree will become a powerful tool at the service of transparency, ethical rigor and moral demands and be quite useful for administrative and judicial authorities to fulfil their tasks with enough support.

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New Chilean FM stresses relations with Argentina

SANTIAGO, 8 Oct— Chilean Foreign Minister Ignacio Walker reaffirmed Wednesday that the country would further advance relations with Argentina as always, local media reported.

Walker, who came into power on 29 September, said in the Vatican to a Chilean radio station that he was satisfied with the declaration of Argentine Interior Minister Anibal Fernandez that the relations between the two nations "has not changed" and "is excellent".

The minister added that he had talked with the Chilean President Ricardo Lagos, and the President had given him clear instructions on the matter.

Walker's statement came after one of his articles of May, in which he called the Argentine President Nestor Kirchner as a "totalitarian", was published by an Argentine daily last Saturday.

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Rich Nations urged to remove trade distorting farm subsidies

PARIS, 8 Oct— India has said mercantilist compulsions of corporatised agriculture should not drive the negotiations in the World Trade Organizations and asked the developed economies to remove trade distorting farm subsidies.

Commerce and Industries Minister Kamal Nath Thursday told a distinguished international audience, "It is absolutely clear that developed countries must remove trade-distorting agricultural subsidies first and market access in developing countries would only follow the removal of such subsidies and not precede it".

"We do not deny the developed world agricultural market access on a whim, or because we do not want to engage in trade. We have been forced to turn protectionist because we have no alternative; there is no level playing field," he said.

Nath was addressing a conference on 'liberalization and the future of agricultural policy', organized by the French Institute of International Relations.

The Indian farmer is not afraid of his counterpart from a developed country and is willing to compete with him, but he could not compete with the governments of the developed countries, the minister said.

"What we are confronting is a real life situation facing real persons desperate for recognition of the condition in which they live and the pressures on them from the subsidy-laden policies of other countries. Mercantilist compulsions of corporatized agriculture cannot drive these negotiations", Nath said.

Kamal Nath said since agriculture sustains the daily lives of the majority of the people in a country like India, "subsidized products flooding in from abroad would play havoc with the social fabric".

"Eliminate subsidies completely and fully in all its guises and we would not be hesitant to liberalize substantially. But we must be clear that this is not a chicken-and-egg situation. There is no doubt as to what needs to be done first—it is the removal of subsidies. It is logical that market access can only succeed this, not precede it", he said.

The minister emphasized that international policy on agriculture should not ignore the ground realities obtaining in three-fourths of the world.

"No doubt, there were difficulties and problems in all countries including the developed countries, but it is essential that the stark difference in the nature of the concerns in developed countries and those in developing countries be clearly understood and appreciated," Nath said.

"It is inconceivable for the developed countries to seek, and for the developing countries to offer, identity in treatments and commitments until all distortions in agriculture are removed", Nath said.

MNA/PTI

NASA scientists claim evidence of water found in Red Planet

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct — The Mars rovers have found fresh evidence that water was plentiful in both the hills and plains of the now-barren Red Planet, scientists at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory said on Thursday.

The robots, called *Spirit* and *Opportunity*, have been examining rocks and terrain on opposite sides of Mars since January for clues about whether the planet once held enough water to support life.

Opportunity was the first to send back evidence that a salty sea once covered the area where it landed, a flat plain known as the Meridiani Planum. *Spirit* also found signs that the massive Gusev Crater, where it landed, had seen small amounts of water.

Now, recent data sent back by *Opportunity* suggests the area had a second drenching sometime after the plains dried out, scientists said.

Patterned cracks found in rocks in Endurance Crater, the stadium-sized depression *Opportunity* has been exploring for several months, showed changes that could be made by a small amount of water.

"These (cracks) are ... well-known in Earth to be associated with water," scientist John Grotzinger said. "The rocks become impregnated with water, it dries out and pulls in all

directions."

Since only the surfaces of the rocks were altered, scientists theorized the water did not stay for long and may have come from melting frost or underground ice.

The second water episode probably occurred after Endurance Crater was formed and long after the Meridiani Planum was first covered with water, lead investigating scientist Steve Squyres said.

Spirit has also found signs that water changed rocks in a range of hills halfway around the planet from the *Opportunity* rover. After completing its primary mission, *Spirit* drove about two miles from its landing site to the Columbia Hills, where it found rocks, older than the lava flows forming the floor of Gusev Crater, that contained water-related minerals.

"Every single rock in the hills has shown alteration by liquid water," Squyres said.

The *Spirit* team next plans to drive the rover higher into the hills to examine layered rocks that could hold clues to the area's geologic history, he said. — MNA/Reuters

MSN, MediaBay join hands to offer audiobooks online

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct— Microsoft said on Thursday that MSN, its web site, and MediaBay, a seller of audio books, are working together to offer a wide range of audiobook titles via download from MSN.

MediaBay will exclusively offer on the MSN music service audiobook titles from the nation's largest audiobook publishers, Microsoft said.

"With the growth of broadband access having reached critical mass, we anticipate the popularity of audiobook downloads to grow exponentially," said Jeffrey Dittus, CEO of MediaBay.

Christine Andrews, lead product manager for MSN Entertainment at Microsoft Corp., said MediaBay will provide MSN users access to a broad range of audiobooks, such as the most recent *New York Times* bestsellers and titles from best-selling authors such as John Grisham, Tom Wolfe and Bill Clinton.

MNA/Xinhua



Walking to the Sky: Jonathan Borofsky's 100-foot-tall sculpture "Walking to the Sky" is displayed in Rockefeller Centre in New York City. — INTERNET

Shanghai improves IPR protection by stepping up regional cooperation

SHANGHAI, 9 Oct— Shanghai, China's leading industrial and commercial hub, has been striving to improve protection of intellectual property rights by enhancing regional cooperation.

Information from the Shanghai Intellectual Property Rights Office said that a trans-regional enforcement network led by Shanghai has been launched for the coordination of administrative protection of patents. Sixteen provinces and municipalities, including Beijing, Tianjin, Anhui, Fujian and Guangdong, are participating.

Another IPR protection

federation with the participation of 16 cities in the Yangtze River Delta has also taken shape.

"With these two organizations in place, regional protectionism toward IPR protection will be curbed, and trans-regional patent infringements will be brought under control," said Xu Zhanglin, deputy head of the municipal IPR office.

In the meantime,

Shanghai has also tried administrative and judicial means to improve IPR protection in the city. The municipal People's Congress has adopted and put into effect regulations regarding the protection of patents, while the municipal government published 23-article opinions about improving IPR protection in July last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Scientists discover new clues of 1918 Spanish flu pandemic

LONDON, 8 Oct — Scientists who synthesized two genes from the virus that caused the 1918 Spanish influenza pandemic said on Thursday they have a found new clues about what made it so deadly.

Between 20 million and 50 million people worldwide died in the 1918-1919 pandemic, the deadliest in the past century. By unravelling the secrets of the virus, researchers hope to improve methods to spot the next potential flu pandemic which some scientists believe is overdue.

"We found that just one gene called HA, haemagglutinin, is sufficient to make a benign virus pathogenic," said Yoshihiro Kawaoka, of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Tokyo.

Scientists suspect the 1918 virus originated in birds and leapt to humans. The spread of bird flu in Asia has raised fears that the strain could mutate and become highly infectious in humans.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Owen takes part in full training session

LONDON, 8 Oct—England striker Michael Owen took part in a full training session on Thursday, but keeper David James missed out as they prepared to face Wales.

Owen, who trained for only part of Wednesday's session after picking up a back problem last weekend, is bidding to prove his fitness for Saturday's Group Six World Cup qualifier at Old Trafford.

James, who was dropped for England's 2-1 victory over Poland last month after a costly error in their 2-2 draw with Austria, has fluid on the knee and missed training as a precautionary measure, a Football Association spokesman said.

James is expected to train at Manchester United's Carrington training complex on Friday but faces stiff competition for his place in the starting XI.

Paul Robinson, who deputised against the Poles, has been on excellent club form for Tottenham Hotspur, conceding only three goals in their eight Premier League games this season.

MNA/Reuters

Sharapova reaches Japan Open final

TOKYO, 9 Oct—Defending champion Maria Sharapova of Russia entered the Japan Open tennis final on Friday while Thai star Paradorn Srichapan was dumped out of the men's quarterfinals by Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic.

Sharapova, the 17-year-old Wimbledon champion, faced little challenge against Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn, winning her semifinal 6-2, 6-3 to play American Mashona Washington in the final after the latter beat Czech seventh seed Klara Koukalova 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

For Thailand, it is a disappointing day as

Paradorn again failed to beat Novak, against whom he has now won only one set in three meetings.

Paradorn explained that he was tired after bad weather forced him to play both his second and third round matches on Thursday. "There's nothing I can do about the weather and he (Novak) also played two matches yesterday so we were even," said

Paradorn. "But I think I played well. He was just playing better."

Paradorn, the top-ranked Asian player, never recovered after letting slip two break points in the fourth game of the first set. Novak will face either top seed Lleyton Hewitt of Australia or France's Cyril Saulnier in Saturday's semifinals.

MNA/Xinhua



German Grand Prix driver Timo Glock of Jordan Ford (L) leads British Anthony Davidson of BAR Honda (R) in a wet-conditioned Suzuka circuit during a practice session of the Japanese Formula One Grand Prix in Suzuka, on 8 October 2004. —INTERNET

Atletico paranaense stay top of Brazilian C'ship

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Oct—Atletico Paranaense stayed top of the Brazilian championship despite throwing away a two-goal lead to draw 3-3 at Juventude.

Goals by Ivan, Washington and Fernandinho gave Paranaense a 3-1 halftime lead with Da Silva replying from a controversial penalty on Thursday evening.

Juventude hit back in the second half, however, with another Da Silva goal before Naldo grabbed a 71st-minute equalizer.

Championship leading scorer Washington, who also missed an early penalty, took his tally to 25 goals, four ahead of Goias striker Alex Dias.

Paranaense, who have 68 points from 35 games, are three ahead of Santos, who were held 1-1 at home by Corinthians on Wednesday. —MNA/Reuters

Drogba needs minor surgery

LONDON, 8 Oct—Chelsea striker Didier Drogba needs minor surgery on the groin injury that forced him to limp off in the first half of last Sunday's 1-0 Premier League win over Liverpool.

"He has an injury that the medical department found the best way to solve will be with a little surgery, but we think in four or five weeks he can be back (in action)," said Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho on the club's official website.

Drogba, 26, who had already withdrawn from Ivory Coast's World Cup qualifier against Benin on Sunday, has scored five goals since joining the Londoners from Olympique Marseille for 24 million pounds (42.74 million US dollars) in July.

Second-placed Chelsea's next match is at Manchester City on 16 October.

MNA/Reuters

Ronaldo confirms to compete in match against Venezuela

TERESOPOLIS, 8 Oct—Brazil striker Ronaldo will be fit to face Venezuela in Saturday's World Cup qualifier in Maracaibo, the Real Madrid player said on Thursday.

Ronaldo, who arrived at Brazil's training camp

on Monday complaining of pains in both thighs, said he felt no problems as he took part in a practice match on Thursday.

"I think the injury is completely cured," he said. "I could do all the movements I needed and

I've cleared up any doubts". Ronaldo will line-up with Barcelona's Ronaldinho in attack, meaning that Adriano, who was topscorer in the Copa America with seven goals, will return to the bench.

Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira has already announced that Kaka will play behind the front two with Renato, Juninho Pernambucano and Ze Roberto forming the rest of the midfield.

MNA/Reuters

Southampton's Fernandes fined for dangerous driving

LONDON, 8 Oct—Southampton winger Fabrice Fernandes was handed by Southwark Crown Court a 10,000-pound (17,820-US-dollar) fine plus 100 hours community service on Wednesday after pleading guilty to charges of dangerous driving.

The 24-year-old Frenchman, who joined Southampton from Stade Rennes in 2001, could have been sentenced to jail for two years after jumping a series of red

lights in central London last May with his sports car.

In addition to the fine and community service, Fernandes will be monitored under an 18-month Community Rehabilitation Order and will have to pay the prosecution's costs, a Crown Prosecution Service spokeswoman said.

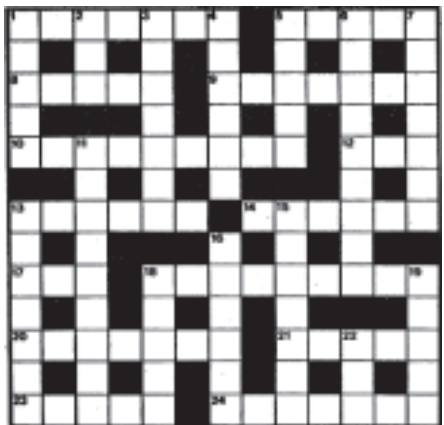
Fernandes was also dis-

qualified from driving for two years and will then have to sit an extended driving test.

However, the judge gave Fernandes credit for having pleaded guilty last month.

He had been given the maximum fine, under football union regulations, of two weeks' wages by Southampton in May.

MNA/Xinhua

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Sambu picked by Tanzania for global marathon race

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 8 Oct — Andrew Sambu is to represent Tanzania and East Africa in a four-city marathon series, dubbed The Greatest Race on Earth, said the Tanzanian Amateur Athletics Association on Thursday.

With a personal best time of 2:10:00, Sambu is to rub shoulders with marathoners from other countries in Hong Kong on February 27 next year, as a member of the East African squad which also includes runners from Uganda and Kenya.

The four-city series starts with a race in Nairobi of Kenya on October 24, followed by races in Singapore and Mumbai of India on December 5 and January 15 respectively.

Representing East Africa in the three other races of the series are David Kiprono Ng'etich and Mark Komindany both of Kenya, and Alex Malinga of Uganda.

The top prize for the four-city series of marathon races is 400,000 US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



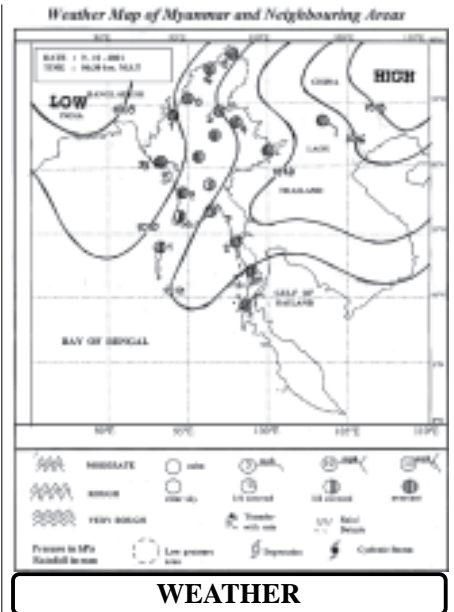
Dana Vollmer, Rachel Komisarz and Lindsay Benko cheer on Kaitlin Sandeno in their gold medal swim setting a US Open record time of 7:47.72 in the Women's 4 x 200m Freestyle final during the FINA World Swimming Championships at the Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana. —INTERNET

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- ၁။ ပြိုင်ပွဲခေါင်းစဉ်: "Growing with Nature-ASEAN Environmental Challenges"
- (စာတင်ပို့ခြင်း၏ အဓိကအကြောင်းအရာမှာ "Growing with Nature-ASEAN's Environmental Challenges" ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အဆိုပါစာတင်ပို့ခြင်းသည် အများပြည်သူများ အသိပေးသောတွင်း ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်များကို ပြုပြင်ထိန်းသိမ်းမှုဆိုင်ရာ ကိစ္စများကို သိရှိမှုလည်း စေရန်၊ စီးပွားရေးလုပ်ငန်း၊ ရင်းနှီးမြှုပ်နှံမှုလုပ်ငန်း၊ ဓနိသွားလာခြင်း လုပ်ငန်း၊ ကုန်သွယ်ခြင်း၊ လူမှုရေးနှင့် လူသားအရင်းအမြစ်ဆိုင်ရာ လုပ်ငန်းများ မြှင့်တင်ဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်စေရန်တို့အတွက် ကျင်းပသည့် အစီအစဉ်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။)
- ၂။ ပြိုင်ပွဲရည်ရွယ်ချက်: အာဆီယံ၏ ပတ်ဝန်းကျင် စိန်ခေါ်မှုများကို ဒေသဆိုင်ရာ စာတင်ပို့ခြင်း/ပြိုင်ပွဲတစ်ဆင့် ပိုမိုအာရုံစိုက်လာစေရန်နှင့် ASEAN-COCI အတွက် လိုအပ်သော သတင်းအချက်အလက်များ အဖြစ် သုံးစွဲနိုင်မည့် စာတင်ပို့များ စုဆောင်းရရှိစေရန်။
- ၃။ ရွေးချယ်မှုစည်းကမ်း (Selection Criteria)
- ပြိုင်ပွဲအကြောင်းအရာ Theme နှင့် ကိုက်ညီရမည်။
 - အနုပညာမြောက်ရမည် (Aesthetic of the Photograph)
 - Composition, Balance, Colour and Organization ကောင်းမွန်မှုနှင့်ကန့်သတ်ရမည်။
 - အာဆီယံ၏ စံနမူနာနှင့် အစီအစဉ်ကို ဖော်ပြနိုင်သည့် ထူးခြားသော အကြောင်းအရာ ဖြစ်ရမည်။
 - စာတင်ပို့ရာ၏ ဖော်ပြထားသည့် ရှင်းလင်းတင်ပြချက်ကို ထင်ဟပ်ထားသော စာတင်ပို့ ဖြစ်ရမည်။
- ၄။ တင်သွင်းရမည့် စည်းကမ်းချက်များ (Entry Rules)
- (က) Category A = အသက် ၁၃ နှစ်မှ ၁၇ နှစ်အထိ (ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ ဖြစ်ရမည်) အထက်တန်းနှင့် တက္ကသိုလ်အဆင့်အထိ ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ)
- Category B = အသက် (၁၈)နှစ်နှင့်အထက် (Open to all)
- (ခ) ဝင်ကြေးမရှိပါ။
- (ဂ) မိမိနိုင်ငံတွင်း၌ ရိုက်ကူးထားသော Original ပုံဖြစ်ရမည်။ အခြားနိုင်ငံတကာ ပြိုင်ပွဲများတွင် ဆုရထားဖူးသော ပုံများမဖြစ်ရ။
- (ဃ) အာဆီယံ အကြောင်းအရာ (ASEAN message) ကို အထူးဖော်ပြသော ပုံများဖြစ်ရမည်။
- (င) 8" x 10" (205 mm x 255 mm) ရောင်စုံစာတင်ပို့ကို 35 mm Camera ဖြင့် ရိုက်ကူးထားသော Negative ပုံတွဲ၍ တင်သွင်းရမည်။ တင်သွင်းသော Negative သည် မူရင်း ဖြစ်ရမည်။ (ကွန်ပျူတာဖြင့် ပြုပြင်ဖန်တီးထားမှု မဖြစ်စေရ)
- (စ) ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်တစ်ဦးလျှင် စာတင်ပို့(၄)ပုံအထိ တင်သွင်းနိုင် သော်လည်း

- တစ်ပုံသာ ဆုရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။
- (ဆ) ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်ပုံအသီးသီး၏ နောက်ကြောတွင် အောက်ပါအချက်များ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည်-
- စာတင်ပို့၏ အကြောင်းအရာ (Title or Caption)
 - စာတင်ပို့၏ အကြောင်းအရာနှင့် ထူးခြားချက်ကို အတိုချုပ် ဖော်ပြချက် (Short annotation) (စာလုံးရေ ၅၀ မှ ၁၀၀ အတွင်း)
 - စာတင်ပို့ရိုက်ကူးခဲ့သော နေရာနှင့် ရက်စွဲ
 - စာတင်ပို့ရာ၏ နာမည်အပြည့်အစုံ၊ လူမျိုးနှင့် လိပ်စာ
 - ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်သူ၏ Passport Size စာတင်ပို့(၃)ပုံ (နောက်ကျောတွင် အမည်ရေး၍)
 - Category A အတွက် သက်ဆိုင်ရာ ကျောင်းအုပ်ကြီးများ၏ အသက် ထောက်ခံချက် ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည်။
- (ဇ) ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်စာတင်ပို့များ အပ်နှံသည့်နေရာတွင် ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်သူမှ Application form ကို တစ်ပါတည်း ရေးသွင်းပေးထား ခဲ့ရမည်။
- ၅။ တင်သွင်းရမည့်ရက် (Closing Date) နှင့် ပေးပို့ရန်လိပ်စာ အောက်ပါလိပ်စာသို့ ၁၂-၁၀-၂၀၀၄ ရက် (အင်္ဂါနေ့) ညနေ (၁၇၀၀) နာရီ နောက်ဆုံးထား၍ အောက်ပါလိပ်စာသို့ ပေးပို့ရမည်။
- ဦးထွန်းမင်း၊ ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး
မြန်ကြားရေးနှင့် ပြည်သူ့ဆက်ဆံရေးဦးစီးဌာန၊
၂၂-၂၄၊ ပန်းဆိုးတန်းလမ်း။
ရန်ကုန်မြို့။
ဖုန်းနံပါတ်-၂၅၂၄၅၇
- ၆။ ဆုချီးမြှင့်ခြင်း
- (က) ပြည်တွင်းဆု (National level)
- Category A။ အကောင်းဆုံးစာတင်ပို့(၅)ပုံကို FEC ၂၀၀၀ စီ ချီးမြှင့်မည်။
 - Category B။ အကောင်းဆုံးစာတင်ပို့(၅)ပုံကို FEC ၈၀၀ စီ ချီးမြှင့်မည်။
- (ခ) ဒေသဆိုင်ရာဆု (Regional level)
- Category A။ ပထမဆု FEC ၈၀၀
ဒုတိယဆု FEC ၆၀၀
တတိယဆု FEC ၄၀၀
အထူးဆု (၂)ဆု FEC ၃၅၀ စီ။
 - Category B။ ပထမဆု FEC ၂၀၀၀
ဒုတိယဆု FEC ၁၅၀၀
တတိယဆု FEC ၁၀၀၀
အထူးဆု (၂)ဆု FEC ၇၅၀ စီ။



WEATHER

Saturday, 9 October, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy to cloudy in Kayin, Mon States and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan State, Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Moekok (2.60) inches, and Maungdaw (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-10-2004 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 9-10-2004 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-10-2004 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 8-10-2004 was (6.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 9-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (111.73 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.18 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (108.62 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from West at (14:20) hours MST on 8-10-2004. **Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10-10-2004: Weather will be cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Mon and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-10-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-10-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

NDCG holds annual general meeting



Dr Khin Shwe speaking at annual general meeting of National Development Companies Group.— MNA

YANGON, 9 Oct — The National Development Companies Group held its annual general meeting 2003-2004 at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street this morning. It was attended by members of the board of directors led by NDCG Chairman Dr Khin Shwe, shareholders and guests.

Dr Khin Shwe, who presided over the meeting, spoke on the occasion. General Secretary U Than Myint (Ayeyekimon) explained the purpose of holding the meeting. Next, Dr Khin Shwe clarified the functions of the company and the efforts it is making to enable shareholders enjoy handsome dividends.

The annual report of the company and the audit report were read out. Later, a new board of directors led by Dr Khin Shwe as chairman was elected. On the occasion, letters of advice were also replied and queries responded. The meeting came to a close with concluding remarks of the chairman. — MNA

"Earthquake report"
(Issued at 23:00 hrs MST on Today)

An Earthquake of strong intensity (6.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (1550) miles East of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (21) hrs (07) min (54) sec MST on 8th Oct 2004.

Closing date for entries to Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Contest extended to 31 Oct

YANGON, 9 Oct — Under the supervision of the Ministry of Information, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary competitions have been held and prizes have been awarded since 1993. And manuscripts have been invited for this year (2004) literary competitions.

The contests are divided into 5 categories — collected poems, novel, collected short stories, treatise and research genres. The closing date to send manuscripts has been extended up to 31 October instead of 30 September. Those who win prizes will be announced at the end of this year and the prize-presentation ceremony will be held at the beginning of next year. Application forms with rules and regulations are available from the secretary of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Manuscript Award Selection Board (Chief-Editor) of Sarpay Beikman, No 529, Merchant Street, Yangon. Those from other towns can send 40-kyat stamps for the applications. — MNA



MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 21 for Basic Education Teachers at CICS (Upper Myanmar).— MNA

Teachers to actively participate in education promotion tasks with new outlooks

Special Refresher Course for Basic Education Teachers concludes

YANGON, 9 Oct — The Special Refresher Course No 21, conducted by the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) for basic education teachers, concluded at Yadana Hall of the CICS (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning, with an address delivered by Myanmar Education Committee Vice-Chairman, State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for

Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Han Shein, member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, senior military officers, responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, faculty members of the CICS (Upper Myanmar), and trainees.

In his speech, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said (See page 10)



Work under way for boosting annual iron and steel production

Secretary-1 inspects Iron and Steel Plant, construction of Anisakan Airfield, Sagaing Institute of Education

YANGON, 9 Oct — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, the deputy ministers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office left here and arrived at Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township on 8 October.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and senior military officers and officials.

Next, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party went by helicopter to Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin and delivered a

speech at the conclusion of the No 21 Special Refresher Course for basic education teachers.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party went to Iron and Steel Plant of No 3 Mining Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines. They were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Station Commander of PyinOoLwin Rector of Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and officials.

General Manager of the plant U Saw Moe Myint said Head of State Senior General Than Shwe had given guidance on production of 25,000 tons of iron and steel a year beginning December 2004 during his inspection tour on 11 April 2004.

Arrangements are being made for increased production in accordance with the guidance.

(See page 10)

Myanmar women's team emerges champion

YANGON, 9 Oct — Myanmar women's team beat host Vietnamese women's (B) team 6-4 in the final match of the First ASEAN Women's Football Tournament in Ho Chi Minh City this evening.

Before the final whistle, the two teams played 1-1 draw. During the 30 minutes extra time, though the Vietnamese women's team scored the opening goal, the Myanmar women's team could equalize. After the extra time, the Myanmar women's team trounced the Vietnamese 4-2 in the penalty decision. Therefore, Myanmar beat Vietnam 6-4 in total.

In the penalty decision, Aye Nanda Hlaing, Moe Moe Wah, Thet Thet Win and San San Maw could kicked one goal each into the net. Vietnamese got two goals. Out of their kicks, Myanmar goalkeeper May Khin Yamin could save one. The Myanmar women's team first emerged champion in the international football tourney. Vietnamese (B) team won the second and Vietnamese (A) third. Victorious Myanmar women's team will come back here by air on 10 October evening.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspect Anisakan Airfield Construction Project.— MNA