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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

Secretary-1 attends opening of multi-media classrooms of No 5 BEHS in Mingaladon Township

YANGON, 18 Oct — Myanmar Education Committee Vice-Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the opening of multi-media classrooms of No 5 Basic Education High School in Mingaladon Township this morning.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, senior military officers, officials of the SPDC Office, heads of



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win poses for photos together with teachers and students of No 5 Basic Education High School in Mingaladon Township. — MNA

department, division, district and township level departmental officials, the headmaster, teachers and students, members of the Parent Teacher Association and school board of trustees

and donors.

First, students welcomed Lt-Gen Soe Win and party, singing the song of Myanmar Kyaung to the accompaniment of the band troupe. Commander

Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt and SBT Chairman U Soe Myint formally opened the ceremony and the Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard of the multi-media

classrooms.

The Secretary-1 viewed electronic media (video) room, the computer aided instruction room where students were learning how to use computer under the supervision of the teachers, language lab room, computer application room, study room, electronic media (audio) room and art room.

Next, he accepted

his portrait drawn by a student as a gift and inspected the domestic science room.

Headmaster U Nay Tun reported to the Secretary-1 on the brief history of the school and efforts of the teachers who train the students to become outstanding ones. Chairman of the school board of trustees U Soe Myint reported on tasks

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects a multi-media classroom. — MNA

Final match of U-21 Tatmadaw soccer on 20 Oct

YANGON, 18 Oct — Third place match of the 20th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) Football Tournament 2004 was held in Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) at 3 pm today.

In the match, the Yangon Command team beat No. 11 LID 3-2 and secured the third place.

On 20 October afternoon, the South-West Command will play against the Camp Commandant's Office team in the final match at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna).

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for self-sufficiency in rice

Myanmar being an agro-based country with vast area of arable land and favourable weather conditions, its economy mainly depends on agriculture. Therefore, we shall have to double our efforts to increase the productivity of the agriculture sector.

For the development of the agriculture sector, the Government is implementing the plans for self-sufficiency in rice and edible oil and for exporting beans and pulses and industrial crops. With this end in view, dams, embankments, river-water pumping stations and underground water supply projects are being built wherever possible all over the nation.

Out of the 42 million acres of arable land in the nation, the total sown acreage is only 25 million. Therefore, measures will have to be taken to extend the cultivation. Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, during his trip to Shan State (North), attended the coordination meeting on the development of the agriculture sector there. In his speech on the occasion, the Secretary-2 urged the responsible personnel of division-level departments, Myanmar Agriculture Service and chairmen of district peace and development councils to try their best to successfully implement the economic plans for the development of Shan State (North), to make sure that there is self-sufficiency in rice and to meet the targets for ten major crops.

In Shan State (North), rice was 96 per cent sufficient for local consumption in the year 2003-2004, and efforts are being made to put more than 100,000 acres under *Sinshweli* paddy and more than 8,000 acres under special high-yield *Sinyadana* paddy in the year 2004-2005. A study of land application in Shan State (North) shows that the sown acreage for various crops stands at 1.1 million and there is still room for extending it.

Myanmar Agriculture Service is required to render necessary assistance by providing cultivation technology, by opening stations that produce hybrid paddy strains and by reclaiming new plots of land. And we would like to call on regional authorities, staff of Myanmar Agriculture Service and farmers to work in concert to extend the cultivation of special high-yield paddy to be able to fully meet the local consumption.

Poem

Preamble to 12th Competitions

* Myanmar traditional

In keeping with tradition and culture

The finest of fine arts

Traditional festival

Great occasion observed annually

Variety of victories

We've come to the 12th

And making of music history.

* From the fourteen States and Divisions

Brilliance of twinkling young stars

Sparkling with pride, must show their ability

New strength has come to the fore.

* As the cold season is ushered in

"Sing" till the lilting sound's aloft

"Dance" with features of the ancient

"Compose" with new tunes afloat

"Play" till the music goes skyhigh

Like the wondrous claps of thunder.

Maung Shwe Nwe (Inlay)

People's Desire

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



Minister U Aung Thaung addressing the opening of on-job training course No 2/2004. — INDUSTRY-1

On-job training course No 2/2004 opens

YANGON, 18 Oct —

On-job training course No 2/2004 organized by the Ministry of Industry-1 was opened at the training hall of the ministry this morn-

ing.

Present were Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Thein Tun and Brig-Gen Kyaw

Win, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises, general managers, factory managers, course instructors and trainees.

Next, Minister U Aung Thaung delivered an address.

The six-week course is being attended by 44 trainees. — MNA

Minister honours victorious Finance & Revenue football team



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun presents cash awards to a victorious footballer. — MNA

YANGON, 18 Oct — Footballers of the Finance & Revenue football team which emerged champion at the 110th Invitational Football Match of Indian Football Federation (East Bengal) held from 30 September to 10 October in Kolkata, India were honoured at the meeting hall of the ministry at 7 pm today with an address by

Minister for Finance & Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Minister for Finance & Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, heads of department under the ministry, officials concerned, managers of the football team, coaches, footballers and guests.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun made a speech on the occasion.

Next, the deputy minister presented cash awards to victorious footballers.

Leader of the football team Myo Hlaing Win expressed thanks.

Later, dinner was hosted to those present on the occasion. — MNA

Meeting on hosting Fourth World Buddhist Summit held

YANGON, 18 Oct — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials discussed hosting of the Fourth World Buddhist Summit here at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin at Kaba Aye this afternoon.

The minister said that thanks to the efforts of the Religious Affairs Ministry and other related ministries, preparations for the summit have been almost completed. The whole world has accepted Myanmar as a true Theravada Buddhist country, he noted. He stressed the need to make collective efforts for the glory of Theravada Buddhism and the nation. Chairmen and secretaries of the subcommittees presented accomplishments sector-wise. Other participants also gave suggestions. The minister gave the concluding remarks. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung gives a speech at the work coordination meeting. — MNA

Poor supply situation threatening US Army's ability

WASHINGTON, 18 Oct — The former top US commander in Iraq complained last winter to the Pentagon that a poor supply situation was threatening the Army's ability to fight, *The Washington Post* reported on its web site on Sunday.

Army Lieutenant-General Ricardo Sanchez wrote in a letter to top Army officials that the lack of key spare parts for tanks, helicopters and other systems was such a severe problem that "I cannot continue to support sustained combat operations with rates this low," the newspaper reported.

Senior Army officials told the newspaper that most of Sanchez' concerns had been addressed but that they continue to closely monitor the problems he identified.

Gary Motsek, deputy director of operations for the Army Materiel Command, was quoted as saying that the situation is "substantially better" now.

According to the newspaper, Sanchez said in a letter sent December 4 that Army units in Iraq were waiting an average of 40 days for critical spare parts, which he noted was almost three times the Army's average.

MNA/Reuters



Former prisoners walk from a detention centre in the Baghdad suburb of Amriya, on 17 Oct, 2004 after being released from custody. — INTERNET

Bomb blast shatters Baghdad cafe

BAGHDAD, 17 Oct — An explosion reportedly caused by a car bomb has killed six and wounded at least 20 at a cafe in a diplomatic quarter of the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

The explosion hit a cafe popular with Iraqi police personnel near the Australian Embassy, a US military spokesman told *Reuters* news agency.

Emergency vehicles were seen rushing to the area on Sunday evening.

Iraq's fledgling police force is a frequent target for guerillas opposed to the country's US-backed government.

Policemen at the cafe are said to have

been eating a meal to mark the end of the daily fast undertaken during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, according to *Reuters*.

The explosion scattered shards of metal, glass and body parts over a large area, witnesses say.

Several foreign embassies and offices are located in the area where the explosion occurred, the Jadiriya district on a peninsula in the Tigris River.

Internet

Russian President winds up China visit

Xi'an, 17 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin left here by special plane Saturday noon, concluding his three-day China visit.

Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi saw him off at the airport.

In Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, Putin met with leaders of five provinces and autonomous regions of

northwest China and visited the Museum of Terro-Cotta Warriors.

Putin arrived in Beijing Thursday morning at the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao.

During his stay in Beijing, Putin met with President Hu Jintao, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Wu Bangguo, and Premier

Wen Jiabao.

The two heads of state signed a Sino-Russian Joint Statement and sanctioned an implementation programme for the Sino-Russian Good-Neighbourly Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation. This is Putin's third visit to China and the first one in his second term of presidency.

MNA/Xinhua

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Thousands of Britons protest war in Iraq

LONDON, 17 Oct — Thousands of anti-war and anti-globalization activists marched through central London and filled Trafalgar Square on Sunday to protest the US-led coalition's presence in Iraq.

The march marked the culmination of the third European Social Forum — three days of speeches, workshops and debates largely dominated by Iraq and the US presidential elections.

Marchers carried signs reading "World's No 1 Terrorist" over a picture of President Bush. British Prime Minister Tony Blair was also a target, with placards reading "Out with Blair."

Several activists blew loud whistles or joined in political chants as they trudged through the capital on a cold, rainy day. Police estimated that 15,000 to 20,000 people set off from Russell Square around 1 pm, but organizers announced that 75,000 had reached

Trafalgar Square by 3.30 pm.

While the forum discussed a range of issues concerning privatization and globalization, the march was almost overwhelmingly devoted to opposition to the war in Iraq and the Bush administration.

"I've been coming to every demonstration against Bush I can," said Liz Mawl, a resident of London carrying an "Out with Bush" sign.

"His foreign policy is very destabilizing for the entire international community, and I'm not sure Americans realize that's bad for them as well," she said. Many of the marchers said they hoped to send a message to American voters ahead of the Nov 2 US elections through the demonstration.

"I think our message to Americans is simple: Don't vote for Bush," said Emma Jane Berridge, a London resident.

Internet



A US Army soldier, on top of a Bradley armoured vehicle, views smoke rising into the sky after his colleagues destroyed a seized Katyusha rocket, which was found in an empty yard next to a school in Baghdad, on 17 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

China's forestry coverage rate up to 16.55%

SHANGHAI, 17 Oct — China is now covered in 16.55 per cent forest, said sources with the State Administration of Forestry (SAF) in Shanghai Municipality on Friday.

The country's forested area exceeded seven million hectares for two years in a row, as the artificial forestry area of China has reached 47 million hectares, the top in the world, said Cao Qingyao, director of the news office of the SAF.

"Such achievements in afforestation should be attributed to six major forestry projects of China, which cover more than 97 per cent of China's administrative counties," said Cao.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia turns down plea for more troops to protect UN staff in Iraq

SYDNEY, 17 Oct— Australia has turned down a diplomatic plea for a contribution to a military force to protect United Nations (UN) personnel in Iraq.

The government was approached through its diplomatic missions in the United States to help with security for the UN assistance mission in Iraq as UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan struggles to

win international support for a security force to protect the body's staff.

A lack of security for its officials has been a key concern of the UN since a suicide bomber killed 22 people, including the

special UN representative to Iraq Sergio de Mello, in a truck bomb blast at UN headquarters in Baghdad 14 months ago.

A shortage of adequately trained security forces has hampered the

UN in its aim to assume a wider role in Iraq and assist the Iraqi administration with planning for the national elections in January next year.

So far, the UN has obtained commitments only from a number of small countries, including Fiji, in response to its call for help, and has had to fall back on the support of hard-pressed US military for protection.

But a spokesman for Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said Monday the Australian Government has already made a substantial commitment to Iraq and it will not be sending more troops.

Internet



Iraqi police secure the area after a civilian convoy was hit by a roadside bomb in Basra, southern Iraq on 17 Oct, 2004. The bomb hit a convoy of four cars, seriously injuring one person according to Basra police. — INTERNET

British bankers face US extradition over Enron

LONDON, 17 Oct— A British judge ruled Friday that three former British bankers can be extradited to the United States to face fraud charges involving Enron executives.

Judge Nicholas Evans told a hearing at Bow Street Magistrates Court in London there is a good basis for prosecuting them in the United States that it does not represent a breach of their human rights.

The three, Gary Mulgrew, Giles Darby and David Bermingham, who formerly worked for NatWest Bank, were involved in a complicated deal with the failed American energy company Enron, over the sale of a stake in an Enron entity in 2000.

US prosecutors have accused them of seven counts of "wire fraud" through the US banking system and are seeking to extradite them for trial in Houston, Texas.

They have been fighting the extradition, insisting that they did nothing illegal and that if they're to be tried, the case should be heard in Britain rather than the US.

Their defence counsel Alun Jones QC said the men had contacted British authorities including the Financial Services Authority Crown Prosecution Service and the Home Secretary about the case, but none decided to start an investigation in Britain.

If extradited, they would have to pay their own legal costs, estimated at one million to two million US dollars, and would likely not be granted bail.

MNA/Xinhua

Italian Renaissance painting recovered in Bulgaria

SOFIA, 17 Oct— An Italian Renaissance painting stolen a year ago in Cyprus, possibly a Titian, has been recovered in Bulgaria in a police raid, media reported on Friday.

"Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac", thought to be by the Renaissance master or his Venetian school, was taken from a Cypriot art collector's home in Nicosia in May 2003, the national daily *Trud* said.

It is badly damaged mainly due to poor preservation and being kept folded and had been

torn. The international police force Interpol had launched a global search for the 16th Century oil painting, which could be worth up to four million euros if experts prove it is a Titian original, it said.

Bulgarian police arrested a 24-year-old man in the southeastern town

of Stara Zagora after finding the canvas, some two metres high and 1.5 metres wide, in his house.

"The painting was smuggled through several borders," the local police chief Toncho Mihailov told the paper.

Police will now order an expert to determine the origin of the painting.

MNA/Reuters

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Poland is squeezed by cost of Iraq role

WARSAW, 18 Oct— Poland's support of the US-led coalition forces in Iraq is hindering the modernization of its armed forces as costs continue to increase for its 2,500 troops and their equipment in Iraq, according to senior defence officials.

Janusz Zemke, Poland's Deputy Defence Minister and state secretary for defence, said in an interview that Poland had sent some of its best soldiers and equipment to Iraq since taking over the command of a multinational force in the central zone in September 2003. All the troops deployed are professionals, he said.

"We simply will not be able to squeeze more of our own budget for military procurement," Zemke said. "At the same time, these huge outlays for Iraq are delaying the final transformation of our armed forces. It is a fundamental problem."

His remarks coincide with growing calls by opposition parties to bring home the troops as soon as possible. Prime Minister Marek Belka told Parliament last Friday that Poland might be able to start withdrawing troops early next year. — *Internet*

Annan says Iraq war has not made world safer

LONDON, 17 Oct— The US-led war in Iraq has not made the world any safer, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in an interview broadcast on British television.

"I cannot say the world is safer when you consider the violence around us when you look around you and see the terrorist attacks around the world and you see what is going on in Iraq," Annan told the ITV network.

"I cannot say the world is safer. We have a lot of work to do as an international community to try and make the world safer," Annan has previously described the US-led war that toppled Saddam Hussein as "illegal" because Washington and its coalition partners never got UN Security Council backing for the invasion. — *MNA/AP*

Spanish Defence Minister meets US Ambassador

MADRID, 17 Oct— Spanish Defence Minister Jose Bono and the US Ambassador to Spain, George Argyros, held a meeting on Friday to advance the bilateral relations.

A spokesman for the US Embassy said it was "a very productive meeting, in an environment of friends, of individuals sharing fundamental goals and interests".

It is very important to put an "end to the rhetoric excess that has not contributed to creating an environment in which it is possible to work", when both countries have "many fundamental interests in common", added the spokesman.

Recently, Jose Bono made several remarks on the US-Spanish relations, as a consequence of not inviting US military representatives to participate in the National Day parade.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean protesters march in central Seoul during an anti-war rally in Seoul on 17 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

Kerry accuses Bush of turning his back on millions of Americans

XENIA (OHIO), 17 Oct—Democratic Senator John Kerry tore into US President George W Bush's economic record on Saturday and accused him of turning his back on millions of working Americans while pandering to the rich and powerful.

With just 17 days before the November 2 presidential election, Kerry crossed Ohio on a bus in an effort to win a state crucial to both candidates.

"Mr President, the millions of Americans who have lost jobs on your watch are not 'myths' they are middle class families—and for four years, you've turned your back on them," Kerry told a town hall meeting at a high school.

Kerry was referring to remarks this week by Treasury Secretary John Snow who said, "Claims like the one that Bush will be the first president to end a term with fewer hobs than when he started are nothing more than 'myths'".

Kerry reeled off statistics to make his case—Ohio has lost 173,000 Ohio manufacturing jobs since Bush took office in 2001, unemployment rates are higher and 1.3 million Ohio residents lack health insurance.

"When it comes to reality, George Bush has a simple strategy: Ignore it, deny it, then try to hide it," Kerry said. "And when confronted with a mistake, try and explain things away."

Bush led Kerry 48 per cent to 44 per cent in the latest *Reuters* Zogby poll,

released on Saturday. The poll had a 2.9 percentage-point margin of error.

Focusing on pocketbook issues, the senator from Massachusetts lambasted Bush for not stemming the outsourcing of US jobs overseas and for giving tax breaks to millionaires and large companies at the expense of working Americans.

He also criticized the handling of the war in Iraq and said Bush could have done more to avert a flu vaccine shortage caused by problems at a British manufacturer.

Bush campaigned in another crucial state, Florida and attacked Kerry's record on voting for certain tax increases in the US Senate and on issues like gay marriage and abortion.

"Now, he is promising over 2.2 trillion US dollars in new spending, and paying for it would require broad tax increases on small business and the middle class," the President said in his weekly radio address.

Kerry, who will campaign in Florida on Sunday and on Monday, dismissed Bush's comments as "scare tactics".

MNA/Reuters

China spells out five tasks to preserve folk, ethnic culture

SHANGHAI, 17 Oct— China spells out a five-point policy to preserve folk and ethnic culture, said Chinese Cultural Minister Sun Jiazheng here Friday.

Sun addressed the unveiling ceremony of the seventh annual ministerial meeting of the International Network on Cultural Policy (INCP), which is being held from October 15-16. Sun said China has done five task for the preservation of traditional and folk culture.

China will make efforts to enhance the legislation of folk and ethnic culture protection. The National

People's Congress has drafted out law on the protection of traditional and folk culture, which currently is under adjustment, Sun said. China has launched a new project to protect folk and ethnic culture this year, and plans to establish a matured preservation system by 2020. Sun said efforts will be redoubled to enhance collection, conservation and compilation of folk and

ethnic culture. Efforts will be made to support and salvage relics and endangered sites with great cultural value, he said.

China will also formulate an overall programme to enlarge budget on cultural protection, stressing reservation of important data on cultural resources and use of modern technologies in this regard, Sun added.

MNA/Xinhua



A soldier stands guard at the garage of a civilian house after it was attacked by mortar fire in central Baghdad, on 17 Oct, 2004.

INTERNET



An Iraqi security guard stands near a damaged four-wheel drive vehicle after it came under attack in eastern Baghdad on 17 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

US soldier dies of wounds in Mosul car bomb attack

MOSUL (Iraq), 17 Oct— A US soldier died of wounds sustained in a car bomb attack in Iraq's northern city of Mosul, the US military said on Saturday.

It said the military convoy was attacked in an eastern area of Mosul on Friday afternoon.

The soldier's death takes to 832 the number of US military personnel killed in action since last year's US-led invasion. The overall US military death toll in Iraq stands at 1,088.

MNA/Reuters

Luxurious hotel in central Baghdad hit by rocket

BAGHDAD, 17 Oct— A rocket hit a luxurious hotel in central Baghdad that houses of foreign contractors and diplomats early Saturday, witnesses said.

The rocket landed in the parking lot of the Mansour Hotel, a five star hotel on west bank of the Tigris River, smashing nearby windows, but there was no immediate casualties reported.

Saturday was the second day of Ramadan, or Muslim holy fasting month. US and Iraqi authorities had feared that guerillas could launch massive assaults in name of this traditional occasion.

MNA/Xinhua

Rapid eco growth in Shanghai lures more foreigners

SHANGHAI, 17 Oct— Sustained fast economic growth in Shanghai is drawing more and more foreigners to work in this leading industrial and commercial metropolis.

Currently in Shanghai, nearly 33,000 foreigners work in social services, manufacturing, real estate, construction or at Sino-foreign joint ventures and branches of foreign businesses, according to the latest statistics provided by the Shanghai Municipal, Labour and Social Security Bureau.

The registered number of foreigners working in Shanghai has been rapidly rising in recent years. The 2002 figure rose 51.1 per cent over that for 2001, and the 2003 figure rose by 28.6 per cent. By the end of September, a total of 11,277 foreigners registered to work in Shanghai, exceeding the total number registered last year.

According to Shanghai's taxation

authorities, personal income taxes paid by foreigners reached 1.6 billion yuan (193 million US dollars) in the first half of the year, a year on year rise of 37.9 per cent and accounting for 14.28 per cent of Shanghai's total individual income taxes. Japan, the United States, South Korea, Singapore, Germany, Malaysia, Canada, France, Australia and Britain are the top 10 countries of origin. Of them, Japan accounts for 33.7, and United States citizens make up 11.5 per cent and South Korean citizens account for 8.7 per cent.

Many of these foreigners have higher educational background. Nearly 90 per cent have college education or more, and 2.5 per cent are post-graduates or postdoctoral. — MNA/Xinhua

Samsung electronics net income rises 46.2% in 3rd-quarter of '04

SEOUL, 17 Oct— Samsung Electronics Co, the world's largest manufacturer of computer memory chips, announced on Friday that its third-quarter net income rose 46.2 per cent on rising demand for flash-memory chips.

Net income rose to 2.34 billion US dollars from 1.60 billion US dollars on the year prior, the company said in a statement. Operating profit was up 33.5 per cent to 2.39 billion US dollars from 1.79 billion US dollars, failing to meet analyst expectations.

Sales gained 27.4 per cent to 12.9 billion US dollars from 9.8 billion dol-

lars. In contrast to the second quarter, net income dropped 14.2 per cent and sales fell 4.2 per cent, Samsung Electronics said. Chu Woo-sik, Samsung Electronics' vice-president of investor relations, said the third-quarter results proved the company remained highly efficient despite unfavourable market conditions.

MNA/Xinhua

British Govt 'tried to kill' BBC reporter Gilligan

LONDON, 18 Oct — Greg Dyke, former director general of the BBC, has claimed that the government "tried to kill" Andrew Gilligan, the reporter who broke the story that British intelligence had "sexed up" a dossier on Iraq that sought to justify Britain's support for US-led invasion of the country.

"The government tried to kill him," claimed Dyke about Gilligan, who was forced out of his job at the BBC in January in the wake of the Hutton report that inquired into the death of scientist David Kelly, who was the main source for the British national broadcaster.

"Andrew Gilligan was a guy of 32; like all those Press guys...they're all a bit odd. It's the nature of the world they work in. He lives on his own and he's not the most popular man in the world," Dyke said at the Cheltenham Festival of Literature in Gloucestershire Saturday night.

"Campbell (Alastair Campbell), the then chief of Communications at 10, Downing Street) hated him. They tried to get him. When he wouldn't do the deed (a reference to Gilligan apologizing), they basically said to us: 'right, we are going to throw the whole PR operation of the government against you'. These are not nice people.

"The reason Kelly's name came into the public agenda - it was put there at the suggestion of Campbell by people from the Press office in the Ministry of Defence," he alleged.

According to *The Independent on Sunday*, Dyke

also told the audience that he was twice offered a deal by the government.

"They said — first through Peter Mandelson, former minister and close friend of Prime Minister Tony Blair, and then through Blair — 'The deal is this. You've got to say the story is wrong and we'll say you were entitled to broadcast it'", he claimed.

"Well, we didn't know it was wrong. If you do that analysis now, Gilligan's story was right. The BBC board will have to stand up for what it believes in."

Dyke said Gilligan made "one key mistake" when he said the government "ordered" more information to be put in the dossier. He asked "How could we have ensured everything was correct?"

"They (the Government) have not even begun to apologize for what they should be apologising for. Some people in Downing Street knew (that intelligence was being falsely presented), there's no doubt about it.

"It is all in the public report if you look at the minutiae. In March 2002 Blair met Bush... committed us to war. He said to intelligence: 'Find me the evidence.' The governors betrayed everything that the BBC was about." — MNA/PTI

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Two horses play with each other while waiting for tourists, at the Palace Square in St Petersburg.— INTERNET

German Government criticizes GM job-cuts plan

BERLIN, 17 Oct — The German Government on Friday criticized General Motors Europe on its large-scale job-cuts plan in its two German plants while ruling out possibilities of state bailout.

"Management decisions which were totally wrong cannot be compensated with state funds," Deputy Spokesman Thomas Steg said.

Steg accused GM of neglecting its German operations and not understanding the country's social-market economy.

Workers at the Opel car plant in Bochum laid down tools Friday in protest against the job-cutting plans.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore, Malaysian leaders to meet by year-end

SINGAPORE, 18 Oct — Singapore's Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong will visit Malaysia to seek ways on how to improve the bilateral ties between the two neighbouring countries by the end of this year.

According to local Press reports on Saturday night, Goh, who is now handling Singapore's negotiations with Malaysia, revealed this while attending a business conference here.

Goh said that his forth-

coming meeting with Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi would be the first step to make progress on negotiations on the outstanding issues.

Malaysia had earlier signalled its preference to deal on an issue-by-issue

basis, and Singapore would accept this approach if it is the preferred option of the Malaysian leadership, Goh added.

Goh said that both leaders have a warm relationship based on mutual trust.

MNA/Xinhua

20-year-old Briton charged with murder of teenage girl

LONDON, 18 Oct — A 20-year-old man appeared in court on Saturday charged with the murder of 14-year-old Danielle Beccan who was gunned down as she walked home last week from a funfair in Nottingham.

Mark Kelly, 20, was

remanded in custody until October 22.

At Nottingham magistrates court, Kelly spoke only to confirm his name, age and address.

Danielle died after being hit by bullets fired from a car in the St. Ann's area of the city early on Octo-

ber 9. Kelly was arrested on Monday night in London. Beccan's mother made an impassioned appeal on Thursday, calling for the public's help in finding her daughter's killer.

Paula Platt told reporters how she had rushed to the scene of the crime to find her daughter dying as she drifted into unconsciousness.

MNA/Reuters

Hu Jintao urges police to improve performance

BEIJING, 17 Oct — Chinese President Hu Jintao has urged police to "enforce law for the people, be loyal to the principle of serving the people heart and soul, and increase their capabilities of safeguarding state security and social stability in an all-around way".

Hu, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the

Central Military Commission, watched a demonstration of police skills by representatives of 1.7 million policemen and police officers who have participated in a nationwide exercise since this May.

Also present were Wen Jiabao, Zeng Qinghong and Luo Gan, three members of the Standing Committee of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau.

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to the northern oil fields project and finalize all the issues, including blueprint of the contract and other legalities, said Sheikh Ahmad.

He noted that all the documents related to the oil project will be presented to the Kuwaiti Parliament after the approval of the concerned authorities.

"We have speeded up the completion of this study to enable Kuwait achieve the targeted production to meet the market demand," stressed the minister.

Stressing the importance of bringing modern technology possessed by foreign companies and technical experts, Sheikh Ahmad said that "we are working on improving the capability of national manpower".

"According to the terms and conditions included in the contracts, 60 per cent of the initial work force employed in the northern oil fields project will be Kuwaiti citizens. Subsequently, this will be increased to 80 per cent," he added. — MNA/Xinhua

**Drive
safely**



A British soldier walks around inspecting a damaged vehicle following an attack, in the southern city of Basra, 500 kms from Baghdad. US troops and guerillas battled on the edge of the rebel-held Iraqi city of Fallujah after deadly night-time air raids and nine policemen were killed in an ambush south of the capital recently.—INTERNET

Save Ayeyawady dolphins from extinction

Sein Sein Thein (Dagon University)

Ayeyawady dolphins are found in Coastal waters throughout southeast Asia as well as the Mekong (Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar) and Mahakam river system (Indonesia). Ayeyawady dolphins that inhabit the Mekong River will soon be officially listed as critically endangered.

It may even be classified as a unique subspecies. A famous conservationist and Researcher, Isabel Beasley, started Mekong dolphin conservation Project, considering that the endangered mammals are the backbone of tourism industry.

She said there are no external differences between Mekong dolphin and other Asian Ayeyawady dolphins; testing has indicated unique genetic traits. In October, the World Conservation Union expects to recognize the Mekong Ayeyawady dolphin as critically endangered, meaning there are fifty mature dolphins or fewer. Isabel Beasley said "Extinct is the next category."

Thus why I assumed the next five year is critical in Mekong River. My friend, Mr Deaploeng who is a chief of Biological Division, Inland Fisheries, Research+Development Institute who attended ASEAN-Train the trainer workshop, discussed with me Ayeyawady dolphin at the tea break. This workshop was held at Traders Hotel with the support of ASEAN-Australian Development Co-operation Programme. During the training off, I discussed with Mr Deap Loeung because I would like to know how to help dolphin in Mekong River basin. I want to train a dolphin so that for example, if you show a fish, the dolphin will come and you don't need to take a boat. I agreed with

him. I'm also a Zoologist like him. I have seen the behaviour. In their country:

After gaining the support of fish ponds, domesticated livestock farming as improvement of life style, villagers of rural areas pay respect to the new fishing law that

other life styles.

Then we talked about 'Kampi Village' that is thirteen kilometres from Kratie Town along a bumpy road that runs parallel to the vastly flooded Mekong River. One hundred and thirty families of Kampi are the poorest fisher-folks who

residents, fishery official estimate Kratie's dolphins as a close second to Siem Reap's Angkor Wat in terms of tourist attraction. They all understand the importance of dolphin's survival if the village is to flourish. Now the Kratie is of interest to national and international tourists because of the dolphins, but if one day the dolphins may get extinct, then Kampi Village will no longer attract the attention of tourists.

We, both agreed tourism is a good thing for conservation because people can see a benefit from conserving the dolphins. If there has nothing to improve the life of dolphins, the mortality rate will be the same as the past. I thanked my friend for his information but we have found Ayeyawady dolphins in Ayeyawady. The Mekong passes through Tibet where it comes in close proximity with other drainage of southern and Eastern Asia, forming an extraordinary hydrographic features. As the Mekong passes into

Cambodia it flows over Khone fall and Mekong finally entered into Cambodia from Laos. Mekong has been a great biogeographical interest for dolphins.

Biological resources are renewable because populations and communities can thrive again but biological resources are vulnerable. We have emphasized that conserving endangered species is to along with conserving its endangered ecosystem and habitat. However it is possible to study the route of migration for processes and events that influences the configuration of river and ultimately the dolphin distribution.

We will train and produce youth of Myanmar to conserve the endangered species and their habitat especially for Ayeyawady dolphins. I would like to present the matter to local NGOs and tourism companies to work for survival of these rare creatures by giving information through the New Light of Myanmar.

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bans gill net and other illegal fishing methods. However, it seems like a project considering people are changing their habits from fishing to

have to catch fishes in the deep pool near the home that is the largest single population of Mekong dolphins.

Like other Kampi



An Ayeyawady dolphin in the Ayeyawady River.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win unveils the signboard of multimedia classrooms of Mingaladon Township BEHS No 5.—MNA

Secretary-1 attends opening of...

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carried out for emergence of the multimedia classrooms. Then followed a cash donation ceremony for purchase of teaching aids. The donations included K 6 million by KBZ Bank, K 2 million each by the members of the school boards of trustees (2003-2004 and 2004-2005 academic years) and K 2,819,000 by other wellwishers.

Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt expressed thanks for donation of cash and the ceremony con-

cluded. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greeted the members of the school boards of trustees, donors and parents of the students. The Secretary-1 and party posed for a documentary photo together with those present on the occasion and left the school. —MNA

Maj-Gen Myint Swe,
Deputy Minister
U Myo Nyunt and
SBT Chairman
U Soe Myint
formally open the
multimedia
classrooms.—MNA



Ramayana Drama Contest continues

YANGON, 18 Oct—The Ramayana Drama Contest of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the fourth day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here this evening. Ramayana Drama Troupe representing Mandalay Division participated in the contest.

Present at the contest were member of the Panel of Patrons for organizing the performing arts competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and judges watch the Ramayana Drama contest.—MNA

Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for organizing the performing arts

competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Leading Committee member, members of the work committee and sub-committees, artistes and the public. Leader of the

Panel of Judges U Chit Oo Nyo and members supervised the contest. The Drama Troupe of

Sagaing Division will take part in the contest tomorrow.

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Rules for Armed Forces Day commemorative poem contest announced

YANGON, 18 Oct —Hailing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2005, the Poem Contest Organizing Sub-committee under the Poem and Arts Competition Organizing Work Committee, chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, announced to hold the Poem Contest to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. The contestants can present objectives of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, matters related to fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, historic events occurred in the periods of Konbaung Era (AD 1824), Independence Era (1948-1988) and the State Peace and Development Council, endeavours of the State Peace and Development Council in religious affairs, construction, peace negotiation and drug elimination sectors.

The entries will be scrutinized with three sec-

tors—theme style of presentation and composing.

The poem contest will be divided into two categories. Those who won first second or third prizes in the Poem Contest to mark the Armed Forces Day and the National Motto Contest, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest and the poem contest of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Contest and National Literary Award winners may participate in the level-1 and those who did not win the prizes may take part in the level-2. Those who did not win the prizes can participate in the level-1. However, one contestant may take part in one level only, and the level number must be written on the entry. There will be two events at the level-1— the long poem and the short poem. The contestant can participate in both or one of them. However, it must be one entry for one event. The short poem must be be-

tween 100 and 300 stanzas and the long one between 1,000 and 2,000 stanzas. The entries must be in line with the rules. The free verse and modern poems will not be accepted.

The poem must be written on one side of paper and the two copies of the entry must be submitted. And, the entry must be attached with name of the contestant, pen-name, names of parents, education, occupation and address together with three 2" x 2.5" size colour photos. The entry must be own creation and has not featured in any book yet. The State has authority to use the prize-winning works. The entries are to be sent to Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe), Chief Editor, Nainggan Gonyi Literary House, Sarpay Beikman, 531, Merchant Street, here, Tel: 374532, not later than 31-1-2005.—MNA



Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Khemasara at rice-offering ceremony of Tatmadaw families.—MNA

Secretary-2 presents provision to members...

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Present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, deputy ministers, senior military officers, departmental heads, departmental officials, social organizations and townselders.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein made a speech on the occasion. He said that they were there to find out regional development to and efforts for ensuring self-sufficiency in rice and to fulfil the requirements.

It is encouraging to witness the development of Kengtung. However, the region still lags behind in development when compared with that of neighbouring nations and it is therefore required to make efforts more and more to keep pace with them.

In the past, the region lagged behind in development in the absence of peace and stability. In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, project for development of border areas and national races, the 24 development zone project and the five rural development tasks have been laid down and are being implemented. As a result, unprecedented progress has been made across the nation including border areas.

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With the regional development, efforts are to be made for further development of administrative, economic, health and education sectors. In the process, service personnel of the respective regions play a pivotal role. Accordingly, they are to work hard to be qualified and dutiful in implementing the State policies and national objectives. It is incumbent upon the service personnel to take part in the drive for successful

realization of the seven-point future policy programme of the State for ensuring the emergence of a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation by doing their bit. Afterwards, the Secretary-2 cordially greeted those present.

The Secretary-2 and party left Kengtung for Heho by air. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials.

briefed by . Assistant Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service Daw Thuza Myint.

He gave instructions on establishment of various kinds of paddy plantations and keeping records on plantations. The Secretary-2 and party arrived at agriculture and livestock breeding farm in Heho. Brig-Gen Thet Oo of regional station reported on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. The Secretary-2 then gave instructions.

The Secretary-2 and party inspected livestock



Lt-Gen Thein Sein donates alms to a Sayadaw at the rice-offering ceremony of Tatmadaw families. —MNA

Present were Chairman of Agricultural Committee Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint arrived at Heho farm and hybrid plantations. The Secretary-2 cordially greeted local farmers and inspected paddy plantations. Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and officials reported on Shweyinaye paddy suitable for the region and plantations of other kinds of paddy.

The Secretary-2 inspected experimental plantation with the use of fertilizer where he was

farms where Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials reported on the farms.

They went to Heho Central Farm and inspected wheat and paddy plantations. The commander, the deputy minister and officials reported on works.

The Secretary-2 gave instructions on availability of water and efforts for cultivation of high quality paddy suitable for the region. Altogether 514304 acres of paddy have been cultivated in monsoon in 2004-2005. The Secretary-2 and party arrived back here later in the evening.—MNA



Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives a speech in meeting with departmental staff, social organizations and townselders in Kengtung. —MNA

Traditional Cultural Performing Arts...

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contest and four contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) oboe contest.

Leader of the panel of judges U Mya Gyi and party supervised the contest.

Tomorrow morning, the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' Saing contest and the basic education level (aged 10-

15) boys' saing contests will be held.

At Kanbawza Theatre, five men took part in the professional level guitar contest, two boys in the basic education level boys' guitar contest, four contestants in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' guitar contest, two girls in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' guitar,

four boys in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' guitar contest and two girls in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' guitar contest.

The basic education level girls' xylophone contest and the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' xylophone contest will be held tomorrow.

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Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung watches performance of Maung Min Phone

Pyae of Kayin State in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boy's classical

song contest. — MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe offers alms to a Sayadaw at the rice-offering ceremony of Tatmadaw families. (News on page 16)—MNA



U Win Hlaing of Shan State practising a song for professional level song composing contest. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut presents a computer and accessories for BEHSs in Hinthada Township to an official. — MNA



Ma Nan Wutyi Myo Chit of Mon State competes in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' dancing contest. — MNA

Secretariat member attends USDA meeting

YANGON, 18 Oct — Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut attended the annual meeting of Hinthada District USDA held in Hinthada Township yesterday and delivered an address.

The headmasters

from the four BEHSs of the township and secretary of district USDA accepted computers and related accessories worth K 15.3 million donated by wellwishers.

The minister and officials presented prizes to the outstanding persons in education and sports.

Later, secretary of district

USDA gave away books and journals to officials of the townships.

The minister, in charge of the Hinthada Industrial Zone, met with supervisory committees of the Industrial Zone and entrepreneurs, gave necessary instructions and attended to their needs.

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Han Golf Masters new generation golf on 27 Oct

YANGON, 18 Oct — Myanmar Golf Federation will sponsor the Han Golf Masters new generation golf tourney comprising five different age-wise divisions at Yangon Golf Club at 9th-mile here on 27 October.

The tourney will include 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-17 events for boys and 18

and under event for girls.

Young golfers may contact HGM (Pro-shop) at YCDC (Ph 641341), MGC (Ph 661702) and Han Event Management Office at 15/A, Kanbawza Street, Bahan Township, (Ph 542989, 706788 and 723221) at 2 pm on 26 October the latest. — MNA

Central China medical school marks 90th anniversary

CHANGSHA, 18 Oct — A medical school founded in central China's Hunan Province in 1914 with the participation of the United States' Yale Association commemorated its 90th founding anniversary on Saturday.

Nearly 10,000 alumni of Xiangya School of Medical Science gathered to celebrate the occasion in Changsha, the provincial capital of Hunan in central-south China.

The local government of Hunan and the Yale Association signed a contract to set up a medical school in Changsha on July 21, 1914. But the preparatory work by Edward H. Hume, a noted Ameri-

can doctor, and Dr. Yan Fuqing, a Chinese educated in Yale University, began in 1910.

Xiangya means Hunan (xiang) and Yale (ya).

Hu Dongxu, the school's secretary said at the celebration that Xiangya has made great contributions to the development of the country's medical science over the past 90 years.

Xiangya once enjoyed a reputation equal to that of Beijing-based Union Medical College. Currently, the medical school is best-known for its research in genetics, cancer and reproduction. The school was incorporated into Zhongnan (Central-South) University in 2000, and renamed Xianya Medical College of Zhongnan University.

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WPC 1st Youth Forum opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 18 Oct — The World Petroleum Congress (WPC) 1st Youth Forum opened in Beijing, capital of China on Sunday.

The theme of the forum is "Youth and Innovation — the Future of Petroleum Industry".

"We found that it has become harder and harder to attract and retain the youth in the petroleum industry. By holding such a forum, we would like to give opportunities for the youth to express their views and their concerns about the development and future of the industry," said doctor Randall G. Gossen, vice-president of the WPC.

"The youth forum will build up a platform for wide-ranging exchange and communication and provide an opportunity for skill demonstration of the young people who have the aspiration to devote to petroleum and energy businesses," said Wang Tao, senior vice-president of the WPC and chairman of the Chinese National Committee for WPC.

"It is a strategic measure of the WPC to deliver its target, that is to attract more young people to join the forum for the realization of the sustainable development of the industry by holding such a forum, which is due to have an important impact upon the de-

velopment of global petroleum industry," said Wang.

During the four-day meeting, 541 young people under 35 years old from 40 countries around the world and world-famous experts, professionals and senior managers in petroleum industry will make keynote addresses on the achievements and future development of world petroleum and natural gas industry.

The major contents of the forum include future development of petroleum and national gas industry, petroleum refining and petrochemicals, the development of the alternatives for petroleum energy, harmony between energy and environment and IT and other new technology applications in petroleum industry.

Sessions covering the above topics will be held during the forum when 52 papers will be presented by young experts while over 180 papers will be posted for discussion, said Zhou Youwei, deputy director of the Chinese National Committee for WPC and vice-president of the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) Ltd.

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Chinese scientist wins first prize from FAO

KUNMING, 18 Oct — Professor Zhu Youyong, president of Yunnan Agriculture University in southwest China's Yunnan Province, has won the first prize in the Global Scientific Contest of the International Year of Rice 2004.

Zhu was given the prize by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

FAO held that Zhu's essay "Genetic Diversity and Disease Control in Rice" will contribute greatly to rice production in China and in the

world, adding that his findings are of high scientific value.

More than 800 scientists around the world participated in the contest.

In 2002, the United Nations Assembly named the Year 2004 the International Year of Rice, as

sponsored by the International Rice Research Institute and FAO.

The International Rice Year, the first ever set by the UN for a single kind of crop, aims to promote the sustainable rice production in the world.

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Indian anti-cholesterol herb interferes with drugs

NEW DELHI, 18 Oct — A traditional Indian herb, long believed to lower cholesterol levels, may interfere with nearly 60 per cent of prescription drugs, including the popular anti-cholesterol drugs Statins, according to recent research.

In a preliminary study, researchers at the University of Kansas, US, found that guggulsterone, the active ingredient in the herbal remedy guggulipid, caused changes in the cells that induce the body to break down many drugs, including cancer and AIDS

medications.

The study was published in *The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*.

To investigate whether it was safe to take guggulsterone with prescription medicines, scientists led by Dr. Jeff Staudinger examined the effects of guggulsterone on liver cells.

Staudinger suggested that guggulsterone interacts with drugs by binding to a protein called pregnane X receptor (PXR).

This then induces the body to "turn on" a gene that encodes another

protein that breaks down many different types of drugs, thereby reducing their levels in the body.

Moreover, guggulsterone appears to also turn some other drugs, such as acetaminophen, into toxic compounds.

However, Staudinger noted that guggulsterone has been used for years, and is probably safe for those not taking prescription medications. The herbal remedy was discovered by scientists at the Central Drug Research Institute in Lucknow.

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Need to exploit trade potential between India and Vietnam

HANOI, 18 Oct — Veteran Vietnamese General Vo Nguyen Giap on Sunday said there was a need to exploit the immense potential in trade between India and Vietnam as successfully as the two had achieved in the political arena.

"Our political relations are excellent and will continue because of the firm foundation. But there is need to exploit our potential in the field of trade just like we have achieved in the political field," the 93-year-old General told External Affairs Minister K. Natwar Singh, who called on him.

"I want to see our countries cooperate in economy and culture," Ho said.

The General said political relations between India and Vietnam would continue to remain excellent because of the solid foundation provided by India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the Vietnamese Liberation leader Ho Chi Minh.

During the 40-minute meeting, the General quoted Ho Chi Minh as having said that a human being is the most important element on earth and India was a country which gave value to this aspect.

The general, dressed smartly in his military fatigues, recalled his numerous visits to India where he had gone to many scientific and industrial institutions and thanked India for extending scholarships to Vietnamese students.

India annually sponsors 200-300

students to study in India.

Vo also conveyed his greetings to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress President Sonia Gandhi.

Later, Natwar Singh, at a dinner hosted in his honour by Indian envoy to Hanoi N. Ravi, said he did not see any differences between India and Vietnam in the next 1000 years.

Singh said "I am a great devotee of Nehru and a great admirer of Ho Chi Minh."

The minister, who is here for the 50th anniversary of the historic meeting between Jawaharlal Nehru and Ho Chi Minh, said the late Vietnamese president was remembered in India as a noble leader.

"People like Nehru and Ho Chi Minh are not born every day. We had great men like Nehru and Gandhi who laid the foundation of our secular democracy."

The Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Dy Nien, who also attended the dinner, said there was no difference between Vietnam and India.

"We are one family and I hope the cooperation between the two nations will develop further." — MNA/PTI



Syringe in a corn ear symbolizing genetically modified organisms. Asian giants India and China are accelerating investment in biotechnology research to fight the odds in agriculture and feed their teeming millions, say scientists and officials. — INTERNET

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China to promote farming export

GUANGZHOU, 17 Oct — The expansion of farming products export will be a major target in China's foreign trade development in the future, said Vice-Minister of Commerce Yu Guangzhou Friday in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province.

The country will strive to boost its annual export of farming products to at least 30 billion US dollars in next four or five years, Yu said he expects the figure to reach or exceed 40 billion US dollars in 2013.

Yu acknowledged that the immediate situation for the country's agricultural export is not optimistic.

In the first eight

months of 2004, the country saw exports of 14.02 billion US dollars in its farming sector. Though the figure rose 9.3 per cent from the previous year, it was 26.4 percentage points lower than the country's average export growth in the period.

The outbreak of bird flu earlier this year was partly blamed for the slow growth of agricultural exports.— MNA/Xinhua

Nepal celebrates Mt Cho-Oyu Golden Jubilee

KATHMANDU, 17 Oct — The Nepali Government has started a five-day Golden Jubilee Celebration programme from Saturday to mark the first human ascent of Mount Cho-Oyu, the sixth highest peak in the world.

The government has also adopted a policy to celebrate Golden Jubilee Anniversary of ascent on the Himalayan peaks above 8,000 metres.

An expedition team of three Austrians with seven Sherpas first stepped onto Mt Cho-Oyu (8,201 metres) on October 19, 1954.

To mark 50 years of one of the greatest days in

Nepali mountaineering history, distinguished guests including the only living member of the first expedition to Mt. Cho-Oyu, Heuberge Helmut and legendary mountaineer Reinhold Messner, who is also the first to scale 14 peaks above 8,000 metres and scaled the Mt Cho-Oyu in 1983, are here to attend the 50 anniversary programme.

Speaking at a Press conference organized by Nepal Tourism Board here on Friday, Messner, the sixty-year-old Italian climber, lauded the Nepali Government's step of opening new peaks for climbing, but said revenue collected from mountaineering and trekking should go back to the mountain people.

MNA/Xinhua

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Guyana to open embassy in India

HAVANA, 17 Oct — Guyana announced Thursday it will soon open an embassy in New Delhi, capital of India, in order to strengthen diplomatic ties between both countries.

The Guyanan Foreign Ministry did not give a specific date when the new embassy will be opened, only noting the establishment of that mission in New Delhi would serve the development of various bilateral programmes.

Guyana and India established formal diplomatic ties in 1966, when the South American country became independent from Britain. Since then, bilateral relations have been friendly, with the Guyana-India Joint Commission serving as the mechanism to promote trade and technical co-operation between the two countries.

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Green, slim electronics products wanted in 2005 in HK

HONG KONG, 17 Oct — The electronics buyers are hunting for green and slim products for 2005, according to a survey which released here Friday by Hong Kong Trade Development Council (TDC).

The TDC commissioned an independent market survey company, Oracle, to conduct a survey at the Hong Kong Electronics Fair (Autumn Edition) being held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. A total of 708 buyers and 420 exhibitors were interviewed.

According to the survey, an average of about 70 per cent of the respondents say green electronics products are growing popular in their markets. Buyers would like to source green products that are efficient in energy consumption, environmentally friendly in packaging, and materials able for recycling, the survey said.

MNA/Xinhua

Survey shows Chinese toy market promising

SHANGHAI, 17 Oct — With 286 million adolescents over 14, China claims a promising toy market, an industry survey shows.

Currently, the per capita annual toy consumption of this age group in China is 20 to 30 yuan (2.4 to 3.6 US dollars), a survey by the China Toy Association and the China Society Survey Office showed.

The figure is much lower than the average consumption level of adolescents in Asia and the world, which is 13 US dollars and 34 US dollars respectively.

Shi Xiaoguang, chairman of the China Toy Association, said Saturday at a forum on the country's toy industry held in

Shanghai that when Chinese young people's toy consumption can reach the average level of Asia, the country will see an annual market of more than 30 billion US dollars.

"The potential of the Chinese toy market will show itself with the economic growth of the country and the increase in people's incomes," Shi said.

The survey shows that Chinese consumers care most about toys' design and performance. Price and brand also influence their choice.

Shi said that the Chi-

nese toy market is attracting more attention from overseas producers. In the past two years, China saw an annual toy import increase of 30 per cent and the import last year was 292 million US dollars.

Chinese toy producers have not paid due attention to the domestic market, Shi said.

Professor Gu Guojian, a researcher of chain business operations based in Shanghai, said that it is time for Chinese toy producers to shift their focus from overseas market to home market.

MNA/Xinhua

Sino, US universities team up for cardiovascular diseases study

URUMQI, 17 Oct — Xinjiang Medical Science University and the United States' Harvard University established a research centre for long-term cooperation in cardiovascular diseases studies.

The centre was inaugurated Wednesday in Urumqi, capital of north-west China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, by Xinjiang University and Harvard's international medical centre.

Health experts say Xinjiang reports a high incidence of cardiovascular diseases, very likely a result of its unique

geographic environment and the locals' high-calorie, meat-based diet.

The two universities plan to co-sponsor more research and treatment facilities in the coming years, including a cardiovascular diseases hospital for the Central Asia region and a tumour research centre.

MNA/Xinhua

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WHO names new alleles identified by Chinese scientists

HANGZHOU, 18 Oct — The World Health Organization has named two newly identified alleles that will hopefully enhance the success rates of bone marrow transplants for leukaemia patients.

The alleles, HLA-B*5614 and HLA-B*5136, were identified recently by transfusion experts with the Zhejiang provincial blood centre, said Professor Yan Lixing, head of the research team based in the provincial capital Hangzhou.

HLA-B encodes a protein for human leukocyte antigen (HLA) located on the surface of white blood cells and other tissues.

Professor Yan and his colleagues have found the new alleles while examining blood samples from more than 2,000 people, using high-resolution molecular biological technologies.

The finding will be reported in the upcoming issues of *Tissue Antigen*, *Human Immunology* and *European Journal of Immunogenetics*, says Steven Marsh, an expert with WHO's HLA naming committee, in a letter addressed to Professor Yan.

The new alleles will match more adequate types of bone marrow for leukaemia and other fatal blood disease sufferers, for whom the best therapy available so far is bone marrow transplant.

In China, leukaemia patients increase by 40,000

each year, and currently, there are more than 4 million patients waiting for bone marrow transplants.

A successful transplant depends on how well the donor's human leukocyte antigen matches that of the receptor. The results of the Chinese scientist's research may also help organ transplant patients find ideal donors. It may also enable doctors to explain why some women often have miscarriages for no obvious reason, according to Yan.

These are not the only new alleles identified by Chinese scientists. A group of researchers in southern China's city of Shenzhen discovered one new allele in 2001 and another two in 2002.

Last year, Chinese scientists identified a new allele named HLA-B*5516 in a girl in southwest China's Sichuan Province. About 80 per cent of the 1,013 known alleles of HLA-A, B, DRB1 were discovered by American scientists. Identification of unknown alleles is a hotspot for worldwide scientists and the competition is extremely high, said Wu Guoguang, director of Shenzhen's Institute of Transfusion Medicine. — MNA/Xinhua

Norway earns less tourism income last year

STOCKHOLM, 18 Oct — The total income from tourism in Norway last year amounted to 76 billion Norwegian kroner (about 11.48 billion US dollars), according to figures from Statistics Norway issued on Saturday.

Foreign tourists spent 22 billion NOK, while Norwegian tourists spent 37 billion NOK. In addition, 17 billion NOK came from Norwegian business travellers.

The total of 76 billion NOK is slightly lower than for the two preceding years, but foreign tourists spent around 600 million NOK more in 2003 than in 2002.

The tourism industry employed altogether 125,000 persons in 2003. The figure includes both employees and self-employed.

The tourism industry's share of total employment has dropped slightly over the past few years, and was last year 6.4 per cent of the total.

MNA/Xinhua

China marks 40th anniversary of first atomic bomb

URUMQI, 18 Oct — Chinese scientists, Army veterans and students Saturday commemorated the 40th anniversary of the explosion of the country's first atomic bomb.

At a commemorative forum in Malan of north-west China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, a place that served as the country's nuclear experiment base 40 years ago, General Xu Ruichen, a retired Army official of national defence who once worked at the base, said that China's decision to develop atomic bomb was of great historical significance at a time when the country was put under an adverse international environment.

In Beijing-based Qinghua University, students were urged to learn from scientists who devoted themselves to the country's nuclear programmes. Many of the Qinghua graduates par-

ticipated in the country's first atomic bomb experiments. Chen Xi, the university's secretary, urged students in Qinghua to learn the spirit of cooperation and perseverance the older generation of scientists had shown in their work.

China's first atomic bomb was exploded at 3.00 pm, on 16 October, 1964 in the desert of Xinjiang.

The night after the explosion, the Chinese Government published a declaration, announcing that the bomb was made for defence use and in order to break the "nuclear mono-poly". The Chinese Government suspended its nuclear weapons programme on 30 July, 1996.

MNA/Xinhua



A frame grab shows the Soyuz space craft (L) moments before docking manually with the International Space Station (ISS) on 16 Oct, 2004. The Russian spacecraft delivered three astronauts to the station on Saturday, smoothly overcoming docking system problems which had delayed its launch. — INTERNET

"Soyuz" delivers three astronauts to "ISS"

KOROLYOV (Russia), 16 Oct — A Russian spacecraft delivered three astronauts to the International Space Station on Saturday, smoothly overcoming docking system problems which had delayed its launch.

The Soyuz blasted off from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Thursday after two postponements while technicians fixed a mechanical glitch that affected the craft's ability to attach itself to the orbital platform.

"The Soyuz has docked well with the International Space Station," an official announced at mission control in Korolyov, just outside Moscow. But in a rare occurrence, the astronauts had to dock manually instead of automatically as the Soyuz was approaching the ISS too quickly.

"The docking today ... looked excellent. I was observing the transition from automatic to manual and it appeared seamless," said Fred Gregory, deputy head of the US space agency NASA. The crew was extremely well-trained — there was no excitement, it appeared extremely routine. Three hours later, Russian cosmonaut Salizhan Sharipov and American Leroy Chiao floated through from the Soyuz into the ISS.

Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka, in orbit since April, opened the hatch to the newcomers and he and US astronaut Michael Fincke greeted

Sharipov and Chiao with smiles, hugs and kisses.

Sharipov and Chiao will take over from Fincke and Padalka for the next six months. "It was very worrying but everything went well, thank God," said Nigara Sharipov's 16-year old daughter, watching at mission control with the rest of the family.

"He (father) has never been away for such a long time before — but he will ring us every day on a satellite phone and he will be able to e-mail us." A third crewmember, Russian space forces officer Yuri Shargin, is on a 10-day mission and is due to return to earth with the outgoing crew at 0030 GMT on 24 October.

MNA/Reuters

Senior CPC official meets Luxembourg guests

BEIJING, 17 Oct — Li Changchun, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, met with Pierre Mores, president of the Council of State of Luxembourg, and his party here Friday.

Li said China and Luxembourg have share the common interest in safeguarding peace and development, and have enhanced cooperation in international affairs. The two countries have maintained long-term cooperation on finance and metallurgy, and have expanded exchanges in the spheres of science and technology, culture and education, he said. China will promote bilateral cooperation with Luxembourg in all fields to push forward bilateral ties and consultations in the multilateral organizations.

Li said China is trying to observe the strong points of other peoples worldwide while developing its own traditional culture. Luxembourg has the successful experience in developing modern culture, and the two countries should promote exchanges and cooperation on culture, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Ronaldo to scrape 1-1 draw for Real Madrid

MADRID, 17 Oct— Ronaldo scored only his second league goal of the season to scrape a 1-1 draw for Real Madrid away to Real Betis on Saturday.

Real, beaten in their two previous league games, fell behind in Seville to a brilliant Ricardo Oliveira goal in the 31st minute and might easily have conceded further goals in a one-sided first half.

Betis tired after the break, however, and Real equalized after 65 minutes when Ronaldo played a one-two with Zinedine Zidane and tucked a shot past Toni Prats. A draw left a Real side still in desperate form in 10th place in the table with 10 points from seven games.

Deportivo Coruna, who beat Real 1-0 at the Bernabeu before the break for international matches, continued their revival with a 2-1 win at home to Getafe, Sergio and Victor getting the goals.

That victory took Deportivo up to provisional fourth place with 11 points.—MNA/Reuters



Brazilian Barcelona player Ronaldinho, back right, and Argentinean Espanyol player Hugo Ibarra, left, follow the ball going past Espanyol goalie Carlos Kameni from Cameroon during their Spanish League soccer match at the Lluís Companys Stadium in Barcelona, Spain, on Saturday, 16 Oct, 2004. Barcelona won the Catalan derby with 1-0.—INTERNET

Man Utd holds 0-0 at Birmingham

LONDON, 17 Oct— Manchester United dropped two more valuable points in their pursuit of leaders Arsenal when they were held 0-0 at Birmingham City on Saturday.

Despite fielding four quality strikers — Ruud van Nistelrooy, Alan Smith, Wayne Rooney and Louis Saha — for much of the game, Alex Ferguson's team rarely looked like breaking down a stubborn City defence.

The draw means fourth-placed United, on 14 points, will trail Arsenal by 11 points if the champions beat Aston Villa at Highbury later on Saturday. Birmingham moved up a place to 14th on eight points.

Ferguson opted to leave Rooney on the bench after his midweek exertions for England but van Nistelrooy did start and came desperately close to giving United the lead after 37 minutes of a poor first half.

Quinton Fortune crossed from the left and the Dutch striker, looking certain to score from point-blank range, sidefooted his shot into the feet of City keeper Maik Taylor.

Taylor saved well from Cristiano Ronaldo and Saha soon after but United were lacking fluency overall and 14 minutes into the second half Ferguson sent on Rooney for midfielder Kleberson.

Immediately, though, City striker Emile Heskey tested United keeper Roy Carroll and Birmingham, with Robbie Savage a constant menace in midfield, more than held their own against their illustrious opponents in the remaining half-hour.

MNA/Reuters

Juventus ends Messina's unbeaten start

MILAN, 17 Oct— Serie A leaders Juventus ended Messina's unbeaten start to the season with a 2-1 win over the Sicilian club on Saturday.

Goals from Uruguayan Marcelo Zalayeta and European Footballer of the Year Pavel Nedved helped unbeaten Juve to their fifth win in six matches, opening up a five-point lead ahead of Sunday's matches. In Tuscany, Vincenzo Montella confirmed his return to form as AS Roma won 2-0 away to Livorno to claim their first away win of the Serie A season.

Messina, playing their first season in the top flight since 1965, brought a huge travelling support with them to Turin but after their triumphs over AC Milan and Roma, Bortolo Mutti's side were unable to produce another upset.

Juve took the lead in the 26th minute

when Zalayeta, in for the injured David Trezeguet, headed home a Mauro Camoranesi cross.

Ten minutes after the break, Czech Nedved made it 2-0 with a confident finish after excellent work from Zlatan Ibrahimovic on Juve's right flank. Messina's Riccardo Zampagna reduced the deficit in the 69th minute with a smart shot on the turn after being picked out by Salvatore Sullo.

But despite some late pressure the Sicilians were unable to extend their unbeaten run although they remain in second place on 11 points while Juve lead on 16.—MNA/Reuters

Pires scores twice for Arsenal deserved victory

LONDON, 17 Oct — Robert Pires and Thierry Henry combined to give champions Arsenal a classy 3-1 victory over Aston Villa at Highbury on Saturday.

Arsenal's 48-match unbeaten league record was briefly under threat when Lee Hendrie gave Villa an early lead but two goals by Pires either side of a Henry strike gave Arsene Wenger's team three deserved points.

After nine games Arsenal lead the table on 25 points, five clear of Chelsea, whose match at Manchester City kicked off at 1615 GMT. Arsenal are 11 points clear of Manchester United who were held 0-0 at Birmingham City.

Everton stayed third on 19 points after a 1-0 home win over Southampton. Ten-man Liverpool fought back from 2-0 down to win 4-2 at Fulham, Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink hit a hat-trick in Middlesbrough's 4-0 win at 10-man Blackburn and Bolton beat Crystal Palace 1-0.

MNA/Reuters

Chelsea tumbling to first defeat under Mourinho

LONDON, 17 Oct— Chelsea suffered their first defeat under coach Jose Mourinho on Saturday when the Premier League title contenders went down 1-0 at lowly Manchester City.

An 11th-minute Nicolas Anelka penalty caused the upset at the City of Manchester Stadium and left champions Arsenal five points clear at the top after they had cantered to a 3-1 win over Aston Villa earlier in the day.

Previously unbeaten in both Premier League and Champions League action, Chelsea were taken by surprise by a City side who had only won two of their previous eight league games and had flirted with relegation last season.

That defeat leaves Arsenal top on 25 points with Chelsea second on 20 and Everton a point further back after a late 1-0 win over Southampton. Manchester United slipped to sixth, 11 points adrift of Arsenal, after a 0-0 draw at Birmingham City.

Asked about his first defeat, Mourinho

told Sky Sports: "You have to accept it. The game is over, they got the three points and we go home with zero."

Mourinho, who disagreed with the penalty decision, added: "We deserved more from this game...we missed some easy chances and (City goalkeeper) David James deserved his Man of the Match award."

The late kickoff had an electrifying start when Anelka raced into the penalty area and was bundled over by the last defender Paulo Ferreira, a member of Mourinho's Champions League-winning Porto side last season.

Ferreira was booked rather than red-carded as the French striker was heading away from goal but Anelka made no mistake from the spot.

MNA/Reuters

Roma beat Livorno 2-0, claims first away win of Serie A

MILAN, 17 Oct— Vincenzo Montella confirmed his return to form as AS Roma won 2-0 at Livorno on Saturday to claim their first away win of the Serie A season.

Montella set up the opening goal for Francesco Totti on the half hour when he chipped a blocked shot into the path of Totti who fired home a volley from close range.

A heavy storm forced the match to be halted for 10 minutes just before the interval but Roma kept firm control of the game after the break.

Montella claimed Roma's second, and his sixth goal of the season, with a superbly taken solo goal in the 69th minute to secure three points for new coach Luigi Del Neri who was taking charge for just the second time since German Rudi Voeller quit.

Roma have had a troubled start to the season and the victory was the first since their opening day win over Fiorentina. Livorno are bottom and remain without a win this season

Roma are away to German club Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions League on Tuesday.—MNA/Reuters



Manchester City's French Nicolas Anelka (L) scores a penalty to make it 1-0 against Chelsea during their Premier League football match at The City of Manchester Stadium on 16 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

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"Mingalabar"
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9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Thameehla Island,
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Turtles
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Ramayana in Myanmar
(Part VII) (Scene I)
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Travel & Description
(Yangon to Thanlyin-
Kyauk Tan)
9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Blessed Myan-
mar"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Floral Lovers Paradise
(National Kandawgyi
Gardens)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**19-10-2004 (Tuesday)
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"Myanma Panorama
& Myanma Sentiment"
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Pagoda Festival
15:40 **Headline News**

- 15:42 Thameehla Island,
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Turtles
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"Blessed Myanmar"
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(National Kandawgyi
Gardens)
16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Mingalabar"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-II)
16:40 Aungpan Oranges
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Music for Your Ears (A
Melodic Music Piece)
(Guitar Aung Shein,
Gold Medalist)
16:58 Macadamia (Pernnial
Cash Crop)
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Marine Products in
Myeik
17:10 Songs On Screen
"Where does love
begin?"
17:12 Village of "EN"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Unforgettable Tradi-
tions of PaO National
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Mingalabar"
19:36 Myanma Cattle Market

- 19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Sour Soup pre-
pared with Fish and
Vegetables"
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Ancient City, Pakhan-
gyi
19:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
20:00 **National News**
20:05 The Most Breath-taking
Scene of Shwe Kyin
Creek
20:10 Myanmar Modern Song
"Aristocratic Beauty"
20:12 The Art of Playing
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Nga-paine Fish Curry"
20:55 Sein-Kyaung-Nilar
Royal Group Dance
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Traditional Weaving
Art
21:10 Myanmar Modern Song
"The Beautiful Tanin-
thayi"
21:12 The Pindaya Natural
Cave
21:15 **National News**
21:20 A Short Introduction to
Myanma Saing Waing
(or) Myanmar Orchestra
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Myanma Panorama &
Myanma Sentiment"
21:35 Inle Phaung Daw Oo
Pagoda Festival
21:40 **Headline News**

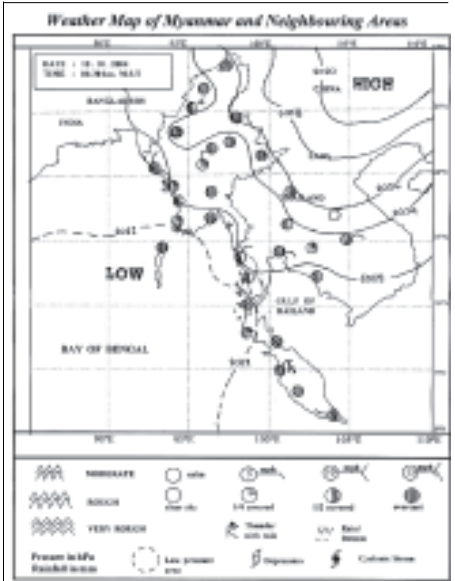
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21:50 Ramayana in Myanmar
(Part VII) (Scene I)
22:00 **National News**
22:05 Travel & Description
(Yangon to Thanlyin-
Kyauk Tan)
22:10 Myanmar Modern Song
"Blessed Myanmar"
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22:20 Floral Lovers Paradise
(National Kandawgyi
Gardens)
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"Come, Visit My
Home"
22:30 **National News**
22:35 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-II)
22:40 Aungpan Oranges
22:45 **National News**
22:50 Music for Your Ears (A
Melodic Music Piece)
(Guitar Aung Shein,
Gold Medalist)
22:58 Macadamia (Pernnial
Cash Crop)
23:00 **National News**
23:05 Marine Products in
Myeik
23:10 Songs On Screen
"Where does love
begin?"
23:12 Village of "EN"
23:15 **National News**
23:20 Unforgettable Tradi-
tions of PaO National
23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights
"Come and See
Myanmar"

**20-10-2004 (Wednesday)
Evening Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic Sights

- "Myanma Panorama &
Myanma Sentiment"
23:36 Inle Phaung Daw Oo
Pagoda Festival
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"Come and See
Myanmar"

**WEATHER**

Monday, 18 October, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershow-
ers have been isolated in Shan State and upper Sagaing
Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the re-
maining areas.

Maximum temperature on 17-10-2004 was 95°F. Mini-
mum temperature on 18-10-2004 was 70°F. Relative hu-
midity at 9:30 hrs MST on 18-10-2004 was 79%. Total
sunshine hours on 17-10-2004 was (6.2) hours approx.
Rainfall on 18-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-
Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
(111.93 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-
Aye and (109.21 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind
speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from West at
(15:35) hours MST on 17-10-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the South-
west Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Ben-
gal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19-10-2004: Except
for possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in
Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in the
remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in
Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in
the whole country.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for
19-10-2004:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for
19-10-2004:** Partly cloudy.


**Tuesday, October 19
View on today:**

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas
by Mingun Sayadaw
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:50 am
5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
8:00 am
6. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ
8:10 am
7. Song of Yesteryear
8:20 am
8. ဓမ္မာနုပဋိပက္ခ (မြို့လှ) ဓမ္မာနုပဋိပက္ခ
ပန်းတိုင်

- 8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. Grammar Made Easy
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday
Use
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
5. အစားသင့်တော်သည့် ဝတ္ထုရေး
နိဒါန်း (သိပ္ပံဆန်းစစ်ချက်)
(စာတည်း)
5:15 pm
6. Dance of national races
5:30 pm
7. မိမိတို့အားဆက်ခံရမည့် ဓမ္မာနုပဋိပက္ခ
5:40 pm
8. Sing and Enjoy

- 6:15 pm
9. "နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များတွင်"
"ဓမ္မာနုပဋိပက္ခ"
(အစိုး-ဇော်)
6:30 pm
10. Evening news
7:00 pm
11. Weather report
7:05 pm
12. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုးပြည့်အတိုင်း
7:20 pm
13. The Mirror Images of
Musical Oldies
8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်များ၏ ချီးမွမ်းချက်
(သို့မဟုတ်) မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်
အမျိုးအမည် အရေး အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ
18. "နိုင်ငံခြားတက္ကသိုလ်များတွင်"
"သမိုင်းမတူသော"
(အစိုး-ဇော်)
19. The next day's
programme


**Tuesday, October 19
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-Bom bom bom
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: Super girl
8:50 am National news/
Slogan
9:00 am Music: Titoli
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
-All I have to do is
dream
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Stairway to
heaven
-Dark in the night
-Sleeping satellite
-Sometimes love
just ain't enough
9:00 pm English Speaking
Course Level-I
Unit (6)
9:15 pm Article/Music
9:25 pm Weekly sports reel
9:35 pm Music for your
listening pleasure
-Tears in heaven
-How deep is your
love
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects cultivation of Shweyinaye paddy in Ingaung Village in Heho Township.—MNA

Secretary-2 presents provisions to members of the Sangha in Kengtung

YANGON, 18 Oct—Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to present provisions by the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) held at Sasana Beikmandawgyi on Airport Road in Kengtung on 16 October morning and presented rice and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by member of Shan State Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Dhammaw Daya Kyaungtaik Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Arjeya, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and

Development Council Office, heads of departments, local authorities, social organizations and townsenders.

The ceremony was opened with the three-times recitation of *Namo Tassa*.

Next, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Township Ovadacariya Sayadaw Kengyin Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Khemacara.

Afterwards, members of the Sangha recited parittas. Later, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented provisions donated by Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) to Presiding Sayadaw of Dhammaw Daya Kyaungtaik Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Arjeya.

After that, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of

Defence, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, deputy ministers and senior military officers presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, Bhaddanta Arjeya delivered a sermon and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party and shared merits gained.

The ceremony ended with the three-times recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu*.

At the provision-presentation ceremony, altogether 54 bags of rice were offered to 18 Sarhintaiks in Kengtung.

Next, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein met departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders at the City Hall on Airport Road.

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Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 18 Oct—The 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the fifth day today at the designated places—the song contest at the National Museum, the

dancing contest at the National Theatre, the song composing contest at the State School of Drama and the music contest at Padonma Theatre and Kanbawza Theatre.

Among the audience were member of

the panel of patrons Chairman of the leading committee for organizing the competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen MyintSwe, member of the Panel of Patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan and officials of the work committee and subcommittees.

At the National Theatre, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanma Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the song contest.

Nine women took

part in the higher education level (women's) classical song contest and 13 boys in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' classical song contest. The higher education level (men's) religious song contest and the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' religious song contest will be held at the National Museum tomorrow.

Chairman of the Panel of Judges Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Aung Min, Secretary Daw Mu Mu Khin and members supervised the Dancing Contest at the National Theatre. Eight men participated in the professional level (men's) dancing contest and 15 girls in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' dancing contest. Tomorrow morning, the professional level (women's) dancing contest and the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' dancing contest will be held.

The practising of song composing contest continued at the State



Maung Kyaw Ko Lat competes in oboe contest.—MNA



Ma May Thet Phu Khine of Kayah State competes in xylophone contest on Sunday.—NLM

School of Drama this morning.

In the music contest at Padonma Theatre, seven persons competed in the professional level oboe contest, five participants in the basic education level (aged 10-15) oboe (See page 10)

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