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Tianchong-Myitkyina road project reflects Sino-Myanmar friendly relations, unity between Government and national race groups

YANGON, 26 Oct — A ceremony was held on 19 October to start the building of a tar road reaching Washaung village in Waingmaw Township from China-Myanmar border post No 4 of the

Tianchong-Myitkyina Road Project.

Held at the project site in Kanpaiktee region in the township, the ceremony was attended by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Devel-

opment Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, senior military officers, local authorities, officials of Public Works, Attorney-General's Office,

and of other departments, leader of Kachin State Special Region 1 U Zakhon Ting Ring and party, leader of Kachin State Special Region 2 U Zaung Khaya and party, Vice-Chairman of

Yunnan Province People's Congress Chairman of Yunnan Province Workers Association of the People's Republic of China Mr Jiang Bachisia and officials, Mr Hunyi of Baosan Overseas Friend-

ship Association and officials, Chairman of Tianchong District Overseas Friendship Association Wan Saichun, Commissioner of Tianchong District of the (See page 8)

Mines Minister previews display for 2004 Myanma Gems Emporium

YANGON, 26 Oct—Patron of Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint accompanied by Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Vice-Chairman Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Secretary Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and the central committee members previewed the display of the 2004 Myanma Gems Emporium at the Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road at 3 pm to-

day.

The minister inspected gem and jade shops and mosaic shops on the ground floor, uncut jade in the compound of the gem mart, gem and jade lots and pearl lots on the upper floor where he was conducted round by the Central Committee members.

Afterwards, the second meeting of the 2004 Mid-Year Gem Emporium Central Committee took place at the Gem Mart at 3.30 pm with an address by

Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

Members of the Central Committee and the sub-committees who are officials of gem, jade and pearl management, security and information sub-committees presented arrangements for successful holding of the gem emporium at the meeting.

Next, the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Patron of the Central Committee Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint. — MNA



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivers an address at the second meeting of the Mid-Year Gem Emporium Central Committee. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 27 October, 2004

In the best interests of the State and the people

The State Peace and Development Council has laid down the national policies—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty with a view to serving the public interest.

In so doing, it has taken action whenever there arose a situation adversely affecting the national policies, keeping the national interest above all. Effective and punitive action was taken whenever there occurred violation of laws such as mistreating and bullying the people. It is the policy of the Tatmadaw constantly adopted in taking action in accord with the concept that no one is above the law and everybody is equal before the law.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win clarified changes taken place in the State at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar the other day.

In his clarification, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said that constant efforts are to be made for the emergence of a government capable of serving the interests of the State and the people widely, effectively and correctly and a clean and dynamic government machinery which does not oppress the people through violating codes of conduct, misbehaviour and bribery and corruption. Only when the administrative machinery of the State is dynamic, can the people earn their living with peace of mind and security and will the national economy be stronger in all aspects.

The government does not protect the interest of an individual person but it serves the interest of the public according to the policies, rules and regulations without any discrimination.

The State will develop more than ever before if governmental organizations work hard seriously and honestly and if the people do their bit dutifully. A government in its drive for national development is to make relentless efforts for the emergence of a government machinery capable of serving the interests of the State and the people widely, effectively and correctly.

Therefore, all service personnel are urged to strive for the emergence of a government machinery capable of better serving the interests of the State and the people.



UMFCCI CEC member U Tun Aung (Taw Win Tun) being seen at the airport before departure for Thailand to attend BIMSTEC Task Force 2nd meeting. — MNA

UMFCCI official leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 26 Oct—CEC member U Tun Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here by air this evening for Bangkok, Thailand, to attend the BIMSTEC Task Force 2nd Meeting to be held on 27 and 28 October. He was seen off at the airport by President U Win Myint and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of UMFCCI. —MNA

People's Desire

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



Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko reads out the message of condolence over the demise of Sayadaw Siri Bhaddanta Revata. — MNA

Final rites of Presiding Sayadaw of Maygawadytawya Monastery in Thingangyun Township held

YANGON, 26 Oct — The final rites of Presiding Sayadaw of Maygawadytawya Monastery in Thingangyun Township Siri Bhaddanta Yevata took place at the pandal near the monastery this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws, division, district and township Sangha Nayaka Committees member Sayadaws, members of the Sangha and nuns, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung, Religious Affairs Department Deputy Director General U Tun Mya Aung and officials, military officers, heads of department, chairmen and members of District and Township Peace

and Development Councils, religious organizations and lay persons. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko read out the message of condolence over the demise of the Sayadaw and U San Thin Hlaing of the Religious Affairs Department, the brief biography of the Sayadaw. The minister, the deputy minister and officials offered alms to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. Yaw Sayadaw Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovidha Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sirinda Bhivamsa delivered a sermon to the congregation, followed by sharing of merits gained. Next, the Sayadaws, members of the Sangha, nuns, the minister, the deputy minister and the congregation paid homage to the dead body of the Sayadaw and cremated it. — MNA



Myanmar journalist delegation being seen at the airport before departure for Laos. — MNA

Myanmar journalist delegation leaves for LPDR

YANGON, 26 Oct—Under the programme of study tour of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar delegation comprising editor U Myint Oo of Myanmar Alin Daily of News and Periodicals Enterprise and staff officer U Ohn Khaing of Department of Yangon North District Information and Public Relations Department left here by air for LPDR this evening.

They were seen off at the airport by Editor-in-Chief U Ye Myint Pe of Myanmar Alin Daily, Assistant Director (Admin) U Myint Swe of IPRD and their families.

MNA



Gold medalist Bodybuilder Aung Khaing Win (YCDC) being welcomed back at the airport. — MNA

Gold medallist Aung Khaing Win arrives back

YANGON, 26 Oct —Bodybuilder Aung Khaing Win (YCDC) who won a gold medal in the 18th Asia Bodybuilding Championship held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 21 to 26 October arrived back here this morning.

President of Myanmar Bodybuilding Federation Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee Col Myint Aung, Vice President U Hla Myint Swe and officials welcomed the gold medallist at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Performing Arts Competitions work committee, sub-committees and State/ Division managers meet

YANGON, 26 Oct— The coordination meeting of members of the work committee and sub-committees, team managers from States and Divisions of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at No-1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) this evening.

On behalf of the Chairman of the work committee for organizing the Competitions, member of the security and disciplines sub-committee Lt-Col Tin Kyaing gave a speech. Those present at the meeting discussed respective sectors of the Competitions.

Lt-Col Tin Kyaing, member of the security and disciplines sub-committee reviewed the proposals and attended to the requirements. — MNA

Australian, Estonian soldiers targeted as violence kills 12 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Oct—A wave of explosions and clashes across Iraq left at least 12 people dead, including an Estonian soldier, while Australian troops came under fire in Baghdad.

The UN's nuclear watchdog, meanwhile, warned that nearly 400 tonnes of explosives had vanished from an unguarded base in Iraq.

The latest violence came as Iraqi officials said the perpetrators of the weekend slaughter of 49 newly-trained soldiers in eastern Iraq could have

been tipped off from within the ranks.

Prime Minister Iyad Allawi has pledged to restore order, using force if necessary, with the help of the US-led military ahead of elections promised by January.

Underscoring the challenge facing the government, attackers detonated

acarladen with explosives as an Australian convoy drove down a residential district near Australia's embassy in Baghdad.

The blast, claimed by a group loyal to Al-Qaeda-linked militant Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi, killed three Iraqis and wounded at least 16 other people, including three Aus-

tralian soldiers.

An Australian defence spokesman described the incident as the first direct attack on Australian vehicles in the country.

Canberra along with London and Washington were the founding members of the coalition that led the invasion of Iraq last year.

Guerillas lashed out at another coalition member in a roadside bombing against an Estonian convoy in western Baghdad that left one of Estonia's 45 soldiers in Iraq dead and five wounded.

They struck again in the northern city of Mosul in a double car bombing against the governor and other administrative targets that killed four people and wounded four others. —Internet



Members of an Iraqi security force inspect the scene of a car bomb attack outside the office of Mosul city governor in northern Iraq, on 25 Oct, 2004.

INTERNET

India's trade with Asian countries growing impressively

NEW DELHI, 26 Oct—Fuelled by exports to China and greater liberalization of trade with ASEAN partners, India's trade with Asian countries is all set to leapfrog in the coming years, IMF has said.

"Much of India's recent export growth has been fuelled by trade with Asia, in particular China, where India has managed to more than double its market share," David Burton, IMF Director (Asia Pacific Department) said.

He said Asian countries have also been major beneficiaries of growing trade with India whose imports have grown by close to 25 per cent over the last few years.

"Greater trade liberalization and regional integration are also key to realizing India's potential and benefitting from greater integration into the regional economy," Burton said.

He observed that while India's exports are still growing at a higher pace, the country is a small market for imports from "Emerging Asia".

Burton, however, said this is likely to change in coming years due to acceleration in growth of Indian imports from Asian nations.

"Firstly, India's imports should continue to grow robustly as investment picks up. Second, India is committed to reduce tariff rates to ASEAN levels. And third, the recent establishment of SAFTA and the bilateral trade agreement with Thailand point to a deepening of regional trade ties," he said. — MNA/PTI

Vietnam exports up in first ten months

HANOI, 26 Oct—Vietnam is estimated to achieve export turnovers of over 21.3 billion US dollars in the first 10 months of this year, a year-on-year rise of 28.1 per cent. The country's export revenues are estimated at more than 2.2 billion dollars in October, up 10 million dollars over the previous month, according to Vietnam's Ministry of Trade on Monday.

Vietnam is predicted to earn 817 million dollars, 533 million dollars, and 835 million dollars from shipping rice, coffee and woodwork in the first 10 months, surpassing the targets set for the whole year. Markets with high export growths of 27-102 per cent include China, members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Switzerland and South Africa.

Meanwhile, the country's import turnovers are estimated at over 25.1 billion US dollars, up 21.4 per cent over the same period last year. Key imports include fertilizers, machines, equipment and petroleum products.

MNA/Xinhua

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1,106 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct—As of Monday, 25 Oct 2004, at least 1,106 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 845 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department as of Monday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Monday at 10 am EDT. The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia two; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each. Since 1 May 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 968 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 736 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The latest death reported by the military:

—A roadside bomb killed one soldier in western Baghdad. —Internet

Blast hits Iraq oil pipeline

BAGHDAD, 25 Oct—An explosion has ripped through a section of a pipeline near the Baiji refinery in northern Iraq, witnesses said.

The cause of the explosion on Monday was not clear. It was not immediately known whether the pipeline was the main oil export pipeline running to Turkey.

Fighters blew up another pipeline feeding the 350,000 barrels per day (bpd) Baiji refinery earlier on Monday. Crews managed to put out the fire, around 25km southwest of the oil centre of Kirkuk, security officials said. The northern export pipeline passes near the area of the two explosions.

Officials at the state North Oil Company said before the second blast that export flows to Turkey's Ceyhan port were running at 300,000 bpd.

Iraq could export up to 600,000 bpd through the northern pipeline, depending on its condition and the level of storage tanks at Ceyhan.

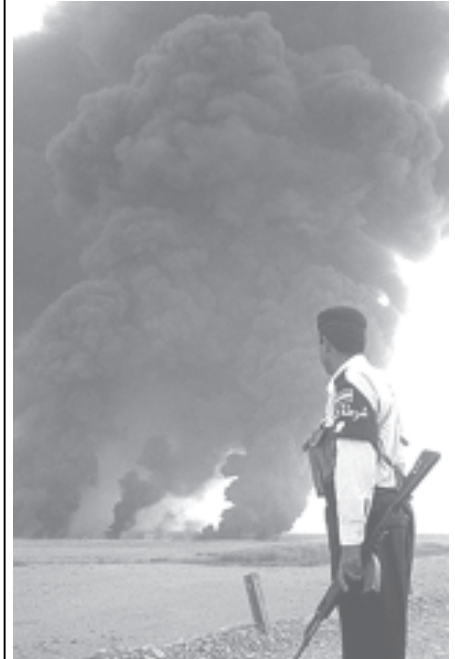
Internet

Israel, Jordan to build joint academic centre at border areas

JERUSALEM, 26 Oct—Some 20 Israeli and Jordanian officials met on Sunday in Israel's Tel Aviv to discuss the construction of a joint academic centre on ex-territorial land at the two countries' border, Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* reported.

During the meeting, the two sides would discuss many aspects of the project, including security issues and legal and practical ramifications ahead of the construction of the Bridging the Rift (BTR) academic centre, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua



Black smoke billows from a sabotaged oil pipeline as an Iraqi police man stands on the side of a main road, 25 kilometres (16 miles) west of the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, northern Iraq on 25 Oct. —INTERNET

Bombings across Iraq kill at least eight, including American soldier and Estonian soldier

BAGHDAD, 25 Oct—Bombings struck four coalition and Iraqi military convoys and a provincial government office Monday, killing at least eight people, including an American soldier and an Estonian trooper in the Baghdad area.

Coming a day after the bodies of nearly 50 Iraqi military recruits were found massacred, the bombings occurred as a UN agency confirmed that several hundred tons

of explosives were missing from a former Iraqi military depot in an insurgent hotspot south of Baghdad.

The revelation raised concerns the explosives

fell into the hands of guerillas who have staged a spate of bloody car bombings, although there was no evidence to link the missing explosives directly to the

attacks.

On Monday, a roadside bomb in western Baghdad killed one US soldier and wounded five, the US military said.

An Estonian soldier died when a roadside bomb exploded at a market just outside Baghdad as his patrol went by, the Estonian military said. Five other Estonian soldiers were wounded.

A car bomb also targeted an Australian military convoy 350 yards from their country's embassy in Baghdad, killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding nine people, including three Australian soldiers who suffered minor injuries, Iraqi and coalition officials said.—Internet



US Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment patrol in a Humvee in Ramadi, Iraq, on 25 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

Beijing deliberates draft regulation on animal welfare

BEIJING, 26 Oct—Animal welfare will be written into legislation for the first time in China, as Beijing's legislature is reviewing a new regulation concerning animals to be used in experiments.

"Individuals or organizations that use animals in experiments should protect them," says Article Seven of the draft on the management of animals to be used in experiments.

This will mean that experimental animals must be kept in comfortable cages with sufficient and nutritious food and should not be exposed to sources of pollution, said Li Gengping, a drafter of the new law.

Liang Ping, a researcher and legislator on the municipal legislature, said the principle of animal welfare is to ensure the animals are "healthy and feel comfortable". If experimental animals live in filthy environments, they may feel

uneasy and excrete hormones which will influence the experiment results," Liang said. "So to protect animals is actually, in the long run, to protect human beings."

China's existing laws governing animal experiments only specify what kind of animals can be used; they do not cover the living conditions of these animals, said Li. If the regulation is approved as scheduled this December, it will be the country's first local law concerning animal welfare, he added.

Li said Beijing currently has about 180 organizations officially permitted to use experimental animals.

MNA/Xinhua

Wave of regulation burdening Britain's finance industry

LONDON, 26 Oct—A wave of regulation is burdening Britain's financial services industry and threatening its ability to compete internationally, the British biggest business group said in a report on Monday.

In the next two years, more than 20 European Union measures will be imposed on companies, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) said

in the report.

The CBI called for a moratorium on new rules, to let firms concentrate on their businesses.

"Companies are being battered by the impact of relentless new legislation," CBI Deputy Director John Cridland said in a statement. "It's forcing a dramatic and wasteful diversion of effort away from the daily battle to keep Britain ahead of its

competitors."

Britain's finance industry employs more than one million people and contributes 5.3 per cent to gross domestic product, the CBI said.

The EU measures include directives on occupational pension funds, consumer credit and marketing. They are part of a plan to create a single European market for financial services.—MNA/Reuters

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US soldier killed as car bombs blow up in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 Oct—One US soldier was killed and five others wounded when a roadside bomb exploded in the path of a convoy in western Baghdad yesterday, the US military said.

A large truck was also damaged in the blast, it said in a statement, adding that the injured soldiers were evacuated for treatment.

The blast was one of at least five roadside bombs targeting US military convoys in Baghdad and the restive city of Ramadi, to the west of the capital, although there were no casualties caused by the other attacks.

The American death raised the number of US military fatalities in Iraq to 1102 since the March 2003 invasion, according to Pentagon figures.

A car bomb also exploded at the regional government building in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul yesterday and killed at least one person, police and witnesses said. The bomb blew up in the car park of the Nineveh governorate headquarters.

A second car bomb targeted the commander of the Iraqi Facilities Protection Service, who told Reuters he escaped unharmed. Brigadier Mu'ataz Taka said three of his guards were wounded and two vehicles damaged in the blast.—Internet

Kerry, Clinton call for new management in Iraq

PHILADELPHIA, 26 Oct — Democratic challenger John Kerry and former president Bill Clinton stood shoulder to shoulder on Monday to call for new management in Iraq and a White House that fights for the middle class.

A slimmed-down Clinton, still recuperating from heart surgery, accused President George W Bush and his Republican allies of trying to scare voters about the Massachusetts senator and frighten them away from the polls on 2 November.

Kerry called Bush "wrong and reckless" on Iraq and said he had failed as commander-in-chief by committing "one of the greatest blunders" of his administration by not securing tons of powerful explosives in Iraq.

The former president — one of the Democrats' most popular politicians — was called out of his convalescence to provide a jolt of excitement to Kerry's

campaign and help boost turnout, especially among Black voters who have sometimes received the more reserved New Englander with lukewarm enthusiasm.

"The other side, they're trying to scare the undecided voters about Senator Kerry," Clinton said. "And they're trying to scare the decided voters away from the polls."

Clinton took a softer line on Iraq, saying Kerry would "get more help and better management" and put more emphasis on chasing down members of the al-Qaeda organization blamed for the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.—MNA/Reuters



Iraqis arrive at the scene after Iraqi government buildings and a military convoy in two near-simultaneous bomb attacks were targeted in Mosul, northern Iraq, killing three people, the US military and Iraqi officials said. — INTERNET

British opposition launches broadside at Blair over Iraq

LONDON, 25 Oct— Tony Blair's main political rivals launched a broadside at the British Prime Minister over Iraq on Sunday as British troops readied to provide cover for US forces in a more dangerous area of the country.

Four members of the opposition Conservative Party, all former ministers, threw a string of allegations at Blair, from lying over the justification for war to redeploying British troops to influence the US election.

The high-profile attacks twisted the knife into Blair over Iraq—an issue analysts say is his Labour Party's most vulnerable link in its bid to win a third term at an election expected in May or June.

"I think he has lied about the situation in the Middle East. We were told that there was a threat. We were told there were weapons of mass destruction. There were no weapons of mass destruction; there was no threat," former deputy prime minister Michael Heseltine told ITV's Jonathan Dimbleby programme.

Blair rejects allegations he misled the country over the reasons for the conflict and said he acted in good faith on the intelligence on Iraq's weapons available at the time.

The Conservative criticism is not new but the assault comes at a critical time, with British troops moving closer to Baghdad and after hostage Margaret Hassan, who has Irish, British and Iraqi citizenship, pleaded to Blair in a video to save her life.

The Conservatives supported the Iraq war but they accuse Blair of misleading the country over its justification and plan to make trust a key plank of their election campaign.

Polls put Blair on track to win a third term but he remains hamstrung

by Iraq. His trust ratings have plunged over the war and Labour's large parliamentary majority is at risk.

Former Conservative prime minister John Major, on BBC Television, waded in on the attack on Blair's trustworthiness.

"I do think that many people around this country would be very wary indeed of taking this government's word on another occasion if a further military adventure seemed likely, given the history of what has happened on this occasion," he said.

Douglas Hurd, former foreign secretary under Major, and Kenneth Clarke, former chancellor, also attacked Blair on Iraq.

The Conservatives so far have failed to turn Blair's trials over Iraq into better poll ratings and Labour accuses them of "flip-flopping" over the war.

But analysts say Blair's decision to provide troop cover in a more volatile area of Iraq to allow US forces to tackle guerillas is politically fraught given a surge in violence.

Police in Iraq said on Sunday rebels had killed 49 unarmed Iraqi soldiers and a US diplomat died in a mortar strike.

Hurd and Clarke said the decision to redeploy British troops was highly political, not just operational, while Heseltine linked it to US President George W. Bush's re-election bid. "It's the timing and the implausibility of it. The fact is that we have an American election in a couple of weeks time, the issue of Iraq is at the centre of it," Heseltine said.

Blair has described any link with the election as ludicrous.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqis watch from a window after a bomb exploded on 25 Oct, 2004 near a US military convoy in central Baghdad.—INTERNET

China's trade volume to reach \$ 1.1 trillion 1in 2004

HANGZHOU, 26 Oct — China's total trade volume will reach 1.1 trillion US dollars in 2004 — up 30 per cent over 2003 — with a trade surplus of about 10 billion US dollars, said Assistant Minister of Commerce Yi Xiaozhun.

China still faces difficult challenges in its efforts to maintain the sustainable development of foreign trade, mainly due to ever-changing international environment and lingering in-depth problems with its foreign trade, Yi said while addressing a conference on the promotion of exports from private companies.

The most eminent problem next year will be trade friction in textiles exports following the unification of the global textile market, Yi noted.

According to its agreement with the World Trade Organization, China's passive quota of textiles will be abolished on January 1, 2005. Strong competition from China's textile industry has aroused concern from both developing and developed nations.

The United States and the European Union have repeatedly asked China to slow down its soaring textile industry.

Extensive growth is another major hindrance to the sound growth of China's foreign trade, Yi acknowledged, as is the lack of its own brands and intellectual property, especially the intellectual property of core technology.

Intellectual property shortage has already caused lower prices in some Chinese products. Figures released by the National Bureau of Statistics show that China's export volume of colour TVs rose 36.1 per cent year to year in January - September period, while the price dropped 5.1 per cent.

Export prices for ships, carpets, shoes and other goods also saw declines to varying degrees along with increased export volume. Moreover, the soaring prices of energy and raw materials plus the tight supply of coal, electricity and oil, will also weaken China's competitive advantages in exports, Yi said.

MNA/Xinhua

African nations urged to overcome trade barriers

KAMPALA, 25 Oct— A Ugandan official has called on African countries to spearhead policies that can assist in overcoming trade barriers such as transport costs, tariffs and non-tariff barriers that are hindering intra-regional trade, state-run Radio Uganda reported on Sunday.

Uganda's senior presidential advisor on agriculture and veterinary services JJ Otim was quoted as saying that "African countries were facing difficulties in accessing global market and therefore a need for us to develop a strong inter-trade network among African countries."— MNA/Xinhua

Sweden eyes Thai agricultural goods in exchange for aircraft

BANGKOK, 26 Oct— Sweden has expressed interest in engaging in a countertrade agreement with Thailand whereby Thai agricultural goods would be exchanged for Swedish aircraft, the Thai senior official disclosed.

Director-General of the Department of Foreign Trade, Rachane Potjanasuntorn, was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying on Monday that the deal had been discussed during recent talks between the Swedish Ambassador to Thailand and Commerce Minister Watana Muangsook.

Under the deal, Thailand would acquire Swedish aircraft, which would replace old planes whose service life has expired. In exchange, Sweden would get products such as chicken, sweetcorn and cassava. Rachane revealed that several countries had voiced an interest in engaging in counter trade with Thailand.

MNA/Xinhua

Developed nations urged for special treatment for LDC products

DHAKA, 26 Oct — Bangladesh, a spokesman of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), wants commitments from developed countries on special and differential treatment of products from LDCs.

A source in the Commerce Ministry Monday said the demands of Bangladesh were made at a meeting of the advisory committee of the ministry on World Trade Organization (WTO) on Sunday.

The meeting discussed some recent WTO decisions, which include continuation of trade facilitation negotiation, one

of four Singapore issues.

The source said the meeting attended by top leaders of business forums and experts of the country also discussed possible guideline to this effect.

The four Singapore issues are trade facilitation, trade and competition policy, trade and investment and transparency and government procurement.

Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury told the meeting that Bangladesh will seek assistance from developed nations to modernize the ports of the country, the sources said.

Chowdhury also said "movement of natural persons has been included in the new text that is a priority area of Bangladesh."

According to the source the meeting demanded that the products from LDCs should not be subject to face anti-dumping and counter-veiling measures.

MNA/Xinhua



A hospital worker cleans up blood after fresh wounded were brought on 24 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Shanghai posts double-digit GDP growth for Jan-Sept period

SHANGHAI, 25 Oct — Shanghai, one of China's economic engines, reported a good economic performance in the first three quarters of this year.

Shanghai's gross domestic product, or GDP, amounted to 530.5 billion yuan (63.9 billion US dollars) for the nine-month period, up 14.2 per cent year-on-year. The growth rate was 2.4 percentage points higher than the year-earlier level, said Cai Xuchu, a municipal statistical bureau spokesman at a Press conference.

From January to September, major industrial enterprises in Shanghai realized 251.3 billion yuan (30.3 billion US dollars) in value-added output, up 23.2 per cent from the same period of last year, Cai said.

They garnered 998.5 billion yuan in sales income for the period, up 30.3 per cent over the same 2003 period. The total included 77.2 billion yuan (9.3 billion US dollars) in profits, up 33.5 per cent, Cai added.

In the three-quarter period, fixed-assets investment stood at 231.25 billion yuan (27.9 billion US dollars), up 25.9 per cent year-on-year. The growth

rate was 11.4 percentage points lower than an overheated level for the first quarter this year. Most of the money went to the manufacturing, property development and construction sectors.

The city's retail sales increased by 11.4 per cent year-on-year to 182.4 billion yuan (21.97 billion US dollars), said Cai.

Foreign direct investment, or FDI, grew steadily in the city. A total of 9.2 billion US dollars entered the city in contracted foreign capital between January and September, up 3.1 per cent year-on-year. About 5.4 billion US dollars was actually used, up 19 per cent.

Meanwhile, foreign trade in the city soared 49.9 per cent from the year-earlier level to 53.2 billion US dollars, according to Cai Xuchu.

The city also recorded 86.1 billion yuan (10.37 billion US dollars) in fiscal revenues for the nine-month period, up 26.5 per cent, Cai added.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese scientists work more hours than counterparts worldwide

BEIJING, 25 Oct — Chinese scientists work more hours than their counterparts worldwide and have less time for recreational activities, according to a survey on scientists' life status.

The survey is published in the latest issue of *Chinese Science Bulletin* magazine, a Beijing-based comprehensive natural science magazine run by Chinese Academy of Sciences and National Natural Science Foundation of China.

The survey has found that scientists worldwide work an average of 9 hours a day during weekdays and 5.5 hours at weekend. Chinese scientists work 9.68 hours per weekday

and 7.73 hours at weekend. Meanwhile, Chinese scientists participate in the least amount of sports and recreational activities. On average, Chinese scientists go to the cinema, theatre or other entertainment venues less frequently than once every five weeks.

Conducted by Yang Weiping, deputy director of the Institute of Zoology with the academy, the survey was sent by e-mail to 321 scientists in different

fields around the world and received 196 respondents. Among them, 30.6 per cent are from Asia, 18.4 per cent from North America, 32.7 per cent from Europe and 6.1 per cent from Australia.

"I did not expect so many respondents because surveys conducted in the form of e-mail usually get a low respondent rate. Not to mention it is a cross-border survey and the target audience are busy scientists," said

Yang.

Will life become better? More than half of the scientists said "yes." Chinese scientists were on top of the list of this confidence in the future, where 20 out of 28 believe that life will be better.

Eight scientists claimed that they suffer from insomnia, which account for 4.1 per cent, and nearly half of the respondent scientists said they occasionally suffer from the disease. — MNA/Xinhua

Hendrick plane crash kills all 10 aboard

MARTINSVILLE (Virginia), 25 Oct — A plane owned by the Hendrick Motorsports organization — one of the top teams in American stock car racing — crashed en route to a NASCAR race, killing all 10 people aboard, including the team owner's son, brother and two nieces.

The *Beech 200* took off from Concord, North Carolina, and crashed in the Bull Mountain area about 7 miles west of Martinsville's Blue Ridge Regional Airport about 12.30 pm Sunday, said

Arlene Murray, spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration. A spokesman for a funeral home where the bodies were being taken said the dead included the four relatives of Rick

Hendrick, owner of Hendrick Motorsports.

The weather in the area was overcast at the time of the crash, according to Jan Jackson of the National Weather Service in Blacksburg.

NTSB spokesman Keith Holloway said investigators were on their way to the crash site, which was in rough terrain, but could not begin their examination until Monday.

Hendrick owns the teams of Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Terry Labonte and Brian Vickers, all of whom competed in Sunday's Subway 500 in the Nextel Cup Series at Martinsville Speedway.

NASCAR learned of the plane's disappearance during the race but withheld the information from the Hendrick drivers until afterward, NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said, adding that NASCAR had spoken with Rick Hendrick. "We're just saying extra prayers right now," said Hunter. — MNA/AP



Australian soldiers arrive to secure the area after a bomb exploded on 25 Oct, 2004 near a US and Australian military convoy in central Baghdad. — INTERNET

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US Marines lead a hooded detainee out of a military vehicle in Fallujah recently. — INTERNET

China's hi-tech products exports soar for 30 months

BEIJING, 25 Oct — Exports of China's hi-tech products have been soaring since April 2002, with a year-to-year growth rate exceeding 40 per cent for 30 consecutive months through September, according to the Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

Export volume of hi-tech products reached 112.95 billion US dollars in the January-September period, up 54.3 per cent year on year and 19 percentage points higher than the average export volume. The monthly export volume in September was 31.41 billion US dollars, surpassing 30 billion US dollars for the first time.

The MOC figures showed that export volume of hi-tech products accounted for 27.1 per cent of China's total export volume in the first three quarters, growing 2 percentage points over

the end of 2003.

Prices for major hi-tech products saw a substantial increase, with prices for auto-digital processing equipment and IDE (integrated device electronics) both rising 22 per cent.

About 41 per cent of the exported hi-tech products were manufactured in the Yangtze River delta regions, including Shanghai and Suzhou and Zhejiang Provinces. The United States, Hong Kong and the European Union are the top three target markets of China's hi-tech products.

MNA/Xinhua

Six children killed, one injured in Ohio apartment fire

TOLEDO (Ohio), 25 Oct — Fire raged through a Toledo apartment building, killing six children and critically injuring another, authorities said.

The six children died at area hospitals, and another child was in critical condition late Sunday, said Fire Chief Michael Bell. The victims were six girls and one boy, ages 6 months to 7 years old.

Joe Jaramillo, 36, said he ran into the two-storey apartment and tried to get upstairs where the children were trapped, as the mother of some of the children stood outside screaming that her babies were inside.

"I tried to crawl under the smoke," said Jaramillo, who had been visiting his daughter in the area. "They were yelling 'Help us,' but I couldn't do anything. I had to come back for air."

MNA/AP

Health and occupational safety course held

YANGON, 26 Oct — Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department of the Ministry of Labour and the Dalla Shipyard of Inland Water Transport of the Ministry of Transport jointly conducted a health and occupational safety course at the shipyard here on 22 October.

Officials of FGLLD lectured on the topic. A total of 168 engineers, supervisors, technicians and workers attended the course. The course concluded after a question-and-answer-session between the instructors and the participants. — MNA

Staff pay respects to elders

YANGON, 26 Oct — The Accounts Office of the Ministry of Defence held its 35th ceremony to pay respects to the elders at the office here this morning.

Patrons of the Buddhist association of the office, Director-General U Myo Nyunt, Deputy Director-General U Kyi, officials, aged persons, staff and families were present.

Staff of the office paid respects to elders and presented gifts. — MNA



The respect-paying ceremony of the accounts office of the Ministry of Defence in progress. — MNA

Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 ends

YANGON, 26 Oct — Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 continued today at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here.

Altogether 41 finished-wood products companies participated in the fair.

They showcased wood and finished-wood products and furniture. There are a total of 154 booths in the fair.

The Ministry of Forestry organized the fair which ended today.

Local and foreign entrepreneurs, governmental employees and foreign diplomats visited the fair today. — MNA

More foreign delegations arrive

YANGON, 26 Oct — To attend the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking Senior Officials Meeting, a 4-member delegation led by Mr Khamphao Hompangha of the Lao People's Democratic Re-

public, a 7-member delegation led by Mr Kittipong Na Ranong of Thailand, a 5-member delegation led by Mr Bui Dinh Dinh of Vietnam and a team of donors led by Mr Robert England, Resident Coordinator of

UNDP in Bangkok, arrived here by air this evening.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by responsible personnel of the Reception and Accommodation Subcommittee. — MNA



Delegates to Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking Senior Officials Meeting being welcomed at the airport. — MNA

ASEAN Tourism Forum 2005 to be held in Langkawi

YANGON, 26 Oct — A clarification on participation of Myanmar hoteliers and tour operators in the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2005 which will be held in Langkawi Island, Malaysia from 21 to 29 January 2005 was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pa-

goda Road this morning.

Present were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, departmental officials, Chairman of Myanmar Travels Asso-

ciation and tour operators.

General Manager of the Traders' Hotel Mr Ramond Bragg reported on his trip to Langkawi Island.

The deputy minister and the director-general took part in the discussions on the ASEAN Tour-

ism Forum.

Arrangements for tour programmes in ASEAN region and European market will be made at the forum. To promote Myanmar as a tourist destination, "Myanmar Night" programme will also be included. — MNA

MTF hosts Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament dinner



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers a speech at the dinner to make opening of the Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament. — MNA

YANGON, 26 Oct — Myanmar Tennis Federation held a dinner to mark the opening of the first Myanmar Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament Grade-5 at Traders Hotel here this evening.

Present at the dinner were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Chairman of Yangon City

Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Patron of MTF Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, departmental heads, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information Col Soe Win, Director (News) U Win Tin, President of MTF U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co Ltd), patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, presidents of sports federations, officials of International Tennis Federation, diplomats of foreign missions in Myanmar, specially invited guests, entrepreneurs, journalists, officials and managers, coaches and athletes of the participating teams in the under-18 tourney Australia, Chinese Taipei, England, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the United States, Canada, and the host Myanmar.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint made an address. The MTF patron presented certificates of honour to entrepreneurs who have provided assistance for the tournament.

The MTF president presented a gift to tournament referee Mr Punnet Gupta.

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Press conference on COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting held

YANGON, 26 Oct — A press conference on Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking Senior Officials Meeting to be hosted by Myanmar in Yangon from 27 to 29 October at Sedona Hotel, was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Police Brig-Gen Win Myaing of Myanmar Police Force, Director-General U Nyan Lin of the Consular, International Law and Treaties and Research Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, General Secretary Prof Daw Khin Aye Win of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation, Deputy Regional Manager Dr Su Su Tha Tun of UN Inter Agency Project on Human Trafficking in the Great Mekong Sub-region, Regional Information and Communication Officer Melissa Stewart, U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron U Hla Htwe of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, Chairman U Sao Kai Hpa and correspondents, Chief Editor U Tin Hlaing of Myanmar News Agency (Internal) and reporters and guests.

The officers explained the purpose of holding the meeting and measures being taken by the governments of Great Mekong Sub-region nations in cooperation with UNIAIP.

The officials answered queries raised by journalists at home and abroad and the press conference ended.

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Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspects gems and jade being displayed at Mid-Year Gem Emporium. (News on page 1) — MNA



Jade lot worth 1,810,000 euros being displayed at Mid-Year Gem Emporium. (News on page 1) — MNA

Tianchong-Myitkyina road project...

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PRC Mr Zhang Weijin and officials, representative of Tianchong-Myitkyina Road Construction Committee Mr Jiao Shinlon and members, invited guests and local people.

The ceremony started with U Zakhon Ting Ring of Kachin State Special Region 1 extending greetings, expressing his pleasure for the beginning of the road construction project.

In his speech, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe said that in its drive to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, with the specific objectives to steer its course, the Government of the Union of Myanmar has been striving to develop the

whole Union including border areas. It has laid down and is implementing the 24-development zone project covering the Myitkyina region in Kachin state as one of the zones. The road project reflects both the Sino-Myanmar friendly relations and unity between Government and the national races groups.

When completed, the road will help develop border trade between Myanmar and China and bring benefits to the national races of the border areas. Thanks to the efforts of Kachin State Special Region 2, the Liza-Myitkyina road has been upgraded. Likewise, Kachin State Special Region 1 is going to contribute to the development of Tianchong-Waingmaw-Myitkyina road. Thus, the main and sub-contractors are required specially to build the road meeting the set standard.

Mr Jiang Bachisia, Mr Hunyi and Mr Wan Saichun also made speeches.

Chief Engineer of Public Works U Maung Maung explained the purpose of the project, followed by the speeches of U Zaung Khaya and Mr Jiao Shinlon, honouring the project.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe exchanged gifts with Mr Jiang Bachisia and Mr Zhang Weijin and party of the PRC.

Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Chairman of Myitkyina District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myo Swe, U Zakhon Ting Ring and U Zaung Khaya, Chinese officials Mr Jiang Bachisia, Mr Hunyi, Deputy Mayor of Baosan Mr Yan Qinnan and Mr Zhang Weijin formally launched the project.

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Cooperative Products Exhibition opens

YANGON, 26 Oct — Cooperative Products Exhibition, organized by Ministry of Cooperatives, was opened this morning at the Cooperative Trade Centre (Saya San Plaza) in Bahan Township and Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min unveiled the billboard of the exhibition.

It was also attended by ministers, deputy ministers, commercial attaches of embassies in Yangon, chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, officials of the cooperative societies, social organizations and private economic enterprises and guests.

Director-General of the Cooperative Department U Soe Win and Chairman of the

Committee for construction of Cooperative Trade Centre (Sayasan Plaza) Dr Khin Shwe formally opened the exhibition.

Altogether 211 booths of cooperative societies from states and divisions, private companies and economic enterprises are opened there. At the exhibition, skill demonstrations of the hand-crafted materials including tapestries, earthen pots and wooden sculpture and traditional weaving of Palaung nationals in Shan State will be given. The exhibition last till 1 November and will be kept open from 9 am to 9 pm daily. With a view to developing the market for goods, securing the market for



Minister Col Zaw Min unveils the billboard of Cooperative Products Exhibition. — MNA

regional products from states and divisions and development of the production enterprises of states and divisions, the exhibition is organized for the second time this year.

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29 persons exchanged arms for peace in August, September

YANGON, 26 Oct — The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, is striving with might and main for national reconsolidation and making concerted efforts for equitable development of all the regions of the country.

Therefore, armed groups realizing correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the Government and realizing their destructive acts exchanged arms for peace in the embrace of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people individually or in groups in August and September.

Medic Maung Hla of KNPP armed group with a Winchester and five rounds of ammunition and Company Commander Kya Naw, Deputy Company Commander Ya Kha, Pwts Tar Wi, Paw Ne, Law Na, Pe To, Kha Kyu and Kya Nu of LDF armed group with two pistols, one carbine, one Winchester, one M-22 rifle, one rifle, four magazines and 43 rounds of ammunition exchanged arms for peace in Eastern Command area; Second-Lt Pho Laut, wife Naw Bu Ke, son Daw Kwe Mu, son Saw Le Hnan, daughter Naw Thay Thay and Naw Bae Kale Mu of No 4 brigade of KNU armed group with one

M-16 Rifle, nine rounds of ammunition; Coporal Aung Soe with two grenades, Ar Ye, a local, in No 11 Regiment with one grenade in Coastal Region Command area; Pvt Htan Saket, wife Ma Kyin Hlyan Ran, son Khaing Htan Hlyan, Pvt Da Ngo Ka Htan and Pvt Seik Pa Khaing of Zomi armed group in North-West Command area; Joint Secretary of Thandaung Township Administration Group Phado Saw To To and wife Naw Ki Be of KNU armed group in Southern Command area; member of the central committee of CNA armed group Salai Hone Maung (a) Shwe Nge, Aye Maung No 1 brigade of KNU armed group with one granade in South-East Command area; Pvt Arkar, Pvt Aik Mon and Pvt Mar Lu of SSRA armed group with one .38 pistol, one M-22 automatic rifle, two Winchesters, two magazines, 45 rounds of ammunition and one Walkie-talkie in Triangle Region Command area.

Officials of the respective camps warmly welcomed the 29 persons who exchanged arms for peace and fulfilled their needs. And, more persons in armed groups are willing to exchange arms for peace. — MNA



Ministers and officials view the booths of the Cooperative Products Exhibition. —UMFCCI

Sanitation, activities to control DHF carried out in Tamway

YANGON, 26 Oct—Activities to control dengue haemorrhagic fever were carried out in Kyaukmyaunggyi (Sanyia) Ward in Tamway Township this morning in cooperation with Yangon Division Health Department and health department of Yangon City Development Committee.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-

Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the works.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, officials of Health Department, Vice-Chairman of YCDC Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and members and departmental officials.

The commander, the mayor and officials arrived at the office of Tamway Township Development Affairs Department.

Head of Health Department of YCDC Dr Tin Maung Win, Head of

Tamway Township Health Department Dr Khin Than Mya and Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint reported on outbreaks of DHF in the townships, treatment, prevention, precaution measures in 20 wards and educative talks in schools.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo gave a supplementary report.

The commander and party inspected sanitation works and spraying insecticides.

They also met local people.—MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Turkmenistan counterpart

YANGON, 27 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Rashid Meredov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkmenistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Turkmenistan, which falls on 27 October 2004.—MNA

Minister inspects State High Schools in Mingaladon

YANGON, 26 Oct—Minister for Education U Than Aung, together with Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt, the director generals and officials, inspected Basic Education High School No 3 and No 4, Mingaladon, this morning.

The minister arrived at BEHS 3, Mingaladon, and viewed the books from the school library. He met the township education officer, the headmaster, teachers and members of the school board of trustees at the headmaster's office. He gave necessary instructions

and fulfilled the needs.

The Education Minister proceeded to BEHS 4, Mingaladon and met the township education officer, the headmistress and teachers.

The minister gave necessary instructions and inspected construction of the school buildings.

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Traditional Cultural...

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A total of eight contestants participated in the basic education level song composing contest.

Basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' and girls' and professional level guitar playing contests will be held tomorrow.

The professional

level women's orchestra contest continued at Padonma Theatre and four orchestra troupes participated in the contest. U Sein Satin and members of the panel of judges supervised the contest.

In the afternoon, the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' orchestra contest

continued and five orchestra troupes took part in it. Afterwards, the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' orchestra contest was held and four orchestra troupes participated in it. Leader of the central Judgement committee U Sein Hla Myaing and party supervised the orchestra contests.

Basic education

level (aged 10-15) and (aged 4-10) boys' individual orchestra contests will be held tomorrow at the same venue.

At the National Theatre, six Ozi troupes from states and divisions competed in the professional level Ozi contest and five troupes from states and divisions in the basic education level (aged 15-20) Ozi contest. The contest was supervised by leader of the panel of judges U Sein Ba Maw and party.

The amateur level Ozi contest and the basic education level (aged 5-10) Ozi contest will continue at the same venue tomorrow.

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Maung Phone Latyar of Yangon Division taking part in basic education level (aged 5-10) song composing contest. MNA



Than Latt War (a) U Hla Aye and party of Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



Sai Kaung Sit of Shan State taking part in basic education level (aged 5-10) modern song contest. — MNA

Junior World Ranking Tennis goes on

YANGON, 26 Oct — The first Myanmar Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament Grade-5 continued at Theinbyu Tennis Plaza here today.

Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, President of MTF U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co Ltd) and executives, guests and fans watched

the matches of the under-18 tourney. Four matches were held today and 36 boys' and girls' singles and doubles will be held tomorrow.

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Minister U Tin Winn receives Japanese Ambassador

YANGON, 26 Oct—Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister for Labour U Tin Winn received the Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odana to Myanmar at his

office this evening.

Also present at the call were Director General of Labour Department U Soe Nyunt and officials. MNA

Computer exams 7 and 14 Nov

YANGON, 26 Oct — Myanmar Computer Professionals Association (MCPA) will hold MCPA professional certification examination in Yangon and Mandalay on 14 November and

MCPA professional certification (Fundamental) examination in both cities on 7 the same month.

The examinations will be held in accord with the curricula of

Japan-Myanmar Cross Certification IT Engineer Exam. Latest date for application submission is 5 November. For more information contact MICT Park in Yangon or dial 652276. — MNA



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Coordination meeting on 6th Asian Wushu Championship held



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers an address at the coordination meeting on 6th Asian Wushu Championship. —NLM

YANGON, 26 Oct — A coordination meeting on the 6th Asian Wushu Championship was held in the National Indoor Stadium-1 this afternoon.

The championship will be held in Yangon from 20 to 28 November.

Present were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, members, president of Wushu Federation and officials.

President of the federation U Khin Maung Lay

reported on arrangements made in detail.

A general round of discussions then followed.

The minister and party inspected construction of the sports hall in South Okkalapa Township, progress of work, construction of the gate for the Padetha stadium and recreation garden.

They went to Yangon West District Stadium and inspected construction of entrance road, car park and finishing touches.

The minister then gave instructions.—MNA

Philippines takes seriously threat of major earthquakes

MANILA, 26 Oct— City planners in Manila are taking seriously the threat of a major earthquake after a two-year study by Japanese and Filipino seismologists while last Saturday's earthquake in Japan left 24 people dead. The research has caused a review of the capital's rescue units, and is calling for changes to the country's building code and land use laws, the Philippine Star daily on-line news Monday quoted Ramon Santiago, director for special operations and public safety of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, as saying. It would take just seconds to kill or wound 147,000 people, swallow up entire neighbourhoods by the ground, and mop up what is left of the Philippine capital in hundreds of fires.

"These are worst-case scenarios, and these are planning figures. These may not necessarily happen," Santiago said. But the figures are worrying nevertheless.

A 7.2-magnitude quake with the epicenter within city limits could kill up to 33,000 and destroy 175,000 of its 1.3 million-plus buildings, according to the Metropolitan Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study, completed in March.

As some 500 simultaneous fires erupt from the wreckage, doctors would triage the 114,000 injured outside Manila hospitals with a combined capacity of just 10,000 beds. Three million residents would flee the city. — MNA/Xinhua

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Chinese Vice-Premier meets Macao financial delegation

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju met here Monday with a Macao financial delegation headed by Anselmo Teng, president of the Monetary Authority of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR).

Huang said there has been strong economic and financial cooperation between Chinese Mainland and Macao. To strengthen such a cooperation is significant in maintaining the long-term stability and prosperity of Macao.

After China's accession to the World Trade Organization, Huang said, the banking sector in the Chinese Mainland faces more opportunities, and the Mainland hopes to reinforce the cooperation with Macao in financial service, product innovation and venture investment. China Banking Regulatory Commission Chairman Liu Mingkang and vice-president of the People's Bank of China Wu Xiaoling also attended the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

HK's mushrooms featured on stamps

HONG KONG, 26 Oct — Hong Kong's mushrooms will feature on a set of four stamps to be issued by Hongkong Post on November 23, said Postmaster-General Allan Chiang here Monday.

The new Mint Stamps include the Straw Mushroom at 1.40 HK dollars (0.18 US dollar), the Red-orange Mushroom at 2.40 HK dollars (0.31 US dollar), the Violet Marasmius at three HK dollars (0.38 US dollar) and the Lingzhi at five HK dollars (0.64 US dollar).

A convenient Souvenir Sheet comprises a complete set of the four stamps at 11.80 HK dollars (1.5 US dollars). There is also a Stamp Sheetlet at five HK dollars (0.64 US dollar) featuring the Hexagon Fungus together with

selected elements from the other four stamp images.

These colourful stamps offer a stylized representation of some of the better-known mushrooms found in Hong Kong.

"With the release of these new stamps, we ensure that this tradition of quality is maintained and also bring alive for the people of Hong Kong the beauty of the place in which we live," said Allan.

The stamps are designed by local artist Ken Li and printed by Joh Enschede BV in the Netherlands. —MNA/Xinhua



A horse takes a swim. A South African preacher baptised a thoroughbred racehorse called "Running Reverend" in front of his congregation in a controversial bid to raise church funds. —INTERNET

Macao's Pawnshop awarded UNESCO's Honourable Mention prize

MACAO, 26 Oct — The conservation of the Tak Seng On Pawnshop in Macao was awarded an Honourable Mention in the 2004 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards at a ceremony held at the site here on Monday.

With the prize, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognized the unique restoration of Tak Seng On Pawnshop, which was among 16 other sites awarded this year to represent the memory of the last millennium, said Richard Engelhardt, UNESCO Regional Advisor for Culture in Asia and the Pacific.

Engelhardt said that this year's competition for the award was intense. The pawnshop was selected from a shortlist of some 40 entries by the selection committee to set an example for extending the understanding of heritages

beyond the stereotype concepts of churches and temples.

He commented that with the award, UNESCO encouraged the coordinated effort of the private sector and the governments in restoring and conserving buildings of heritage value. Besides the value of the architecture, the pawnshop represents a living heritage.

The century-old pawnshop, which is a private asset revamped by the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) at a cost of 175,000 US dollars, opened to public as a pawnshop museum and a cultural club in March last year. —MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian Govt holds meeting on anthrax

JAKARTA, 26 Oct — Senior officials of the Indonesia's Agriculture Ministry held an emergency meeting Monday to discuss the possible anthrax outbreak that is suspected to have killed 11 people in West Java.

The meeting was held following report that anthrax has caused deaths at Citaringgul Village in West Java after people ate goat meat probably infected by the disease, reported Detikcom online news service.

The meeting is expected to result in a recommendation to Agriculture Minister Anton Apriantono for anticipatory moves to curb the outbreak.

Some residents from the same area are currently being treated at the Cibirong Hospital for possible anthrax. —MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to expand rubber cultivation by 0.4m hectares

BANGKOK, 26 Oct — The Department of Agriculture of Thailand unveiled plans to expand rubber cultivation by one million rai (0.4 million hectares) in north and north-eastern regions of the country, ending the southern region's stranglehold on the nation's rubber industry.

The plans form part of a government drive to increase rubber cultivation land over the next two years, with the development of 300,000 rai (1200 hectares) of new rubber plantations in the northern region and 700,000 rai (2800 hectares) in the northeast.

Chakan Saengrak-sawong, director-general of the Department of Agriculture, was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying on Monday that the

department had conducted satellite surveys of each province to determine land suitable for rubber cultivation.

This had shown that 25.16 million rai (100,640 hectares) of land in the northeast was suitable, and 7.55 million rai (30,200 hectares) in the north.

It is hoped that the promotion of rubber farming will boost agricultural incomes in rural areas.

MNA/Xinhua



An aerial view shows a collapsed warehouse, after a powerful earthquake hit in Yamakoshi village, in northwestern Japan on 24 Oct, 2004. Strong aftershocks shook northern Japan after the country's deadliest earthquake in nine years killed at least 21 people and injured more than . —INTERNET

Hainan Airlines and China Duty Free Group set up joint venture

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Hainan Airlines and China Duty Free Group have signed an agreement to set up a joint venture company dealing in duty-free goods, sources with the Hainan Airlines said here Monday.

The new company will provide passengers on Hainan Airlines with duty free goods, such as souvenirs, tobacco, wine, textiles, leather goods, perfume and jewellery.

Hainan Airlines has three regular international routes: Sanya to Seoul, Haikou to Bangkok and Beijing to Budapest. It also has irregular flights from Haikou to Singapore and Haikou to Osaka. It plans for more routes to Europe and the United States.

China Duty Free Group is the only licensed company to sell duty free goods nationwide.

MNA/Xinhua

Shaanxi Produces one-third of world's condensed apple juice

Xi'AN, 26 Oct — Northwest China's Shaanxi Province has become the largest condensed apple juice processing base in the world, with output accounting for one-third of the world's trade. Jia Zhibang, governor of the province, said that in the fruit season of 2003-2004, the output of squeezed apple juice in Shaanxi has reached 276,000 tons.

Shaanxi now has 18 processing companies with total production ability of 500,000 tons a year. Of the total, 90 per cent is produced for export.

According to Jia, Shaanxi's apple juice is mainly exported to Europe, North America, Middle East and Japan. The quality of the product has met the internationally-acknowledged standard, which is also adopted by

companies like Nestle and Heinz. Located at high altitude in an area without pollution, the Loess Plateau in the northern part of the province is regarded one of the most suitable places for planting apple trees in the world.

With planting area of 400,000 hectares, the gross output of apple in the province in 2004 is expected to reach 5.5 million tons, accounting for 10 per cent of the world's total. Ma Aiguo, Director of China Green Food Development Centre, said Shaanxi has become the largest green (organic) food production base in China after years of development. Total fruit growing area has reached 700,000 hectares and fruit export volume reaching 400,000 tons in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

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Carter says Bush exploited Sept 11 attacks for political gain

LONDON, 26 Oct—US President George W. Bush has exploited the September 11 attacks for political gain, former president Jimmy Carter said in an interview published on Monday.

Asked in an interview with Britain's Guardian newspaper why US polls were split over the war in Iraq, the former Democrat president said:

"I think the basic reason is that our country suffered, in 9/11, a terrible and shocking attack... and George Bush has been adroit at exploiting that attack and he has elevated himself, in the consciousness of many Americans, to a heroic commander-in-chief, fighting a global threat against America."

MNA/Reuters

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SEA BRIGHT VOY NO(663)

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၇။ Stainless Steel Pipe	800 ft

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Closing Date. - 25-11-2004 (Thursday) (12:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 26.10.2004 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 Ext - 602, 605,612

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Chinese CPPCC Chairman stresses relations with Portugal

BEIJING, 26 Oct — China and Portugal have witnessed the steady growth of bilateral relations since the forging of their diplomatic ties 25 years ago, said senior Chinese leader Jia Qinglin here Monday.

Jia, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), made the remarks while meeting with Jaime Gama, chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Portugal.

"Friendly relations between the two countries, based on mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit safeguard exchange and cooperation in various fields," Jia said.

Increasing economic and trade cooperation in recent years has greatly advanced the friendly relations between the two countries, he said. Jia expressed the hope that Portugal, as an important EU member, will make more contributions to the relations between China and the European Union.

After China resumed its sovereignty over Macao, Macao has become an important channel between China and other Portuguese-speaking countries, Gama said, and Portugal has always supported the efforts within the European Union to expand the relations between the EU and China. — MNA/Xinhua

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Internet users not as safe online as they believe

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct — Internet users at home are not nearly as safe online as they believe, according to a nationwide inspection by researchers. They found most consumers have no firewall protection, outdated antivirus software and dozens of spyware programmes secretly running on their computers.

One beleaguered home user in the government-backed study had more than 1,000 spyware programmes running on his sluggish computer when researchers examined it.

Bill Mines, a personal trainer in South Riding, Virginia, did not fare much better. His family's 3-year-old Dell computer was found infected with viruses and more than 600 pieces of spyware surreptitiously monitoring his online activities. "I was blown away," Mines said. "I had a lot of viruses and other things I didn't know about. I had no idea things like this could happen."

The Internet always has had its share of risky neighbourhoods and dark alleys. But with increasingly so-

phisticated threats from hackers, viruses, spam e-mails and spyware, trouble is finding computer users no matter how cautiously they roam online. The technology industry is feeling the pain, too.

Spurred by the high costs of support calls from irritated customers — and fearful that frustrated consumers will stop buying new products — Internet providers, software companies and computer-makers are making efforts to increase awareness of threats and provide customers with new tools to protect themselves. Still, many computer users appear remarkably unprepared for the dangers they face.

The study being released Monday by America

Online and the National Cyber Security Alliance found that 77 per cent of 326 adults in 12 states assured researchers in a telephone poll they were safe from online threats. Nearly as many people felt confident they were already protected specifically from viruses and hackers.

When experts visited those same homes to examine computers, they found two-thirds of adults using antivirus software that was not updated in at least seven days. Two-thirds of the computer users also were not using any type of protective firewall programme, and spyware was found on the computers of 80 per cent of those in the study. The survey participants, a cross-section of

Internet users, were selected in 22 cities and towns by an independent market analysis organization, said AOL spokesman Andrew Weinstein. The alliance, a nonprofit group, is backed by the US Homeland Security Department and the Federal Trade Commission, plus leading technology companies, including Cisco Systems Inc, Microsoft Corp, eBay Inc and Dell Inc.

The group's chief, Ken Watson, said consumers suffer from complacency and a lack of expert advice on keeping their computers secure. "Just like you don't expect to get hit by a car, you don't believe a computer attack can happen to you," Watson said.

MNA/AP

Human proteome research will lead to more new medicines

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Research of human proteome will greatly increase the number of new medicines in the next two decades, said John Bergeron, president of the Human Proteome Organization (HUPO), here Monday.

Bergeron said the Human Proteome Project, launched by the HUPO in 2001, will discover 5,000 functional proteins in 20 years, providing opportunities to find cures for deadly diseases such as cancer.

Following the Human Genome Project, which finished in the late 1990s, the proteome project is another global bio-scientific collaboration. Proteins are the basic components of human organs.

Scientists hold that if they can decode the secret of human proteins, they will be able to unveil the rules of human life and the pathology of many diseases. The 2,000 medicines

so far developed by human beings are based on 500 proteins. Samir Hanash, a professor from the University of Michigan in the United States, said the whole scientific world used to think that the sources of disease would be found if the human gene sequences were mapped out. "But we were wrong," he said.

He acknowledged said scientists only managed to understand 10 per cent of the total function of human genes and the remaining 90 per cent remained unknown. "What we need to do now is to understand them on the protein level," said Hanash, the previous HUPO president.

MNA/Xinhua



Tunnel vision : One of the art decorated exits in the tunnels of Stockholm's "Sodra Lanken" (Southern Link) that was opened to traffic after seven years of construction to a cost of around 880 million euros.—INTERNET

Zambia should not wait until 2015 to eradicate poverty

LUSAKA, 25 Oct — Zambia should not wait until 2015 to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) target of eradicating poverty, Vice-President Lupando Mwape has said.

Mwape was quoted by *Sunday Post* as saying 2015 was too far away for Zambia to eradicate poverty. He said 2015 was too far to reduce by half the number of people affected by chronic hunger in the country.

"How can we justify our continued leadership of our country if the elimination of poverty and chronic hunger is not at

the very centre of our agenda for this nation," he added.

He said the emphasis on agriculture would achieve the goal of eliminating hunger. But Mwape noted that the development of agriculture could only be achieved if there was corresponding infra-structural development in the sector.

Zambia is one of

the least developed countries in the world and about half of its population live below the poverty line.

The MDGs are contained in the millennium declaration adopted by the United Nations millennium summit in September 2000. They include eradicating extreme poverty and hunger. —MNA/Reuters

Mali to supply food to villagers who lost their harvests to locusts

BAMAKO, 25 Oct — Mali's government said on Saturday it could supply enough food for villagers who watched locusts devour their harvests and that the threat posed by the insects had largely subsided.

Aid workers are beginning to assess the damage caused by the worst desert locust infestation for more than a decade in West and Central Africa. It has affected a vast area stretching from the Atlantic coast to landlocked Chad.

"We can announce the very good news that there has been a real lull (in locust infestation) in most areas," government spokesman Ousman Thiam told broadcast media.

"There won't be any catastrophe linked to these concerns over food security because we have already taken precautions."

The government estimates locusts have consumed about 441,000 tons of cereals.

Annual production was forecast at about 3 million tons for the 2004/2005 harvest in the country of roughly 12 million people. Mali, Niger, Senegal and Mauritania and Chad have suffered in this year's latest locust plague, prompting warnings from aid workers that they will need large amounts of food aid.

Aid workers said on Monday the ravaging locust swarms which have since headed north are

likely to return in 2005, raising the prospect of more lost harvests.

MNA/Reuters

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SPORTS

Inter hold Milan to 0-0 draw

MILAN, 25 Oct—Inter held champions AC Milan to a 0-0 draw in the Milan derby on Sunday, doing neither side much good in their bid to catch Serie A leaders Juventus.

The result was the first time the derby, in a league fixture, had ended goalless since 1989 and ended Milan's run of four straight wins in the clash.

Juventus have a five-point advantage over Milan and early season surprise packages Lecce, while Inter, unbeaten but with five draws from seven games, are eight points behind the leaders.

While there were no goals to entertain capacity crowd of nearly 80,000 at the San Siro, both sides created opportunities and the game produced great entertainment.

In the end, though, the two prolific strikers on show, Inter's powerful Brazilian Adriano and Milan's Ukrainian Andriy Shevchenko, were mastered by their markers and suffered from a lack of incisive service.

MNA/Reuters

Arsenal's record run of 49 unbeaten matches ended

MANCHESTER (England), 25 Oct—Manchester United beat Arsenal 2-0 to end the champions' record run of 49 unbeaten Premier League matches and re-ignite their own title challenge.

A controversial Ruud van Nistelrooy penalty and a late Wayne Rooney goal secured a priceless victory for United who became the first team since Leeds United on May 4, 2003 to beat the Gunners in the league.

The two Premier League heavyweights had slugged it out toe to toe in

pouring rain in front of a passionate crowd of almost 68,000 without creating any clear chances until Rooney tripped over the trailing leg of his England teammate Sol Campbell with 17 minutes remaining.

Van Nistelrooy, who hit the bar with a penalty in the goalless draw in last

season's corresponding fixture, found the target in the 73rd minute by sending goalkeeper Jens Lehmann the wrong way with a low shot to his left.

Rooney completed the win — and capped a memorable 19th birthday — with a breakaway goal three minutes into injury time created by substitutes Louis Saha and Alan Smith. The England forward scored with ease from close-range to send Old Trafford into ecstasy.

Rooney, coincidentally, had helped end a previous Arsenal unbeaten run when, as an Everton player, he scored the winner in a 2-1 victory over Arsenal in October 2002 which halted the Gunners' 30-match streak without defeat.

Arsenal still lead the league on 25 points from 10 matches, two clear of Chelsea, but United are back in contention on 17 — and have not lost in 13 league and cup matches since being beaten 1-0 at Chelsea on the first day of the season.

MNA/Reuters

Stuttgart reclaim top spot in Bundesliga

BERLIN, 25 Oct—VfB Stuttgart squandered a chance to reclaim top spot in the Bundesliga on Sunday, losing their first match of the season with an unexpectedly weak showing against lowly SC Freiburg 2-0.

Georgia striker Alexandre Iashvili beat Timo Hildebrand in the 35th minute, the first goal the Germany reserve keeper had yielded in 536 minutes, and Soumaila Coulibaly sealed the south-western derby in stoppage time with a free kick.

The defeat left Stuttgart in second place with 20 points from nine matches, one point behind surprise leaders VfL Wolfsburg who beat VfL Bochum 3-0 on Saturday.

It was only the second win of the season for Freiburg, struggling to field a team with six players sidelined by flu. It also ended a three-match losing streak and lifted them from 16th place to 12th.

"We were asleep for the whole first half," said Stuttgart's Phillip Lahm. "We did far too little against Freiburg. We can't allow that to happen."

Stuttgart trainer Matthias Sammer said Freiburg outplayed his side, which he said had not fully recovered from their 5-1 UEFA Cup victory on Thursday against SK Beveren.

"Freiburg were more aggressive than we were from the start," Sammer said. "It wasn't that we didn't have the right attitude. It was more we lacked a bit of energy after the UEFA Cup match."

Freiburg coach Volker Finke said he was not as worried about the losing streak as he was about his illness decimated team.

"We had difficulty getting together enough healthy players," Finke said. "Considering we were stretched like that it was better that we faced an opponent from the top of the table. Everyone was totally motivated against Stuttgart."

MNA/Reuters



Chinese football sensation Dong Fangzhou seen here playing for Dalian Shide, which abandoned a match against Shenyang Jinde in protest at the referee on Sunday.—INTERNET

Sevilla move up into 2nd place in Primera Liga

MADRID, 25 Oct—Sevilla moved up into second place in the Primera Liga on Sunday after spectacular goals from Aitor Ocio and Julio Baptista earned them a 2-1 victory at home to Atletico Madrid.

Joaquin Caparros' young side made it four home wins out of four as they overpowered the visitors with their mixture of intense and skilful football.

Ocio put them ahead with just 11 minutes on the clock when he unleashed a thunderbolt shot from a metre outside the area after Atletico midfielder Jorge had conceded a free kick.

Brazil international Julio Baptista added a second with a brilliantly taken individual goal seven minutes after the break.

Receiving the ball just inside the Atletico half the burly striker shrugged off one tackle, powered his way towards the area, checked inside defender Pablo Ibanez

and smashed an unstoppable shot past keeper Leo Franco.

Atletico gained a late consolation when Ibanez smashed home from close range after a goalmouth scramble in injury time.

The win allowed the Andalucians to leapfrog champions Valencia and move to within two points of Barcelona at the top of the table.

The performance of the day came from Argentine midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme, who scored one goal and made two to direct Villarreal to a 4-0 victory over struggling Numancia.

MNA/Reuters

Juventus extends lead at top of Serie A

MILAN, 25 Oct—Alessandro Del Piero struck twice as Juventus extended their lead at the top of Serie A to six points ahead of Sunday's Milan derby.

Fabio Capello's side struggled during the first half before Del Piero, who has been sidelined with an Achilles tendon injury, provided the breakthrough eight minutes after the break.

Brazilian Emerson crossed and Del Piero pounced on Zlatan Ibrahimovic's header down to fire Juve in front.

Del Piero doubled the lead seven minutes later when he drove home a right-foot shot after good work from overlapping full-back Jonathan Zebina.—MNA/Reuters

S Korean scores first goal for PSV Eindhoven

AMSTERDAM, 25 Oct—South Korean Lee Young-pyo scored the first goal and set up the second as leaders PSV Eindhoven beat Ajax 2-0 and Arouna Kone hit a hat-trick for Roda JC Kerkrade in the Dutch first division on Sunday.

Second-placed Feyenoord thrashed RKC Waalwijk 4-0 to stay level with PSV at the top on 22 points, while Ajax sank to sixth seven points behind after nine matches.

Heerenveen are fifth after a 2-1 win over Utrecht. The two teams are level on 16 points but Utrecht are fourth on goal difference.

AZ Alkmaar are third on 18 points after a 3-0 win away to Vitesse Arnhem on Saturday.

PSV, without injured Brazilian Alex, opened the scoring six minutes before the break when Lee fired a shot from outside the box and goalkeeper Bogdan

Lobont failed to cover the near post.

Four minutes into the second half John de Jong headed a cross by Lee home to double the lead.

Both sides ended the game with their reserve goalkeepers after Lobont and PSV's Gomes both had to be carried off on a stretcher with knee and groin injuries respectively.

Dutch international Romeo Castelen gave Feyenoord an early lead when he scored after 10 minutes from a pass by Dirk Kuijt.

Bart Goor with a double and Kuijt sealed Feyenoord's win in the second half.—MNA/Reuters



Roma vs Palermo : AS Roma's defender Matteo Ferrari (L) vies with Palermo's forward Luca Toni during their Italian Serie A football match, at Rome's Olympic Stadium.—INTERNET

Japanese Govt making every effort for quake relief

OJIYA (Japan), 26 Oct — Helicopters lifted people to safety and soldiers handed out food and water as more tremors jolted northern Japan on Monday, arousing fears of another powerful earthquake after the country's deadliest in a decade killed at least 25 people.

A strong quake with a magnitude of 5.6 shook rural Niigata Prefecture, about 150 miles north of Tokyo, two days after the first big tremor, which also injured more than 2,200.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said an increase in aftershocks meant there was a 40-percent chance of an earthquake of magnitude 6.0 or greater in the area in the next week.

Saturday's initial quake had a magnitude of 6.8.

Forecasts of rain for the evening raised the prospect of more landslides, threatening to hamper rescue efforts. The Meteorological Agency warned that even relatively light rain might set off landslides

and the authorities in Ojiya, one of the worst affected towns, urged more people to evacuate.

"Landslides are a worry," said a Niigata government official. "In addition, it is already very cold at night for people who are camped outside, and if it rains, this will get even worse."

Tens of thousands of people across the region had spent a second night in shelters or in the open air as the temperature fell below 10 Celsius (50 Fahrenheit) overnight. Some slept in their cars.

"There has been big damage to lifelines of electricity, gas and water and many people are at evacuation centres, unable to go home," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda told reporters.

"The government is making every effort ... for disaster relief and reconstruction so that those affected can return to their livelihoods with peace of mind," he said, adding the government would approve extra spending if

needed.

The quakes follow a record 10 typhoons to hit Japan this year, including one that killed at least 80 people last week.

The tremor on Monday, which struck at 6:05 a.m. (2105 GMT on Sunday), was one of hundreds of aftershocks since the initial quake, and was felt strongly in Tokyo.

Nearly 1,000 soldiers were dispatched for rescue and relief, and military helicopters airlifted people from the village of Yamakoshi, where hundreds were stranded by landslides triggered by Saturday's initial quake.

"I have no food. I have nothing to drink. I have no change of clothes for my children. But I'm relieved," said a young woman after being rescued. As of Monday morning, the number of people evacuated had risen to about 97,000, national broadcaster NHK said.

MNA/Reuters

Andean countries, US begin new round of FTA negotiations

QUITO, 26 Oct —

The fifth round of negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA) between the United States and the bloc of Andean countries formed by Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, started Monday at the Ecuadorian city of Guayaquil.

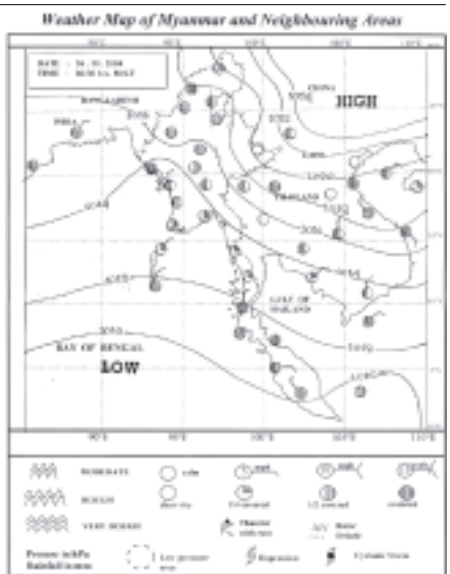
Over 1,500 people, including delegates, chief negotiators and experts, participated in the negotiations. Andean countries are pressing for the best possible treatment for their products and services in the US

market.

During the talks expected to end Friday, the negotiators will try to hammer out differences over market access, intellectual property, government procurement, labour, investment safeguards, technical regulations, agriculture, financial services and rules of origin.

The United States wants the FTA to be ready by January 2005, when seven rounds of negotiations will be completed.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 26 October, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 25-10-2004 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 26-10-2004 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 26-10-2004 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 25-10-2004 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 26-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (112.24 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.29 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Northeast at (10:40) hours MST on 25-10-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-10-2004: Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

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

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-10-2004: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-10-2004: Generally fair weather.

Canada, Mexico to enhance bilateral relations

OTTAWA, 26 Oct — Canadian and Mexican leaders issued a joint statement here Monday, pledging to strengthen and enhance strategic bilateral partnership in the region.

The joint statement issued by Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin and visiting Mexican President Vicente Fox, said North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) continues to be the basis for a strong North American economy.

Within this economic framework, Canada has grown to become Mexico's second largest export market and Mexico is Canada's sixth.

The two leaders believed that the two country will continue to seek opportunities to make the most of

the advantages offered by the NAFTA.

Accompanied by an important delegation of ministers, parliamentarians and business people, Fox came to Ottawa on a three-day working visit to Canada.

According to the statement, the Canada-Mexico Partnership, a high-level public-private forum has been launched to strengthen bilateral economic and policy cooperation and promote private and public sector dialogue at senior levels.

"This initiative will serve as a mechanism for identifying policy areas in which we can facilitate cooperation and enhance opportunities for economic development and investment," the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua



Wednesday, October 27
View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မဟာဝသမြတ်စွာ (ပထမပိုင်း)

8:10 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:20 am

6. စာသင်ရပ်စာအုပ်အစဉ်

8:25 am

7. မြေဖြူကြွယ်ဝသောအနုပညာ

8:30 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm

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5:15 pm

6. Song of national races

5:30 pm

7. ဂီတမဟာဗျူဟာ

5:45 pm

8. ဝိသုဒ္ဓိတေးများ

6:00 pm

9. ရွယ်ယံလင် အာဆီယံအစဉ်

6:10 pm

10. Discovery

6:15 pm

11. ကျောက်ဆည်မြို့ ဆင်ယူပွဲအစဉ်

6:30 pm

12. Evening News

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. Strong and Healthy Myanmar

7:20 pm

15. Religious song

7:35 pm

16. ဆင်ယူပွဲအစဉ် မကျော်မြသည့်အားဖြင့်

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International News

19. Weather report

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22. The next day's

programme



Wednesday, October 27

Tune in today:

8:30 am

Brief news

8:35 am

Music: I want you to want me

8:40 am

Perspectives

8:45 am

Music: Love to infinity

8:50 am

National news/Slogan

9:00 am

Music: - ET

9:10 am

Music: -Let's say together

1:30 pm

News/Slogan

1:40 pm

Lunch time music

-Take me home

country road

-May be I'm right

-The sound of

goodbye

-I want it that way

Variations on a tune

-Right here waiting

for you

Article/Music

Music at your

request

-Moments

-May be baby

-Last thing on my

mind

-Turn back time

News/Slogan

9:45 pm

10:00 pm

PEL

Commander, Mayor inspects upgrading tasks of Yangon City

YANGON, 26 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn this morning inspected upgrading of roads in the capital and fulfilled the requirements.

They inspected the progress of tarring of Sule Pagoda Road in Kyauktada Township and Kanpat Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. They also looked into construction of pavements, wooden walkway and progress of the construction of wooden bridge linking Paganlon Island and Khemadipa Island in Kandawgyi Garden and replacing of stone slabs in front of Kandawgyi Garden.

Head of the Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) of YCDC U Bo Htay reported to them on tasks being carried out and future tasks.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects upgrading of road in Yangon City. — YANGON COMMAND

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn urged the officials concerned to accelerate work on upgrading tasks. — MNA

Minister inspects sugar mill, construction of dams

YANGON, 26 Oct — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, accompanied by departmental officials, on 22 October met departmental staff, officials of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise, factory managers, zone managers and business

visited No 6 Sugar Mill (Yedashe). He inspected the warehouses. At the briefing hall of the mill, the minister heard a report by the mill manager on production target, purchase of sugarcane and maintenance of machinery.

Director-General U Kyaw San Win also reported on construction progress of the dam, storage of water in the dam and collaborative works done with other departments. The minister gave instructions to officials on earlier completion of the project and safety of the work site. He went round the project site and inspected construction works and thriving the paddy fields stretching 300 acres. In meeting with farmers, the minister gave instructions on initiating triple cropping per year, yield of one hundred baskets of paddy per acre and systematic use of fertilizers.

Afterwards, the minister went to the Agricultural Research Department in Yezin Village where Director-General Dr Tin Soe reported on boosting of crops yield, conservation of natural resources, conducting of research on hybrid crops.

The minister next stressed the need for development of farming techniques.

The minister proceeded to Myohla (Tatkon) Dam project site, six miles from the west of Nyaunglont Village in Tatkon Township. Director (Design) of the Irrigation Department U Ohn Khaing reported on feasible study for construction of the dam and projected greening tasks.

The minister then met engineers and local people and inspected construction of the dam and rural development works. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Paunglaung Dam project on 23 October. — A & I

entrepreneurs at the office of Myanma Agriculture Service in Toungoo, Bago Division, gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs.

On 23 October, the minister viewed the thriving monsoon paddy plantations in Yedashe Township and

Next, the minister attended to the needs.

The minister and party went to the Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project site. Director of Construction-5 of the Irrigation Department U Victor reported on construction tasks. Irrigation Department



Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 26 Oct — The 13th-day programmes of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the designated venues today.

The song contest was held at the National Museum on Pyay Road, the song composing contest at Kanbawza Theatre on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and the

music contest at Padonma and National Theatres.

Among the audience were Member of the patrons of the organizing committee for performing arts competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice Chairman of the organizing committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee for organizing the Competitions No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, officials of the respective committees and enthusiasts.

At the National Museum, Chairperson of

the Panel of Judges for Song Contest 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. Altogether 12 contestants participated in the professional level women's oldies and modern song contest. And, 14 contestants took part in the basic education level boys' (aged 5-10) oldies and modern song contest.

Altogether 15 contestants participated at the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' religious song contest.

Amateur level

men's classical song contest and basic education level girls' (aged 5-10) contest will continue at the National Museum tomorrow.

Chairman of the Panel of Judges Bogale U Tint Aung and members supervised the song composing contest at Kanbawza Theatre.

Altogether eight contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 5-10) song composing contest.

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Daw Hla Hla Khaing of Ayeyawady Division taking part in professional level (women) orchestra contest. — MNA

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