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## Senior General Than Shwe welcomes Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on State visit

YANGON, 8 March — At the invitation of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe, President of the Republic of India His Excellency Dr APJ Abdul Kalam arrived here by special aircraft this afternoon to pay a State visit to the Union of Myanmar.

An Indian goodwill delegation led by President of the Republic of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, ministers, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India U Kyi Thein, the Director-General of the Protocol Department and departmental heads, Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and embassy staff.



Senior General Than Shwe greets Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at Yangon International Airport.— MNA



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The special aircraft carrying the Indian delegation led by Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam landed at Yangon International Airport at 3.15 pm. Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department and Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra boarded the special aircraft and welcomed the Indian President.

The Indian President was accorded a 21-gun salute.

Senior General Than Shwe greeted Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at the ramp.

Schoolgirls welcomed the Indian goodwill delegation by waving miniature flags of the two countries and shouting slogans at the airport.

Senior General Than Shwe introduced his entourage to the Indian President. The Indian President cordially greeted the schoolgirls.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Take an active part in rural development tasks

Now is the time when the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in unity for all-round development of the nation and higher living standard of the people. In doing so, priority is being given to development of border and rural areas. Hence, the 24-region special development plan and the five rural development tasks are being implemented.

In accordance with the guidance on rural development by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, efforts are being made to ensure easy and smooth transport, sufficient water supply for drinking and agricultural purposes in rural areas, higher standard of health and education and economic development there.

A tarred road 1,100 feet long was put into commission at Pwayhla model village, Pindaya Township, Shan State (South) on 14 February. Moreover, 2,500-foot-long road linking Pwayhla and Pwintlan villages, 2,000-foot-long Shaukpin road, 1,500-foot-long Setkyar road and 3,000-foot-long road linking Wartaya and Shaukpin villages have been built.

Pwayhla model village has a station hospital and there are four rural clinics in the Pwayhla village-tract. The doctor of the station hospital and health staff from rural clinics are providing health care to rural people.

As roads linking villages contribute a lot to rural development, they are being built in various regions. The 12,000-foot-long gravel road linking Don village in Nantaing village-tract and Pawke village in Lamine village-tract in Kalaw Township in Shan State (South) was opened on 24 February.

As more and more roads linking villages have been opened, rural people are now able to go from one place to another easily. National races living in Kalaw township sell their regional products. With better transportation, business in the region has become brisk.

The government is building roads and bridges for better transportation that is important to rural development and, as local people and social organizations are taking part in these tasks, great strides have been achieved in regional development work.

We would like to call on regional authorities, local people and social organizations to take an active part in rural development tasks being carried out in accordance with the guidance by the Head of State.



Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board accepted K 100,000 from Daw Khin Nyo Nyo and family of 138, Letwethondara Street, Ward 32, Dagon Myothit (North), recently. —H

## 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



Senior General Than Shwe welcomes Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at the airport. (News on page 1) — MNA

### Minister goes on inspection tour of Mandalay Division

YANGON, 8 March — Accompanied by Director-General of Livestock and Veterinary Department U Maung Maung Nyunt and officials concerned, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein went on an inspection tour of the farm that belongs to livestock breeding entrepreneur U Khin Maung who was raising a number of 400 cows in Nyaungbintha village, Meiktila Township, Mandalay Division on 4th March morning.

Upon arrival at Fisheries Camp No 2 of Fisheries Department in Kume, Myinttha Township, the minister made arrangements concerning the reports presented by In-charge U Aung Aung and inspected fish breeding tasks in the camp.

Next, the minister and party proceeded to Government Technological College under the Ministry of Science and Technology in Kyaukse. The minister made arrangements concerning the reports presented by officials concerned and viewed a laboratory, a banana plantation, a medicinal herb plantation and a breeding farm.

Afterwards, the minister and party went to Myabayin Dairy Factory in Kyaukse and viewed round there.

After that, the minister and party arrived at Sunye lake. In connection with the reports, the minister made arrangements to fulfill the needs and viewed round there. — MNA

### Commerce win over F&R 1-0, Forestry demolish Sunye 4-1

YANGON, 8 March — Myanmar League's remaining matches continued at Aung San Stadium and Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) at 3.30 pm today. Commerce won over F&R with 1-0 while Forestry demolished Sunye with 4-1.

**Aung San Stadium**  
**Commerce 1**  
**F&R 0**  
**Referee U Win Cho**

Commerce could show off its superb skills and it could block efforts from F&R in the present match. Commerce broke F&R's unbeaten run record after victory over 1-0 and it defended its second place. F&R defended a championship trophy with unbeaten run for two consecutive years. But F&R lost to Commerce by 0-1. F&R missed unbeaten run record and its players Lwin Oo and Tun Tun Win were injured in the match. F&R substituted injured players Soe Myat Min, Yan Paing and

Kyaw Thura whereas Commerce got rid of Mar La, Kyaw Zin Win and injured player Bo Bo Aung. But both teams used to play as violent as a storm whenever they encountered.

Commerce beat F&R during 2002-2003. Both teams were held to a draw during 2003-2004. Commerce lost to F&R during 2004-2005.

At the start of the match, Commerce set up with several attacks and put pressure on its opponents F&R. Ya Zar Win Thein scored the opening a Myo Hlaing Oo pass from a close range through F&R defender Aung Kyaw Myint's mistake. F&R was out of rhythm and substituted Myo Hlaing Win in the place of Kyaw Kyaw Khine at 38th minute to raise its gear. Commerce won over 1-0 in the first half.

After the break, Commerce was in defensive play and depended on

counter balls. Myo Hlaing Win took a header from a Soe Lin Tun cross and it hit the goal post at 26th minute. The results remained unchanged until the match was up.

F&R stood first on Myanmar League standings with 13 wins, one draw and one loss in 15 matches on 40 points ahead of Commerce second with 10 wins, four draws and one loss on 34 points.

(Thuwunna)  
**Forestry 4 - Sunye 1**

Forestry had six wins, two draws and seven losses in 15 matches on 20 points and it stayed eighth place on the standings while Sunye had four wins, five draws and six losses and it was at 11th place on the standings.

**Tomorrow's Fixtures**  
**(Aung San)**  
**Transport Vs Rail Transportation**  
**(Thuwunna)**  
**YCDC Vs Army (A)**

NLM



Myo Hlaing Win of F&R dribbling past defender Moe Win of Commerce. — NLM



Egrets fly over a pond in a suburb of Xiangfan in China's Hubei Province on 7 March, 2006. Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu has warned that China could see more human cases of bird flu during the spring season when migratory birds return, increasing the risk of spreading the virus.

INTERNET

### Hong Kong keeps alert against bird flu

HONG KONG, 7 March—Hong Kong Government on Sunday continues to be on high alert against bird flu as a man in the neighbouring Guangdong Province died of H5N1. An expert in Guangdong Province confirmed that the man, aged 32, caught fever and pneumonia symptoms last month and died of H5N1 infection.

Donald Tsang, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, said in Beijing that Hong Kong already has taken measures to prevent a possible breakout of bird flu, and the government will keep close contact with Guangdong Province and the Ministry of Health to watch the latest development of the bird disease.—MNA/Xinhua

### WHO prepares defences against flu pandemic threat

GENEVA, 7 March—The global spread of bird flu is unprecedented and the threat of a human pandemic will not go away, but the world is not totally defenceless, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

Speaking at the start of a three-day meeting of experts called to sharpen the global response to any human outbreak, the WHO's top influenza official said the first thing would be to try to stamp it out before it really took hold.

If that failed, the next move would be to attempt to curtail its spread and avoid the high death toll and economic devastation that a full blown pandemic would bring, said Margaret Chan.

"When a notoriously unpredictable virus like the influenza virus is given unprecedented opportunities, we must be prepared to see some surprises," she said in opening remarks to the meeting at the WHO headquarters in Geneva.

"But we are not without defences, if we act collectively right now," she added. Some 30 epidemiologists, virologists, and laboratory experts will take part in the talks, along with health officials from affected countries. The aim is to further hone the WHO's draft "pandemic containment strategy", which calls for using quarantines and Swiss firm Roche's antiviral Tamiflu in the frontline against the threat.—MNA/Reuters

## China becomes world's largest platinum jewels consumer

BEIJING, 7 March—China has overtaken Japan to become the world's largest platinum ornaments consumer. "The skyrocketing world price of noble metals has not affected the sale of platinum ornaments," said Lin Ziyuan, president of the World Platinum Association China Region, quoted by the *Beijing Daily* on Monday.

The report did not elaborate on the amount consumed by China, but said that a survey found there has been no change in Chinese consumers' preference for platinum jewels. The sales of platinum jewels rose 10 per cent in China in a 30-

day period before and after the Spring Festival, China's Lunar New Year, which fell on 29 January this year. An earlier report said the platinum wedding rings, considered symbols for lasting romances, were in short supply in Beijing as an increasing number of young Chinese flocked to marriage registration

organs after the nation entered the Year of the Dog, which is believed propitious for marriage.

Platinum is mainly used to make auto-catalysts and jewellery, items which have experienced a boom in demand in new Chinese and Indian markets.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese electronics maker Hitachi Ltd's robots, called EMIEW, stand at a hotel lobby as they greet guests as hotel staff in Urayasu, near Tokyo, on 6 March, 2006.—INTERNET

## Drug agents targeting Afghan opium poppies

KABUL, 7 March—Springtime is on the way and already hundreds of farmers are tending pale green shoots of Afghanistan's chief crop and economic mainstay: opium poppies.

It looks to be a bumper year. Some 320,000 acres are currently blanketed in rows of dandelion-like sprouts that eventually produce almost 90 per cent of the world's heroin. But drug agents are counterattacking. An army of 500 tractor-driving Afghans hopes to plow the plants under before producers grow powerful enough to corrupt the

country's fledgling government.

"There's going to be a continuous effort in spring and summer," US Army Lt Gen. Karl Eikenberry, the top American commander in Afghanistan, said in an interview on Tuesday with *The Associated Press*. The dramatic increase in poppy cultivation since US forces ousted the Taliban from power in late 2001 has caused alarm in the West, particularly Europe, the destination of most of the drugs. Only a fraction of the output is consumed inside Afghanistan.—Internet



Afghan security officers stand-by as a tractor eradicates opium poppies from a field in the Shinwar District of Nangarhar Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 6 March, 2006.—INTERNET

### Study says folic acid blunts severity of birth defects

CHICAGO, 7 March — Folic acid in the diet not only helps prevent birth defects but also improves the survival chances of children born with them,

researchers reported on Monday. A look at more than 2,800 infants born with spina bifida between 1998 and 2001 found that 92 per cent of them

survived the first year of life. That compared to 90 per cent prior to 1998, when folic acid was added to grains for fortification. MNA/Reuters

## HK suspends import of live poultry from Guangdong Province

HONG KONG, 7 March —Hong Kong decided to suspend the import of live poultry from neighbouring Guangdong Province starting from Sunday night after receiving a notification by the Ministry of Health on a confirmed case of human infection of H5N1 avian influenza virus in Guangzhou, Guangdong's capital.

A spokesman for the Hong Kong Health, Welfare and Food Bureau said that the bureau had discussed with the State General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine on adjusting the arrangement of live

poultry and birds supply to Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Government decided to suspend the supply of live poultry and pet birds from the Guangdong Province for three weeks to allow the relevant authorities to conduct comprehensive investigations though there was no avian influenza outbreak in Guangdong so far. According to the spokesman, if it is confirmed that there has been no additional human infection case and that there is no outbreak of avian influenza in live poultry farms in Guangdong, the supply of live poultry and birds will be resumed.—MNA/Xinhua

## Transport by Qinghai-Tibet Railway is most expensive

**XINING, 7 March— Travelling along the Qinghai-Tibet Railway — the highest in the world will be more costly than any other railroad in China, according to a State Development and Reform Commission report.**

The study of the provisional fares levied on the service along the Golmud-Lhasa section of the railway revealed that prices for soft seats, hard sleepers and soft berths will be 0.09 yuan, 0.1 yuan and 0.16 yuan more expensive in terms of person/per kilometre than the state's regular pricing standards. Hard seat prices will be the same.

The fare for cargo transport is 0.12 yuan more expensive in terms of ton/per kilometre than the standard rate.

The provisional pricing

for cargo and passenger transport on the plateau railway will be fixed and finalized after it is approved by the State Council, the country's highest government body, sources from the commission said.

The 1,956-kilometre-long Qinghai-Tibet rail route, linking the capital city of Xining in northwest Qinghai Province to Lhasa, capital of Tibet Autonomous Region, across the 5,000-metre-high mountain ranges, was completed in mid-October last year. It is taken as a

national success for making the seemingly impossible possible.

The railway will promote cultural and economic exchanges between the landlocked Tibet and the outside world and will enhance the region's self-development capacity.

Cargo transport service on the plateau railroad began on a trial basis on 1 March. It will also carry out a test run without passengers in May. A full-route trial operation of the railway will start on 1 July. — MNA/Xinhua



A display of HD DVDs is shown at the HD DVD booth during the 2006 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas recently.

INTERNET

## Dictionary aims to rescue the zoozoo, other words

**LONDON, 7 March— Ian Brookes is trying to rescue the zoozoo from extinction.**

Brookes is not an environmentalist partial to the wood pigeon, but instead editor of the Chambers Dictionary, and is seeking to keep words from disappearing in the publisher's next edition which is slated for release in August.

"We've resisted the temptation for tossing words out," he said on Monday at the London Book Fair.

Also on the save list are jobernowl (blockhead), logodaedalus (someone skilled in the manipulative use of words), impossible (incapable of co-existing) and supernaculum (to the last drop), the kinds of words typically omitted by one-volume dictionaries once they fall out of usage. The Chambers Dictionary, published in Scotland, is favoured by puzzlers, writers and language-lovers for its pithy approach, such as defining "clair" as a cake long in shape but short in duration.

Brookes also sees a market for its antiquarian approach in a culture taken with yesteryear, evidenced by widespread enthusiasm for old buildings and genealogy.

"We've decided to provide a kind of museum of language," Brookes said.—Internet



In this photo released by China's official Xinhua News Agency, women teachers from Beidou Primary School have a tug-of-war with policemen to celebrate the International Women's Day in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, on 7 March, 2006. —INTERNET

## Two employees nabbed in British heist

**LONDON, 7 March—Two workers at the security depot that was the site of Britain's biggest cash robbery have been arrested in the case, police said on Tuesday.**

The pair, a man who works for a firm contracted to Securitas Cash Management warehouse and a woman who was a former employee of the unnamed firm, were arrested by detectives, questioned, and then released on bail, Kent's Assistant Chief Constable Adrian Leppard said.

So far, 17 people have been arrested in connection with the 22 February raid on the warehouse in the town of Tonbridge in Kent, about 30 miles southeast of London. Five people — four men and a woman — have been charged. More than \$19 million of the \$92 million stolen has been recovered, police said.

Leppard said that the investigation into the robbery had moved outside Britain.

"We have got a fairly wide inquiry basis at the moment that looks at a range of people in a range

of areas; a lot of them in this country but not all of them in this country," he said. "We are getting evidence from the inquiries we are making, we are working on intelligence, evidence from witnesses, evidence from forensics to put

together the crime as it was committed."

Police have said the thieves, who dressed as police officers, stopped a Securitas manager as he drove home from the cash depot.

A second group — also dressed as officers — went

to the man's home, telling his wife he had been in an accident and taking her away with the couple's 9-year-old son.

Family members were released unharmed once the raid was over, police said.

Internet



A white 7.7-ton Renault Midlum lorry recovered by police is pictured in Kent. Police believe that the lorry was involved in last week's armed raid on a Securitas cash depot at Tonbridge in Kent.

INTERNET

## Researchers find no bird flu in Spain

**MADRID, 7 March — Spanish researchers have found no bird flu in the country after examining thousands of samples there, State Communications Secretary Fernando Moraleda told a Press conference here on Monday.**

"What we have is an animal health problem in some European countries and, in Spain, it is not even an animal health problem" Moraleda told reporters, after a meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Commission for Avian Flu Monitoring.

Though bird flu has been confirmed in southern France close to Spain, Spanish citizens do not need to be scared, Moraleda said.

MNA/Xinhua

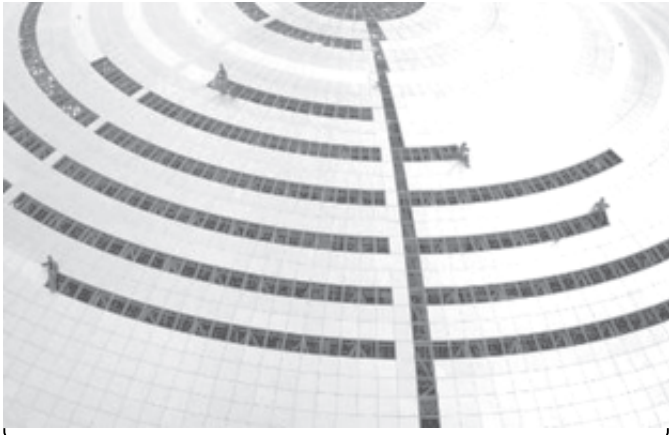
## Vietnam wins rice tender in Japan

**HANOI, 7 March — Vietnamese firms have recently won a bid to sell 28,078 tons of rice to Japan, according to a local trade agency on Tuesday.**

Local companies have so far this year inked contracts on supplying a total of 84,078 tons of rice to Japan, up from 79,024 tons in the whole 2005, said the Trade Information Department under the Trade Ministry.

The Vietnamese Government has recently decided to export five million tons of rice at most this year, a move to ensure the country's food security.

Vietnam sold overseas 580,000 tons of rice valued at 158 million US dollars in the first two months of this year, posting respective year-on-year rises of 2.9 per cent and 3.8 per cent.— MNA/Xinhua



Chinese workers construct a new exhibition hall at a site in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province on 8 March, 2006. China will enjoy another year of fast and steady growth in 2006, Qiu Xiaohua, deputy head of the National Bureau of Statistics, said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

## Singapore to offer more financial support to local companies

SINGAPORE, 7 March — The Singapore Government will provide local enterprises with 3.9 billion Singapore dollars (about 2.4 billion US dollars) over the next five years to help them grow, said an official on Monday.

Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang announced in the Parliament that 900 million Singapore dollars (about 554 million US dollars) of the total will take the form of grants, which is a 35-per-cent rise over the previous five years.

The remaining three billion Singapore dollars (about 1.8 billion US dollars) will be used as

loans to Singapore-based small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), *Channel News Asia* reported.

"This is expected to capitalize more than six billion Singapore dollars (about 3.7 billion US dollars) worth of loan financing, almost 60 per cent more than the previous five years," said Lim.

The loan fund will be administered by

government agencies in partnership with various financial institutions, he added.

In recent years, the Singapore Government has taken a series of measures and offered increasing financial assistance to help local companies, especially SMEs, enhance their internationalization capabilities.

MNA/Xinhua

## UN to launch mass anti-measles drive in Somalia

NAIROBI, 7 March — United Nations agencies are set to launch a major campaign aiming to vaccinate 2.5 million children against measles in central and southern Somalia.

In a joint statement issued Monday in Nairobi, the UN children's fund UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO) said the campaign will begin on Tuesday. "Data from routine measles vaccination for 2005 indicates that less than 25 per cent of infants were vaccinated before their first birthday and that Somalia has registered very low coverage for all vaccine-preventable diseases since the collapse of the central government in 1991," said John Lebga, UNICEF Somalia Project Officer for Health and Nutrition.

"Since many children have gone unvaccinated, the number of children liable to be affected has increased over the last 15 years leading to serious outbreaks of measles reported annually throughout Somalia," Lebga added.—MNA/Xinhua

## Car bombs rock Baghdad, killing at least three

BAGHDAD, 7 March — Six car bombs rocked Baghdad on Monday, killing at least three people and wounding dozens of others.

A latest explosion occurred in Jadriya neighbourhood of central Baghdad, killing one policeman and injuring three others, police sources told *Xinhua*.

About an hour earlier before the Jadriya explosion, a car bomb blew up in Mahmudiya, 30 kilometres south of central Baghdad, killing one person and wounding three others including two

policemen, said the police sources.

In northeastern Baghdad, a car bomb targeted a police patrol at around 11:45 am (0845 GMT), leaving one person dead and 10 others wounded, including nine civilians and one police commando, a police source told *Xinhua*.

"The bomb detonated near the Mustansiriyah Square," the source said.—MNA/Xinhua

## 14 killed, 80 injured in Bangladesh bus crash

DHAKA, 8 March — At least 14 people were killed and more than 80 others were injured when two buses collided on a highway in northern Bangladesh on Monday, police said.

"The buses with some 100 passengers were speeding from the opposite direction and crashed near Bogra city in the early hours," a police officer said.

Bogra is 250 kilometres (156 miles) from the capital, Dhaka. The injured were admitted to different hospitals.—MNA/Reuters



Beachgoers relax behind a sculpture by Australian artist Tony Jones titled "Seahorse" at Perth's Cottesloe Beach on 8 March, 2006, which is part of the Sculpture by the Sea exhibition.

INTERNET

## Thailand, China agree to expand bilateral trade

BANGKOK, 7 March — Thailand and China have agreed to expand bilateral trade to reach 50 billion US dollars annually by 2010, the official *Thai News Agency* said on Monday.

The agreement was clinched by Thailand's caretaker Deputy Prime Minister Somkid Jatusripitak and Chinese Government officials

recently, according to Deputy Permanent Secretary for Commerce Pisanu Rienmahasarn.

To meet the goal, Pisanu said, Thailand would open trade distribution and exhibition centres in major Chinese cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Dalian and Kunming.

MNA/Xinhua

## Salt tide in South China's Pearl River estuary wanes

GUANGZHOU, 7 March — The most serious salt tide to strike the Pearl River estuary, South China, since last winter is losing intensity as a result of increased rainfall along the river's valley in late February.

The Guangdong Provincial Astronomers Society monitored no salt tide in Xiaoying Watergate near the Hengmen Waterway in the estuary of the Pearl River, which empties into the South China Sea, from 28 February through to Sunday, a record for the length of time without salt tide since last autumn.

MNA/Xinhua

## Buenos Aires Mayor ousted over club fire

BUENOS AIRES, 7 March — Buenos Aires Mayor Anibal Ibarra was removed from office Tuesday over allegations that poor government safety regulation contributed to the death of 194 people in a December 2004 nightclub fire.

A city legislative panel voted 10-4 with one abstention to remove the former ally of President Nestor Kirchner, acting on a day of heightened political tensions in a city divided by street rallies for and against the mayor's removal.

The 48-year-old Ibarra had been a rising political star of the left, but as the city's top political leader he was the focus for much of the outrage over the failure to prevent the blaze at the Cromagnon nightclub and the fumbled response to it.

Dozens of victims' relatives tearfully embraced after sundown to the shuttered nightclub blocks away. Elsewhere, behind a cordon of riot police, groups of the mayor's supporters walked away dejectedly.

The 30 December, 2004, concert was to have been a festive year-end event by the band Los Callejeros. Witnesses said the fire began when someone in the audience shot off a flare, igniting flammable ceiling foam and filling the overcrowded, 1,500 person

capacity club with asphyxiating smoke.

Panicked people stampeded for the exits, but many of the doors were

blocked or locked to prevent people from sneaking in, investigators said.

Internet



Relatives of victims of a night club fire react after a 15-member panel impeached Buenos Aires Mayor Anibal Ibarra on 7 March, 2006.—INTERNET

## Scientists say sun's next 11-year cycle will be stronger

**WASHINGTON, 8 March — Cosmic storms in the next 11-year solar cycle will be up to 50 per cent stronger than the last one, thus more disruptive to power grids on the earth and orbiting satellites, scientists said on Monday.**

The sun is in a relatively quiet period now. The next cycle could start late this year or as late as 2008.

Scientists, who use a new computer model that takes into account previous solar cycle data, said the upcoming solar cycle will be between 30 per cent to 50 per cent stronger.

An active solar cycle, which occurs about every

11 years, involves increased solar storms that occur in the company of increased number of sunspots. Solar storms can eject billions of tons of plasma and charged particles into space.

Such a period suggests "more communications disruptions, more satellite failures, possible disruptions of electrical grids and blackouts, more

dangerous conditions for astronauts", Richard Behnke, of the National Science Foundation, told a telephone news briefing.

The peak of the last cycle was in 2001. The strongest solar cycle in recent memory occurred in the late 1950s.

Scientists are unable to give accurate predictions of how intense or when a solar storm will occur.

MNA/Xinhua



A visitor walks past a jewellery booth at Hong Kong International Jewellery Show 2006 in Hong Kong on 7 March, 2006. Over 1,960 exhibitors from 40 countries and regions participate in the show, which is held from 6 to 9 March.—INTERNET

## India, Mozambique sign MoU in defence cooperation

**NEW DELHI, 8 March — India and Mozambique signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in defence cooperation here on Monday, the Indian Defence Minister said.**

Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Republic of Mozambique's Defence Minister Tobias Joaquim Dai signed the MoU in response to the proposal made by the Mozambique Government.

Tobias Joaquim Dai is on an official visit to India started from 5 March and he will be in the country till 10 March at the invitation of

Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

The MoU envisages the intention of both India and Mozambique to promote and expand

bilateral relations in defence to the advantage of their Armed Forces, the Indian Defence Ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua



A worker cleans mock-ups of latest mobile phones at the BenQ-Siemens booth in preparation for the CeBIT computer fair in the northern German town of Hanover on 7 March, 2006. The world's largest computer and information technology fair CeBIT runs from 9 March until 15 March, 2006.

INTERNET

## ECLAC calls for business alliances to tap Chinese market

**MEXICO CITY, 8 March — Latin American business leaders should build alliances across the continent to exploit China's market, a senior official of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said here on Monday.**

No country is yet able to take on all the opportunities that the Chinese market presents, said Osvaldo Rosales, head of the ECLAC's international trade department.

A number of fields including technology, investments, air transport, tourism and education are expected to benefit from the establishment of such alliances, Rosales said at the ECLAC-organized conference entitled "Trade and Economic Opportunities in the China-Mexico Affairs, in a Latin American Context".

He also mentioned Mexico's free trade treaty with the United States, and the Central American Free Trade Agreement, saying both deals make it easier for involved countries to set up joint ventures, trade, and investment projects in China.

Eduardo Soho Garza, public policy coordinator for the Mexican President's office, emphasized the importance of China in international trade and called for further efforts to boost trade and investment with the Asian country.

MNA/Xinhua

## Police chief killed in Mexico drug war city

**NUЕVO LAREDO (Mexico), 8 March — Suspected drug hitmen with assault rifles killed a police chief on Tuesday in a shootout that left two others dead in this crime-ridden city on the US-Mexican border, police said.**

Victor Berrones, head of one of several police forces in the northern state of Tamaulipas, was gunned down when he went to the aid of a patrol car ambushed on a busy road in broad daylight, state police spokesman Hector Ovalle told Reuters.

He said another police officer and a man dressed in civilian clothes, who may have been one of the attackers, also died. Earlier, police sources and witnesses said four people died in the clash, including a deputy head of a state police force. —MNA/Reuters

## Poland confirms third case of deadly H5N1 bird flu

**WARSAW, 8 March — A third wild swan had tested positive for the H5N1 strain of bird flu, a Polish laboratory said on Tuesday.**

The swan was found dead Saturday in Torun, about 200 kilometres northwest of Warsaw.

Tadeusz Wijaszka, head of the Polish laboratory said tests showed "We have a third case of H5N1".

"H5N1 was detected in a third swan," Wijaszka said. The H5N1 strain of bird flu was also detected in two dead swans in Torun on Monday.

Poland has sent samples to a European Union laboratory for further tests. —MNA/Xinhua

## Bangladesh bans use of sodium cyclamate

**DHAKA, 8 March — The Bangladeshi Government has banned the use of sodium cyclamate, an artificial sweetening agent, in food and pharmaceutical items, local daily The Financial Express reported on Tuesday.**

Ministry of Commerce took the decision at a meeting on Monday as the use of the white, odorless, free flowing crystalline powder can cause fatal diseases like cancer, and kidney and liver failures.

According to the daily, sodium cyclamate, at least 30 times sweeter than sugar, is widely used in Bangladesh although many countries including the United States, Britain and Singapore have already banned its use.

The import of sodium cyclamate was on the rise recently as price of sugar skyrocketed in the international market.

Sodium cyclamate, discovered in 1937, can be used as substitute for sugar or in combination with sugar, because it is very cost effective with no significant change in taste.

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An Afghan child cries outside his camp near the Mansehra District of Pakistan, some 85km (54 miles) north of the Kashmiri earthquake-devastated city of Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, on 7 March, 2006.

INTERNET

# An oasis in the up-country

*Maung Moe Yan*

On either side along the main road in Pakokku are lush and green neem trees growing closely. That indicates neem trees are grown on a large scale for shelter and production of neem soap.

In my recent trip, I noticed Kokko Hla River Water Pumping Station at the entrance to Pakokku. I did not feel it was very hot and there was less dust compared with previous trips. Along Pakokku-Monywa Road are Htanaung (acacia leucaphloea) and neem trees. Pakokku-Mandalay Road was constructed five years ago. In the past, waterway was the only means of transport between Pakokku and Mandalay. Now, there has emerged Hsinbyushin Bridge spanning the Chindwin River. So, one can travel to Mandalay and return to Pakokku in one day.

As I entered Monywa Township, there was a vast stretch of paddy fields although it was not rainy season. The driver said to me, "Those paddy fields are grown with the water from tube-wells".

Now, the distance between Pakokku and Monywa can be covered in a three-hour drive. On our way to Shwebo from Ayadaw, we dropped in Myaynat Village, about ten miles from the road, where there was an overflowing well from which water flowed out automatically as high as about 15 feet. The water is stored into the 200 feet x 200 feet lake to supply paddy fields through canals.

I learnt that there were three large overflowing wells in Ayadaw area. Now, local people in the area have enjoyed sufficient clean and irrigation water thanks to the Magyeesauk River Water Pumping Project and the overflowing wells.

There are a great number of overflowing wells in some regions of Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway

divisions. Among them, only the ones in Yinmabin and Ayadaw areas in Monywa District, Sagaing Division, can tap sufficient clean and irrigation water.

During his inspection tour of Yinmabin area in 1994, the Head of State gave guidance on supply of clean water and irrigating crop plantations with the water from the overflowing wells. Therefore, 360 overflowing wells in Monywa District have been

**The Monywa-Yinmabin trip is a one-hour drive. Now thriving paddy fields are everywhere in areas of Yinmabin where overflowing wells are located. The water supply project, launched in 1994, has changed Yinmabin area into a green one with trees and paddy fields.**

transformed into 99 water supply projects. A tube-well water supply project was launched in 1978 with the sponsorship of UNDP and it was realized in 1983. Since then, 141 tube-wells have benefited more than 15,000 acres of paddy in Monywa, Budalin and ChaungU townships in Monywa District.

Tube-wells need electricity to pump water but water comes out by itself from overflowing wells. Now, the villages in Ayadaw Township have dug

overflowing wells on their own for clean and irrigation water.

I visited Ye Chin Village-tract where an overflowing well was being dug on self-reliant basis. Chairman of the Village Peace and Development Council UMaung Ko conducted me round the project site and said, "As soon as this well produces water, we can start to speed up the agricultural tasks not only for food sufficiency but also for boosting per acre yields of the crops".

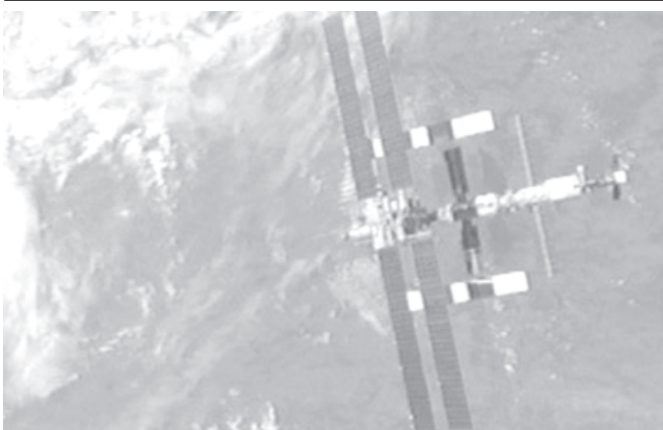
The underground water tapping projects are very beneficial to the areas in the arid zone.

The next day, I proceeded to Yinmabin area. In the past, people had to take Z-craft to cross the Chindwin River to get to Yinmabin from Monywa. Now, the Ahlon Chindwin River bridge has linked Chin hilly region and Kalay region and Anya region. The surrounding areas of Kyeni and Kyesintaung are now lush and green due to the Nyaungbingyi River Water Pumping Project.

The Monywa-Yinmabin trip is a one-hour drive. Now thriving paddy fields are everywhere in areas of Yinmabin where overflowing wells are located. The water supply project, launched in 1994, has changed Yinmabin area into a green one with trees and paddy fields.

In 10 years, Monywa has enjoyed fruitful results of development with a growing number of residences, modern buildings and automobiles alongside temperate climate and new way of life of local people. In a word, local people in Anya region have overcome poor living conditions and the region has now become an oasis in the dry zone.

**Translation: MS**



*A view of the International Space Station (ISS) from the space shuttle Discovery in August 2005. The crew of the ISS is to rise from two to six astronauts, allowing European and Japanese astronauts to go on longer missions. —INTERNET*

## Strong quake hits near Vanuatu

WELLINGTON, 8 March — A strong earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale struck near the Pacific island of Vanuatu on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The quake, which was recorded at a depth of about 160 kilometres, hit at 0628 GMT about 340 kilometres northwest of the capital of Port Vila, the USGS said. The epicentre was about 80 kilo-

metres northeast of Luganville on the island of Espiritu Santo, the USGS said on its web site.

There were no immediate reports on damage or injuries.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Study reveals "hotspots" of potential future mammal extinction

LOS ANGELES, 8 March — Thousands of mammal species living in 20 regions could extinct in coming years as the human population grows, scientists reported on Monday.

In a study published in the 6 March issue of The Proceedings of National Academy of Science, researchers said they have identified 20 potential extinction "hotspots" for mammals, places where animal species could decline rapidly under the influence of possible human activity. The animals have a "latent" risk of extinction, that is, they are currently less threatened than their biology would suggest, usually because they inhabit regions or habitats still comparatively un-

modified by human activity. More than 1,500 mammals might face the risk of extinction, researchers warned.

Among the species with the highest latent extinction risk, according to the new study, are the North American reindeer, the musk ox, the Seychelles flying fox, and the brown lemur.

Of the 20 identified areas, two regions with high potential risks are the forests and tundra of northern Canada and Alaska, and the vast island chain from Indonesia to the South Pacific. Other hotspots include the Bahamas, Tasmania, and the Patagonian coast.

Latent risk is particularly low in many parts of the world already modified by human activity,

such as Europe, Japan and New Zealand. Human impact has already been felt in these areas, meaning that there are comparatively few surviving species with high latent risk, the researchers said.

These hotspots combine relatively low human impact with a mammal fauna made up of species which are inherently sensitive to disturbance.

Since many of these latent areas are still relatively undisturbed, according to the study, cost-effective, preemptive conservation measures may help prevent future species loss. Conservationists should act now to protect mammals such as North American reindeer which risk extinction in the future, the researchers noted.

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*Senior General Than Shwe and Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam take the salute of the Guard of Honour at Yangon International Airport. —MNA*

**Indian  
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*Prime Minister General Soe Win greets Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at Yangon International Airport. — MNA*



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at Yangon International Airport. — MNA*

*Schoolgirls welcome Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam by waving miniature flags of two countries. — MNA*



**Indian President  
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*General Thura Shwe Mann welcomes Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at the airport.*

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*Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam cordially greets a schoolgirl at the airport.*

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**Naing Naing Lin leads on in Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open**



for a 3-under-par 141 total. Aung Win put his position behind the leader by scoring a birdie on the second round for a one-stroke-over-par 145 on aggregate. In the third position, Kyaw Thiha shot a par for a four-over-par 148 up to second round. Fourth position golfer at the tour Bo Bo finished with a five-over-par 77 on the second round for a total of an 8-over-par 152.

YANGON, 8 March — The Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open 2006 continued for the second day at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon this morning.

Naing Naing Lin stood in the leading position in the tour by firing a birdie on the second round

The third round of the tour continues tomorrow. — MNA



*Naing Naing Lin taking part in Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open.*

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**Myanmar women through successive eras working shoulder to shoulder with men for economic, political and social development**

**International Women's Day observed**

YANGON, 8 March — The 2006 International Women's Day organized by Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was observed at International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning.

Present were Chairman of Myanmar National Work Committee for Women's Affairs Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, members of panel of Patrons, the President and the Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and CEC members, heads of departments and regional organizers, the President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and CEC members, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Am-

bassador of the Philippines Mme Phoebe A Gomez and woman ambassadors, wives of ambassadors and military attaches, resident representatives of UN Agencies and wives, officials of Work Committee for Anti-trafficking in Persons, delegates from non-governmental organizations and guests.

Chairman of Myanmar National Work Committee for Women's Affairs Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint delivered a speech.

He said Myanmar women through successive eras have worked shoulder to shoulder with men for economic, political and social development. Myanmar customary laws have also conferred women rights equal to that of men.

If compared to some countries, the status and rights of Myanmar women do not fall short.

The Millennium Declaration and MDGs are of great significance for achieving a peaceful, prosperous and just world; gender equality is indispensable in achieving people-centred sustainable development and building harmonious societies as well as achieving all MDGs, he added.

Next, Resident Coordinator on UN Agencies in Yangon Mr Charles Petrie read the message of UN Secretary-General.

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**20th Pearl Sale (2006) continues**

YANGON, 8 March — The 20th Pearl Sale (2006) of Myanma Pearl Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines continued at Thiri Mingala Hall of the ministry on Kanbe Road, Yankin Township this morning.

At the sale, 66 local pearl merchants purchased 98 pearl lots in Myanmar currency through tender system.

The sale will continue tomorrow as the last day from 10 am to 5 pm. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at concluding ceremony of Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 11. — MNA

## Only those who uphold Our Three Main National Causes and are well equipped with Union Spirit can shoulder duties to ensure stability of the State and national development

### Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 11 concludes

YANGON, 8 March—The conclusion of the Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 11 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at the USDA training school in Hmawby Township here this morning.

Member of the Central Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win said that putting in the fore Our Three Main National Causes and implementing the tasks for stability of the State and community peace, the Association has been constantly nurturing the new generation youths for the development of human resources and the brighter future of the nation.

The development of human resources plays a crucial role in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. The drive calls for a large number of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

The purposes of the courses and seminars are to sharpen the abilities of the members, to enhance their work proficiency, and to inculcate them with strong concepts and convictions. The courses are conducted to enable the youths to value and appreciate national character and prestige of the motherland and the people, community peace and prevalence of law and order, and non-disintegration of the Union.

He said that concerning the Myanmar affairs and international studies course, the trainees have studied Myanmar history, national policy, political, economic and social development, the State's seven-step Road Map, national defence and security. And regarding the international sector, the trainees have studied cooperation among the regional organizations.

He expressed his belief that the trainees have realized the conditions of the nation and the world affairs to an extent, calling for application of the knowledge, technology, ways of thinking and methods in practice.

The Prime Minister called on the trainees to correctly employ innovation, skillfulness and knowledge, to harmoniously combine the conviction, intellectual power and proficiency, and to continue to study so as to enhance qualifications to be able to catch up with the changes, in the interests of the nation and the people.

New generation youths are to be capable of taking

a leading role in a bid to ensure peace and stability and development. They are to make constant study in order to possess leadership skills that are heavier than the responsibilities they are shouldering. Only when youth leaders at different levels are highly qualified, will it be possible to implement the objectives and future tasks of the Association speedily. And the Association will be able to stand as a strong national force and serve the interests of the nation and the people with added momentum. The national races have been living in the Union through thick and thin based on sympathy, mutual understanding, attachment, amity and unity. They have preserved fine traditions of unity and Union Spirit.

Indeed, Union Spirit is nationalistic spirit that concerns the entire national people as well as the basis of

**The USDA has been constantly nurturing the new generation youths for the development of human resources and the brighter future of the nation.**

Our Three Main National Causes. Only those who uphold Our Three Main National Causes and who are well equipped with Union Spirit can shoulder duties to ensure stability of the State and national development. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are carrying out tasks in line with the 12 objectives for ensuring peace and tranquillity and development while upholding Our Three Main National Causes. Peace and stability, strong national economy and development of human resources are fundamental to the emergence of peaceful, modern and developed nation.

The government is discharging national development tasks day in, day out after building national unity and taking measures for restoration of peace and stability. It is also implementing short-term and long-term projects for strong national economic life. It is taking measures for the development of agriculture as the base and development of other sectors and for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system in the nation.

He said there are better economic foundations and human resource developments in harmony in the country thanks to self-reliance efforts of internal forces. The government is carrying out the tasks for human resource development and national education promotion. People with high level of thinking power and intellect can make a choice of good and able citizens democratically and correctly free from personal attachment for the nation, he said. Implementation of the tasks for peace and stability, strong and better national economy and human resource development means emergence of a peaceful, modern developed nation, he added.

The gap between urban and rural areas has become narrower and narrower with the implementation of the border area development, 24-region development and rural development tasks and Equitable development has been made in all the regions in the country.

Continuing he said, the government is undertaking five rural development tasks as well as providing power supply to the rural areas and carrying out the tasks for opening of rural libraries. Physic nut saplings are being cultivated for bio-fuel, operation of farm equipment at full capacity and addressing the problem of fuel shortage, he said. Physic nut plants can grow anywhere and can also be used as fertilizer. Arrangements are to be made for earning more income by cultivating physic nut. The USDA is making headway with the implementation of the rural development tasks in the interest of the rural people. It is necessary for the association to continue to undertake five rural development tasks, the tasks for providing power supply, opening of rural libraries and growing physic nut as the national duty.

He said the seven-step Road Map to reach the national goal is in conformity with the prevailing conditions in the country. The National Convention, which is important in transitional period, is being held and basic principles needed for drafting the constitution for future State have been laid down.

It is the duty of every citizen for successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map and the National Convention and therefore every citizen is to fully participate in the process, he emphasized.

In conclusion, General Soe Win said the trainees had studied the goal of the State and the future tasks of the association. He urged them to try to become the ones who can lead the nation, good citizens who are one with the people, who ward off the danger and good organizers who serve as a bridge between the State and the people. He also urged them to make endeavours for flourishing of the spirit of serving the interest of the people, the Union Spirit and solidarity among the people upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

After the concluding ceremony, Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greeted the trainees. The course was attended by 211 trainees from states and divisions. Present on the occasion were the USDA secretary-general, the joint secretary-general, secretariat members, CEC members, guests, course instructors and trainees. —MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win greets trainees of Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 11. — MNA

# Kyauktan-Htigyaing Road put into service in Katha District

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects road sections, bridges along Htigyaing-Katha Road

YANGON, 8 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, attended inauguration of Kyauktan-Htigyaing new road (Kawlin section) in Kawlin Township on 3 March morning.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects the road and Myolechaung Bridge in Htigyaing Township. — MNA

Chairman of Katha District PDC Lt-Col Aung Aung, Director of Sagaing Division Development Affairs Department U Khin Maung Swe and General Manager U Win Maung of Kyaukpahto Gold Mines formally opened the road. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the new road and bridges.

On arrival at Marathein Village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on progress of

Sagaing-Kyauk-myaung-Htigyaing-Katha-Moetargyi road section, and Kyauktan-Htigyaing road by Lt-Col Aung Aung.

In Dobin Village, he inspected Yeneint Bridge crossing Mezar Creek, and Htein Creek Bridge. He also oversaw Myolechaung Bridge in Kyeththunkhin Village.

On arrival at Htigyaing Township, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint and party attended the ceremony to put Kyauktan-Htigyaing Road (Htigyaing Township Section) into service. Chairman of Htigyaing Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Win briefed them on matters related to the road.

Chairman of Katha District PDC Lt-Col Aung Aung and Township PDC Chairman U Soe Win formally opened the road. Lt-

Gen Ye Myint oversaw the road and Myolechaung Bridge. The newly opened Kyauktan-Htigyaing Road is 22 miles and four furlongs long.

The new road is over 22 miles shorter than old road Kyauktan-Kyaung-gon-Htigyaing stretching 44 miles and six furlongs.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into thriving sunflower plantations along Htigyaing-Katha Road. He

also inspected Katha-Moetargyi road section. On arrival at Nansan Village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party were welcomed by Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Mint and officials.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye reported on finding of the axis for the Katha-Moetargyi-Kyaukkyi road, and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint on Shwegu-

Kyaukkyi-Amatgyigon-Peinkhwinyan-Hsinbo-Markye-Myotkyina Road. At the village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted the local people and explained growing of physic nut plants.

Next, he presented exercise books, sports equipment and cash assistance to officials of the village. Lt-Gen Ye Myint went back to Katha.

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## Video and audio tapes, photographs and document library to be retrieved through digital system

YANGON, 8 March — A coordination meeting to use Online System (GOS) and Digital Assets Management System at Ministry of Information was held at Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Chief Executive Officer U Win Maw of Forever Group reported on Digital Assets Management System, and Myanmar Computer Company (MCC) Group Chairman U Tin Win Aung on matters related to Online System (GOS).

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan instructed officials to make preparations for the use of Online System (GOS).

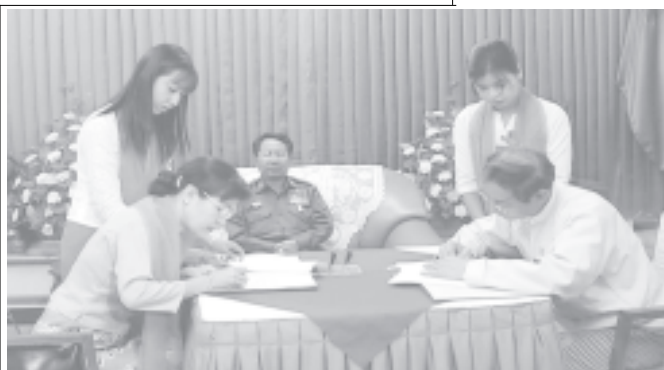
Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. He said that the Ministry of Information is making arrangements for applying information and communication technology to efficiently perform its news and information functions on time. Thanks to application of ICT technology, documents in the past, scenes of films and TV,

news photos, radio talks, and periodicals can be retrieved for easy reference. Therefore, departments concerned are to maintain video and audio tapes, photographs and document library through digital system to link the Ministry of Information. In doing so, the departments are to classify their tasks for giving priority to the functions. Due to application of the system, documents on political, economic and social development of the State, and those on development of literature, movies, music and photography in the successive eras can be maintained, and fruits of these works can be

enjoyed in a short time. Hence, departmental officials should cooperate with computer entrepreneurs and computer technicians to report back their respective plans to the ministry. In conclusion, the minister said he will fulfill the requirements. Those present took part in the discussions.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, deputy directors-general, directors, chief engineers, chief editors, computer entrepreneurs and technocrats.

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MRTV Director-General U Khin Maung Htay and Forever Group Co Ltd Managing Director Daw Khin Khin Lay sign an agreement in the presence of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. — MNA

## 19 employees assigned to Cocogyun

YANGON, 8 March — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win today met with 19 government employees who were assigned to Cocogyun Township and gave instructions on development tasks to be carried out in the township.

At the meeting held at the lounge

of Thaketa Jetty in Thaketa Township, he urged the employees to implement development tasks in cooperation with local people and social organizations.

At the meeting, the commander also handed over cash assistance to the employees in Cocogyun Township and presented physic nut seeds to be sown in the township. — MNA

## Armed Forces Day quiz held

YANGON, 8 March — To mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day, MRTV quiz at BEHS level co-organized by Ministry of Information and Ministry of Education was held at MRTV on Pyay Road this morning, attended by Quiz Organization Work Committee Sec-

retary Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay, Joint Secretary Director U Ko Ho Htwe and members, members of panel of judges, Professor of Yangon University and heads of departments, officials, teachers, 17 students of quiz and guests.

In the quiz, Maung

Htet Paing Kyaw of Shan State (South) stood first, Maung Salai Samset Myat Tun of Bago (West), second and Maung Thaw Zin Htut of Sittway, third.

The prizes will be awarded to the winners of the quiz at the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day. — MNA

## MRTV-4 to extend digital transmission

YANGON, 8 March — A ceremony to sign the agreement on the extension of MRTV-4 digital transmission system between MRTV of Ministry of Information and Forever Group Co Ltd took place at MRTV on Pyay Road at noon today and it was attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

It was also attended by the Director-General of MRTV, directors and members of board of directors from Forever Group Co Ltd. At the ceremony, Director-General

of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay and Managing Director of Forever Group Co Ltd Daw Khin Khin Lay signed the agreement.

MRTV and its related channels can be received in Yangon, Mandalay, Sagaing, Amarapura, Kyaukse, Myittha, Natogyi, Myingyan, Yesagyo, Mau, ChaungU, Myinmu, Madaya, Singu, Shwebo and neighbouring places through DVB-T receiver. Similarly, it can be also received in Bago and Taunggyi soon.

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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department  
of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply  
of Medical Equipment.

Tender documents are available during office  
hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical  
Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No-57, Sakawa  
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Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office of  
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after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphic/  
telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the  
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371969. Central Medical Stores Depot  
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**Hunan Province to  
promote tourism in next  
five years**

CHANGSHA, 7 March — Central China's Hunan,  
the home province of the late Chairman Mao  
Zedong, is aiming to build itself into a major  
tourist destination over the next five years.

According to a work  
conference of the  
provincial government  
on tourism promotion,  
Hunan has mapped out a  
five-year blueprint to  
attract one million  
overseas tourists and 95  
million domestic tourists  
per year during the  
period.

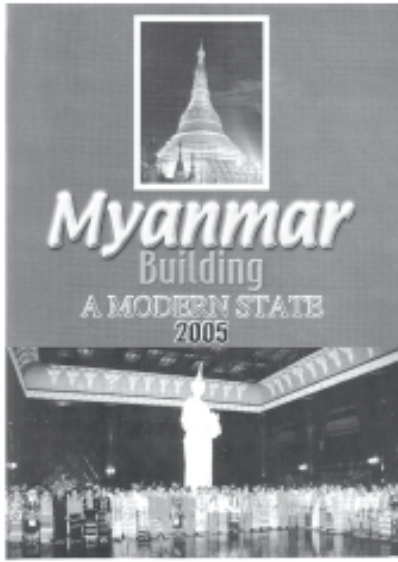
The town of  
Shaoshan, the birthplace  
of the late Chairman Mao  
Zedong, is an important  
mecca for Chinese  
tourists.

The province, which  
also features spectacular  
mountain scenery at

Zhangjiajie, hopes to  
earn nearly 110 billion  
yuan (13.75 billion  
US dollars) in annual  
tourism revenue by 2010,  
with one billion US  
dollars from overseas  
tourists and 100 billion  
yuan (12.5 billion US  
dollars) from domestic  
tourists.

The booming tourism  
industry will provide  
employment oppor-  
tunities for local people,  
especially farmers as the  
focus of tourism will shift  
from urban visits to rural  
tours during the period.

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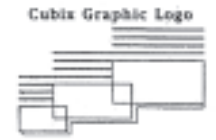
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Conference & Medical Trade Exhibition,  
Patheingyi, March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2006**

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research papers will be presented by Professors & Consultants.

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**China's space programme seeks new  
breakthroughs in five years**

BEIJING, 7 March — China will seek three breakthroughs in its space  
programme in the next five years, a former senior commander of the country's  
manned space mission said on Tuesday.

Space walk, lunar  
exploration and carrier  
rockets with greater  
propulsive forces are  
listed on the top agenda  
of the country's space  
programme for the 2006-  
2010 period, said Hu  
Shixiang, former deputy  
commander-in-chief for

China's manned space  
mission.  
The research on suits  
for space walking is  
going on well, and  
scientists are making  
progress in docking  
technology, Hu, a deputy  
to the Tenth National  
People's Congress (NPC),

said during the annual  
session of the top legis-  
lature which opened on  
Sunday morning.  
Hu said the techno-  
logies of space walk and  
docking play a key role in  
building a skylab and  
space station.

MNA/Xinhua

**US power plant  
fire kills one,  
three rescued**

WASHINGTON, 7 March — One worker  
was killed and three others rescued when  
a fire broke out in a smokestack at a  
power plant in the West Virginia State,  
US news media quoted police sources as  
saying on Sunday.

The workers, employed by the  
Pullman Power, were working on a 300-  
metre-tall smokestack when the fire  
broke out Saturday night at American  
Electric Power's Kammer-Mitchell  
plant, about 110 kilometres southwest  
of Pittsburgh.

One was killed and three others were  
rescued by a helicopter after being  
trapped for more than two hours, a  
Maryland state police spokesman was  
quoted as saying.

The survivors were "fine" and able  
to walk out of helicopter, according to  
reports.— MNA/Xinhua



A Japanese cook prepares a sushi dish  
in a restaurant in Tokyo. Sushi is more  
popular than ever before but eating it  
'has become the new Russian roulette'  
in terms of safety, a group  
campaigning against mercury in fish  
said on 6 March, 2006.—INTERNET

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### Avon grabs China's first licence for direct sales

GUANGZHOU, 7 March — Global direct selling giant Avon Products Inc has said that the company has been awarded China's first official licence to sell door-to-door.

Andrea Jung, Avon CEO said that Avon shoulders a great responsibility as the first company allowed to do direct sales in China adding that Avon will abide by Chinese laws and regulations.

Avon became the first international direct selling company to enter China in 1990. With its production centre based in this capital of south China's Guangdong Province, Avon has opened a broad retail distribution network with 6,300 independent beauty boutiques and over 1,000 cosmetic parlours in department stores across China.

China's new regulations governing direct sales went into effect on 1 December, 2005. Direct sales companies must meet and adhere to four require-

ments. Avon was said to be the first to match the requirements, which demand companies have a record of law-abiding, direct sales experience in foreign countries, registered capital of no less than 80 million yuan in China and a company information disclosure mechanism.

Avon had received permission from the Chinese Government to run pilot door-to-door selling campaign in the cities of Beijing and Tianjin and Guangdong Province on 8 April 2005.

Avon CEO Andrea Jung said that while maintaining steady sales in Avon's retail outlets, the company has enrolled 3,000 saleswomen for direct sales training. This is on top of the company's current work force of 2,000 employees in China.

Avon's direct saleswomen are required to train and earn Avon's certificate on direct sales. It is required by law every direct sales agent should register with the Chinese Ministry of Commerce and the State Administration of Industry and Commerce.

Statistics with the China Association of Fragrance Flavour & Cosmetic Industries showed that China's cosmetic market is now valued at 85 billion yuan, and is growing at more than 10 per cent annually. — MNA/Xinhua

### Shanghai police hunting suspects of robbing jewellery worth \$100,000

SHANGHAI, 7 March — Shanghai police is hunting four men suspected of robbing a local shop of jewellery worth 800,000 yuan (about 100,000 US dollars), according to the Shanghai Municipal Public Security Bureau on Monday.

Initial investigation showed that the four men drove to the jewellery store in Jiading District at 6:40 am Sunday.

Three of them, armed with knives, rushed into the store when a shop assistant, surnamed Zhang, just opened the door to do cleaning. The men bound up Zhang and took away a strong box which contains jewellery worth 800,000 yuan. — MNA/Xinhua

### China to raise education expenditures to 4% GDP

BEIJING, 7 March — China will increase financial input for education in the coming five years and gradually raise the proportion of annual government education expenditures to 4 per cent of the gross domestic product GDP, according to an official document seen here on Monday.

"It should be made clear that governments at all levels have the responsibility to provide public education, as well as support the development of the private education sector," read the Guidelines for the 11th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development, which are being discussed at the annual full session of the Chinese Parliament, the National People's Congress. — MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese gas platform in the East China Sea. Japan has rejected a new Chinese proposal for joint energy projects in disputed gas-rich waters. — INTERNET



A couple admire the snow-covered, night lit Alexander Nevski Cathedral in Sofia, Bulgaria, recently. — INTERNET



China's largest city Shanghai is reportedly awaiting approval from the central government to go ahead with plans to build a Disney theme park. — INTERNET

### Dormitory fire kills three in Russia's Siberian City

MOSCOW, 7 March — Three people were killed when a fire broke out in a dormitory building in east Russia early Monday, Russian media reported.

State-run television showed firefighters extinguishing the fire, which broke out in the nine-storey dormitory building in Russia's Siberian city of Novosibirsk, some 2,800 kilometres east of Moscow.

According to the report, two of the victims died after jumping from the windows of the nine-storey building, and at least six others were suffering burns and other injuries were rushed to hospital. — MNA/Xinhua

### Study says flu greater risk in tropics than thought

HONG KONG, 7 March — People living in warmer climates suffer far more illness and death during flu outbreaks than previously imagined, Hong Kong researchers have found, and they urged vaccination for those most at risk, like the elderly.

As a result, human influenza ought to be given a higher priority than is presently accorded to it in tropical and subtropical countries, said microbiologist Malik Peiris, the leader of a research team at the University of Hong Kong.

Ordinary influenza was responsible for about a million deaths worldwide each year. It has long been assumed the flu does not have a significant impact on health outside temperate regions.

But Peiris's team found that complications brought on by outbreaks of influenza in subtropical Hong Kong were similar to what is commonly found in the United States.

"During influenza outbreaks, hospital admissions increased, not just for respiratory diseases such as

pneumonia but also for cardiovascular conditions and diabetes," Peiris's team wrote in a report to be published in April in the journal *PLoS Medicine*.

The team studied information on patients admitted to hospitals in Hong Kong between 1996 and 2000 and found influenza was responsible for 11.6 per cent of admissions for respiratory disease.

It was also responsible for 1.5 per cent of admissions for stroke, 1.8 per cent of admissions for heart attacks and 3.5 per cent of admissions for diabetes.

Hospitalization of children in Hong Kong was also found to be marginally higher when compared to figures reported in Western countries, Peiris told Reuters in an interview.

MNA/Reuters

## SPORTS

## New Champions League trophy to be unveiled in Paris

PARIS, 7 March—A new UEFA Champions League trophy will be unveiled at the traditional handover ceremony in Paris on Friday as the competition celebrates its 50th year.

The silverware — engraved with the names of all the previous winners — will be presented by former Real Madrid winger Francisco 'Paco' Gento and Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard to UEFA chief executive Lars-Christer Olsson.

Olsson will hand it to the Lord Mayor of Paris, Bertrand Delanoë, for public display until this season's final at the Stade de France on May 17, UEFA said on its website on Monday. Gento was a member of the great Real side that became the first team to lift the European Champion Clubs' Cup. It was the first of the Spanish side's nine triumphs.

Liverpool were allowed to keep the previous trophy permanently after they won the title for a fifth time with a thrilling comeback win over AC Milan last season. The silverware in Liverpool's possession was the fifth model to be cast in the competition's history. — MNA/Reuters

## Barcelona, Villarreal give Spain win double

LONDON, 8 March— Barcelona emerged triumphant from an epic struggle against Chelsea on Tuesday as Frank Rijkaard's men avenged last season's loss to Jose Mourinho's side to seal a place in the Champions League quarter-finals.

A superb, individual goal from World Footballer of the Year Ronaldinho 12 minutes from time broke the deadlock in the Nou Camp and put Barca 3-1 ahead on aggregate.

The English champions saved themselves from defeat on the night when a Frank Lampard penalty with the last kick of the game made the score 1-1 — but 3-2 to Barcelona on aggregate.

Villarreal completed a winning Spanish double over British opposition by beating Rangers on away goals to take their place in the last eight of their first Champions League campaign.

The teams drew 2-2 in Glasgow two weeks ago and Tuesday's match finished 1-1 to see Villarreal

advance.

Peter Lovenkrands put Rangers ahead after 12 minutes but Rodolf Arruabarrena equalised in the 49th and with no further goals, Villarreal, who began the competition in the qualifying stages back in August, ended the night victorious.

However, it did not pass off without trouble.

A window in the Villarreal team bus was broken when Scottish fans threw bottles and shouted insults as the players approached the Madrigal stadium and Spanish police arrested eight Britons in Benidorm following violence before the match started.

Reports said groups of Scottish fans hurled stones, bottles and glass at police.



Chelsea's captain John Terry, centre, is fouled by Giovanni Van Bronckhorst for a penalty as they play Barcelona in their first round knock-out second leg UEFA Champions League soccer match at Barcelona's Camp Nou Stadium in Barcelona, Spain on 7 March, 2006. The match ended in a 1-1 draw with Barcelona progressing 3-2 on aggregate. —INTERNET

## Arsenal must find right balance against Real

LONDON, 8 March— Arsenal will not be content just to defend their one-goal first leg lead against Real Madrid in the Champions League on Wednesday, manager Arsene Wenger says.

"It is about finding the right balance — one goal is a good cushion, but also not much of a cushion at all," Wenger told reporters on Tuesday.

"It is just a result which dictates they have to have a go at us. You cannot play 90 minutes and think 'we will just defend that goal' — the lead is just not big enough.

"We are not specialists at hanging-on. "I believe the first job is to defend well against a team like Real Madrid. But the second part of that job is that we want to give some problems and to score goals."

Arsenal surprisingly dominated the first leg of the knockout round tie, won courtesy of a Thierry Henry special, after Real gave the London side room to

play their passing game.

Wenger will not reveal whether he will adopt a 4-5-1 formation, with Henry as lone striker, that worked so effectively in the first leg in Madrid.

"We have a system which is very flexible because Jose Antonio Reyes can play as the second striker, or can play as a winger.

"I am still not completely decided on that, because Madrid may change their system as well, and we may adapt a little bit to their system."

Jaun Ramon Lopez Caro, the Real Madrid manager, refused to comment on whether Brazil striker Ronaldo would start the match despite being asked six times at Tuesday's news conference. — MNA/Reuters



Connecticut's Barbara Turner, left, and Willnett Crockett, right, hoist the winners' trophy aloft after Connecticut defeated West Virginia 50-44 to win the 2006 Big East Women's Basketball Championship in Hartford, Conn, on 7 March, 2006. —INTERNET

## Allianssi out of Finnish schedule pending appeal

HELSINKI, 7 March— Finnish side Allianssi Vantaa have been omitted from the league's 2006 First Division schedule until a dispute over their licence is resolved, officials said on Monday.

Allianssi's licence was revoked by Finland's football association in January and the club have appealed the decision but an outcome is not expected to be reached before the season kicks off on April 19.

"The appeal is still going on but it could take some time and we need something to work from in the meantime," the league's competition director Peter Lundstrom told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters



Carlos Moya of Spain hits a backhand during a workout at the Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells, California, on 7 March, 2006. —INTERNET

## Lampard on track to face Barca after completing training

BARCELONA, 7 March— Chelsea's Frank Lampard is in line to face Barcelona after completing a training session on the eve of Tuesday's crunch Champions League game.

The England midfielder had been a doubt after missing the 2-1 Premier League win over West Bromwich Albion on Saturday with a hamstring injury, but there were no signs of the problem when he trained at the Nou Camp on Monday evening.

Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho told a news conference the 27-year-old would start if he managed to complete the session.

## Litex defender Venkov to have Achilles' tendon surgery

SOFIA, 7 March— Bulgaria and Litex Lovech defender Mihail Venkov is to undergo Achilles' tendon surgery and could be out for up to two months.

The 22-year-old Venkov, who missed Bulgaria's friendly against Macedonia last week, confirmed on Monday he will have the operation on Wednesday.

"Doctors say I'll be out for up to eight weeks but I hope to be back even sooner," Venkov told reporters.

Venkov was a key player in Litex's run to the knockout stages of the UEFA Cup this season. — MNA/Reuters



Indiana Pacers guard Peja Stojakovic (L) drives around New York Knicks guard Stephon Marbury during the fourth quarter of NBA basketball action in Indianapolis on 7 March, 2006. —INTERNET

# HK catches ketchup-wielding jewel thieves

HONG KONG, 8 March — More than 100 South American thieves have descended on Hong Kong to target the city's annual jewellery show, the *South China Morning Post* on Tuesday quoted a police source as saying.

Their tactics range from simply stealing bags while their owners are not looking to distracting them by spraying tomato ketchup on their clothes, the newspaper said.

Crime syndicates from Chile, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela were active both inside and outside the convention centre where the show started on Monday, working in teams of three or four and wearing

business suits, the police source was quoted as saying.

They were believed to be targeting show exhibitors totting valuables to and from the venue, it said.

"Their common tactics are simple. They steal unattended briefcases and bags while victims are having breakfast or having a drink in a coffee shop or restaurant," the newspaper quoted the source

as saying. "They also distract victims by spraying tomato sauce on their clothing or dropping bun-

dles of banknotes on the ground before grabbing valuables and fleeing."

MNA/Reuters

## Plane at Swedish airport robbed, airport evacuated

STOCKHOLM, 8 March — Police partly evacuated Sweden's second biggest airport on Tuesday because of a suspect package found after armed robbers made off with valu-

able goods being unloaded from a plane.

The robbers struck as the unspecified cargo was being transferred from an SAS plane to a waiting security van at Landvetter airport near the city of Gothenburg.

Hans Lippens, heading the investigation, told Swedish radio the robbers used their vehicle to ram a gate and get onto the tarmac and left a suspicious bag behind when they escaped.

SAS spokesman Bertil Ternert said an SAS flight from London was robbed, but neither he nor police gave details of what was stolen. Police originally said a foreign exchange bureau at the airport had been robbed.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese immigrant workers' children study in their classroom in a rural part of Shanghai on 6 March, 2006. —INTERNET

### WEATHER

Wednesday, 8 March, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, Anlun, Pyay and Shwegyin (39°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 7-3-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 8-3-2006 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 8-3-2006 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 7-3-2006 was (9.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 8-3-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (16:20) hours MST on 7-3-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 9-3-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).


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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in the lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Pyinmana and neighbouring area for 9-3-2006:** Generally fair.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-3-2006:** Generally fair.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-3-2006:** Generally fair.



**Thursday, 9 March**  
View on today

**8:10 am**  
7. အကဝေသာ

**8:20 am**  
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:25 am**  
9. မအိချောင်းတံတား

**8:30 am**  
10. International news

**8:45 am**  
11. Let's Go

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. English for Everyday Use

**4:45 pm**  
4. တစ်ဖက်တစ်ဖက် ရုတ်ပြု တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုရတေးများ (၂၀၀၄) ခုနှစ်

**5:00 pm**  
5. အဆေးသစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)

**5:15 pm**  
6. Cute little dancers

**5:30 pm**  
7. အထီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:35 pm**  
8. "အန္တရာယ်ဆိုတာ လက်တစ်ကမ်းမှာ" (နိုးသူ၊ နန်းတလျာလှိုင်၊ ကျော်မင်းဇော်၊ ကောင်းစွာနီသစ်၊ ယင်းမာ) (ခါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

**5:45 pm**  
9. Musical programme

**6:00 pm**  
10. Evening news

**6:30 pm**  
11. Weather report

**6:35 pm**  
12. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**6:40 pm**  
13. (၆၁)နှစ်မြောက် တစ်ဖက်တစ်ဖက် ရုတ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

**6:55 pm**  
14. သွင်းကုန်အစားထိုး စက်မှု ရုပ်ကွက် (မူဆယ်)

**7:05 pm**  
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရောင်စဉ်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

**8:00 pm**  
16. News

**8:05 pm**  
17. International news

**8:15 pm**  
18. Weather report

**8:25 pm**  
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီအိပ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)

**8:30 pm**  
20. The next day's programme



**Thursday, 9 March**  
Tune in today

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music:

**8:40 am** Perspectives

**8:45 am** Music:

**8:50 am** National news / Slogan

**9:00 am** Music:  
-Mr Big

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Music:

**1:30 pm** News / Slogan

**1:40 pm** Lunch time music  
-Friend

**9:00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:20 pm** Pouri

**9:30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers

**9:45 pm** News & Slogan

**10.00 pm** PEL

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**Senior General Than Shwe welcomes Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on ...**

(from page 1)

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party, and the Indian President and party went to the lounge of the airport.

While the Indian President and the Senior General took the salute of the Guard of Honour, the State Band played national anthems of the two countries. Next, the Indian President and the Senior General inspected the Guard of Honour.

After that, Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam introduced his

*Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe inspect the Guard of Honour.*  
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goodwill delegation members to Senior General Than Shwe. The Indian President and cordially greeted

Senior General Than Shwe and party.

Next, the Indian President and party proceeded to the Traders

Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, in a motorcade. The Indian President was accompanied by Indian high-ranking

officers. To welcome the Indian delegation led by the Indian President, welcoming banner and

arches bearing "Warmly welcome to President of the Republic of India His Excellency Dr APJ Abdul Kalam" displaying both in Myanmar and English languages and photos of the Indian President and Senior General Than Shwe were erected at the entrance to the airport and at the VIP Lounge of the airport. The national flags

of both countries were also flown at the environs of the airport, at the Junction-8, at the Inyalay Corner, the bank of Inya Lake, Kamayut Junction, Hanthawady Roundabout, U Wisara Roundabout, U Htaung Bo Roundabout, the People's Square, and environs of the Traders Hotel.

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Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at Yangon International Airport.

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*In 10 years, Monywa has enjoyed fruitful results of development with a large number residences, modern buildings and automobiles alongside temperate climate and new way of life of local people. In a word, local people in Anya region have overcome poor living conditions and the region has now become a greening zone.*