

## Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Soe Win on his return from ASEAN Summits

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister General Soe Win and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 4:20 pm today on their return from the Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations and the

Third ASEAN-China Economic and Investment Summit held in Nanning, the People's Republic of China.

Also present at the airport were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, members of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport



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Maj-Gen Thein Swe, departmental heads and officials.

Members of the Myanmar delegation — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min and departmental officials — also arrived back on the same flight.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 4 November, 2006

### Hear Samañña Phala Sutta on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon

During the month of Tazaungmon, the whole ground is usually free from rain water and mud, but it is covered with lush green vegetation for the reason that the rainy season has just been over. And the whole sky is clear and cloudless.

In the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon, the sky is more pleasant than in the fullmoon day of any other month because all the stars appear at the night together with the third lunar mansion, constellation Perseus, the constellation Auriga in addition to the fullmoon.

King Ajatasat of Rajagaha, under the arrangements of physician Jivaka, paid a visit to the Lord Buddha, who was at the time residing in the mango grove of Jivaka, in the evening on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon and requested Him for an appropriate sermon. In response to his request, the Lord Buddha expounded Samañña Phala Sutta that reflects the benefits of attaining monkhood.

Since he heard the Samañña Phala Sutta, the king had taken refuge in the Three Gems. With reference to the expounding of the Samañña Phala Sutta, Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon was designated as Samañña Phala Day.

Buddhists have held Kathina robe-offering ceremonies since the Buddha expounded the sermon on the benefits of offering Kathina robes in the month of Tazaungmon. Due to the Kathina robe-offering ceremonies, members of the Sangha who receive the donations can enjoy five kinds of benefit and the donors can enjoy the benefits of their donation.

Therefore, Buddhists can enjoy good results in this life and next existence by hearing the Samañña Phala Sutta, offering Kathina robes to members of the Sangha and practising meditation on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon.

### MWAF gives educative talk on legal Affairs

YANGON, 2 Nov — Legal Affairs Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized an educative talk on legal affairs at the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation on Pyay Road this afternoon.

First, working group leader Daw Ni Ni Win, deputy leader Prof Dr Daw Than Nwe and secretary Daw Myint Swe gave educative talks.

Later, Dr Daw Than Nwe accepted K 1 million presented by Daw Thet Wah, wife of Deputy Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation U Ohn Myint.

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## Peoples' 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

### Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects maintenance of road sections, regional development tasks in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials, inspected agricultural tasks along Kutkai-Muse section of Lashio-Hsenwi-Kutkai-Muse Union Highway on 30 October.

At the mile post 236/2 on Kutkai-Muse section, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on extension of the road and maintenance of the retaining walls being carried out by Asia World Co presented by engineer U San Naing. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In Namphatka, they met with Tatmadawmen and family members of the local station, and presented gifts to them.

At the site of Shweli Hydel Power Project, Assistant Director U Nay Lin reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on implementation of the hydel power projects. Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented fruit

baskets to Chinese and Myanmar engineers.

Shweli Hydel Power Project site is located near Mantat Village, 17 miles from Namhkam.

At Mantat station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win instructed Tatmadawmen to cooperate with local people in the regional development and extend livestock breeding.

He inspected the site for construction of Basic Education High School near Mantat Village and attended to the needs.

At the site of Shweli Bridge (Namhkam) construction project, Superintending Engineer U Win Kyi submitted reports on progress of the construction tasks.

They viewed harvesting of Hsinshweli monsoon paddy by combine harvester and ploughing of farmland by power-tiller in Aungmyitta Village of Namhkam Township. Local authorities reported on cultivation matters.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected functions of Immigration and National Registration Department in Muse and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

### USDA Secretary-General met with farmers in Wundwin

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo together with the Chairman of Meiktila District Peace and Development Council, departmental officials and executives met with farmers at Kaing Village-tract in Wundwin Township on 28 October and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Secretary-General and party viewed

thriving physic nut plantations at Meiktila Air Base and oversaw completion of offering gold foil to Lawka Yannaing Pagoda, sanitation works and sinking of tube well being carried out by Meiktila Township USDA and wellwishers. In his inspection tour, the Secretary-General and party visited Myaukkaing Aungtha, Hmankyaung and Zaygon monasteries and offered provisions to the Sayadaws.—MNA

### Myanmar Archery Team bags gold medal in 3rd AAGP 2006 and 2nd SEA Archery Championship



Gold medallist Ye Min Swe (Myanmar).—NLM

YANGON, 3 Nov — The 3rd Asian Archery Grand Prix 2006 and the 2nd Southeast Asia Archery Championship hosted by Myanmar continued today, attended by

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik and officials, member of Asian Archery Council Vice-President of Southeast Asia Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe (Zay Gabar), General Secretary of Myanmar Archery Council Assistant Director U Kyaw Oo and executives and guests. After some final events, the prize presentation ceremony followed.

Myanmar bagged one gold medal in the

man's compound team FITA round event. Ye Min Swe stood second in the man's compound 90 and 70 metres events and third

in the man's compound 50 metres event and secured gold medal in the man's compound 30 metres event. — MNA

Asian Archery Federation President Mr Sangan Kosa Vinta Shakes hands with gold medallist L H Heong (Malaysia). NLM



## Chinese Premier urge Guangxi to expand cooperation with ASEAN

NANNING, 2 Nov — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao urged Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in south China to expand cooperation with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), develop economy and improve people's living standard. The Premier made the remarks during a recent two-day inspection tour of Guangxi ahead of the opening of the China-ASEAN Business and Investment summit, which kicked off here on Tuesday.

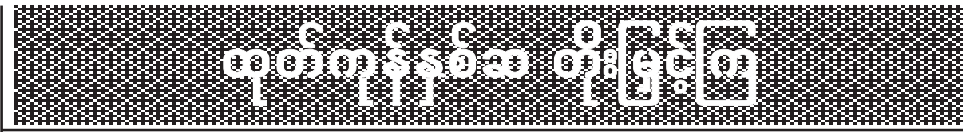
During the inspection tour, Wen visited Liangmianzhen Co Ltd a name brand toothpaste producer, Liuzhou Tech Machinery Co Ltd and Wuling Motors Co Ltd in Liuzhou, Guangxi's largest industrial city, and held talks with enterprise officials and workers. He urged these companies to explore development potential, grasp opportunities and step up development of industries with unique advantages by taking the region's rich natural resources.

He also visited two villages and inquired about farmers rice production, revenues, medical care and the implementation of seeds and farm tool subsidies, stressing that the construction of new socialist countryside

should respect farmers will. The input in rural areas should be increased and efforts should focus on developing roads, water, electricity, telecommunications and other infrastructure facilities so as to lay a foundation for rural development and improving farmers life, he

noted. As for the serious drought problem complained by villagers, Wen called on governments at various levels to build an irrigation system and improve water conservancy facilities in a bid to upgrade drought-fighting ability.

MNA/Xinhua



**Russia's President Vladimir Putin (R) greets South Korean Foreign Minister and new UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and invites him to the table of negotiations in Moscow, on 1 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET**

## Alcohol now Finland's top killer

LONDON, 1 Nov — Alcohol has become the leading cause of death in Finland for men, and is a close second for women, a study says.

Figures for 2005 released by the state statistics agency showed alcohol killed more people aged 15 to 64 than cardiovascular disease or cancer.

Almost as many women died of alcohol-related

causes as breast cancer last year.

Alcohol consumption in the Nordic country has risen steadily over the past 20 years, correspondents say. About 2,000 Finns died of alcohol-related causes last year — 150 more than in previous years.

Each Finn drank on average the equivalent of 10.5 litres (22 pints) of pure alcohol in 2005.

Alcohol was also found to be a contributory factor in suicides, and intoxication is involved in nearly one in four deaths caused by accidents or violence, the figures showed.

"If the trend continues, we are talking about a significant matter even from the point of view of the economy, because people of working age pay the pensions of the coming

generations, and keep the economy competitive", Ismo Tuominen, a Ministry of Social Affairs and Health senior official, told Helsingin Sanomat newspaper. —Internet

## Three arrested in Britain over fellow soldier's exercise death

LONDON, 1 Nov — Three soldiers were arrested on Tuesday on suspicion of manslaughter over the sudden death of a 22-year-old fellow serviceman in Wiltshire in July, police said.

Private Gavin Williams, serving with the 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh, collapsed and died after exercising at Lucknow Barracks in Tidworth on 3 July.

Wiltshire Police said the arrested men were being held at Salisbury police station.

They are a 32-year-old from the Royal Army Medical Corps, based at Tidworth, and two 35-year-olds with the 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh, also based at Tidworth. Five other members of the battalion were arrested on suspicion of manslaughter in July, and were subsequently released on police bail. — MNA/Reuters

## Wrongly convicted Texas man set free after 25 years

DALLAS, 1 Nov — DNA testing has set a Dallas man free 25 years after his wrongful conviction of rape, the latest such case that judicial activists say highlights racial bias and other shortcomings in the US justice system.

Larry Fuller, 57, a Black Vietnam War veteran, walked out of court a free man on Tuesday after the legal advocacy group the Innocence Project took up his case. He was the 10th wrongfully convicted prisoner to be freed in Dallas County based on

DNA testing in the past five years.

Fuller was convicted of aggravated rape in 1981 and sentenced to 50 years in prison.

"Any time DNA proves a wrongful conviction, we need to learn what went wrong so it can be prevented in the

future.

When DNA proves 10 wrongful convictions in one county, the need for reform can't be ignored," said Maddy deLone, the executive director of the Innocence Project.

The Innocence Project said many of these cases involved misidentification

involving white victims or eyewitnesses and Black suspects.

"That was the case here, Larry Fuller was Black and the victim was White," Eric Ferrero, director of communications at the Innocence Project, told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters



**Reese Witherspoon poses with her Oscar for best actress alongside her husband Ryan Phillippe at the Vanity Fair Oscar party at Morton's in West Hollywood, Calif, in this 5 March, 2006 file photo. The pair have separated after 7 years of marriage, according to their publicist, Monday, 30 Oct, 2006. She won the Oscar for "Walk the Line".**

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**Tourists stand in front of the famous Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, in November 2005 file photo. Malaysia's state energy firm Petronas has said it will supply China with liquefied natural gas for the first time in a landmark deal worth 25 billion dollars over 25 years.**

INTERNET





A Sanrio employee holds a diamond-encrusted gold Hello Kitty pendant worth over \$10,000 at an Isetan department store in Tokyo on 1 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

## Guatemala, Venezuela choose Panama for UN seat

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Nov—Guatemala and Venezuela agreed to support Panama as a consensus candidate for a non-permanent seat of the UN Security Council, Ecuador's UN Ambassador Diego Cordovez announced on Wednesday evening.

They agreed to give up their own bid for the seat and supported Panama as a compromise candidate for the 35-member Latin

American and Caribbean group, said Cordovez, who hosted two rounds of talks between Guatemalan Foreign Minister Gert Rosenthal and his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro.

Cordovez said the two ministers will present the choice to a meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean group on Thursday for approval. After that, the UN General Assembly must vote.

Guatemala and Venezuela were vying for the Latin American seat that Argentina will vacate on 31 December. Guatemala, backed by the United States, led Venezuela by about 25 votes in all but one of the 47 rounds of balloting that started on October 16. But Guatemala fell short of a required two-third majority to secure the seat.

MNA/Xinhua

## Eight die in Latvia after drinking bootleg alcohol

RIGA, 1 Nov—Eight people have died in Latvia after drinking the same homemade alcohol laced with disinfectant and furniture polish that put hundreds in hospital in Russia. Latvian police said on Tuesday 69 people were in hospital and some were critically ill.

State police spokeswoman Sintija Kajina said first test results on the alcohol, consumed in Latvia's eastern region of Latgale which borders Russia, showed its contents were similar to those of the dangerous Russian bootleg.

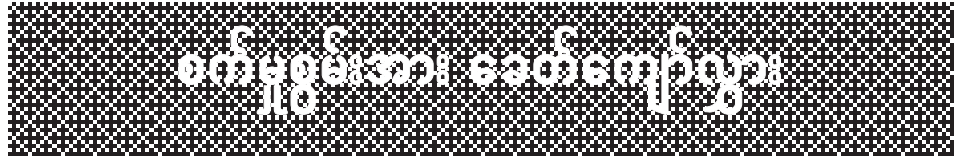
"We can confirm that the alcohol has the same disinfectant as the alcohol in Russia and we are expecting more cases of people falling ill in the region because symptoms only start to show after some two weeks after consumption," Kajina said.

The Russian region of Pskov, which borders Latvia, declared a state of emergency this month after several hundred people were taken to hospital and many died as a result of drinking tainted alcohol.

Last week hospitals in Preili, 200 kilometres from the Latvian capital Riga, were flooded with victims of alcohol poisoning who showed severe symptoms of hepatitis and liver damage.

The Latvian Health Ministry declared the rural region an emergency area and helicopters were brought in to transport patients to Riga.

MNA/Reuters



## Police bust large Arizona human trafficking ring

PHOENIX, 1 Nov — Police have arrested more than 40 people and broken up a family-run smuggling ring that hauled illegal immigrants from Mexico to Arizona for generations, officials said on Monday.

The operation, which began in 2001, broke up a ring that smuggled undocumented immigrants to Bowie, Arizona, southeast of Phoenix, from Agua Prieta in Mexico, Immigration and Customs Enforcement said.

Alonzo Pena, ICE special agent in charge of Arizona, said a grand jury handed down an indictment this month charging 55 people in connection with the operation. Eleven suspects remained at large.

"This was an extremely significant

smuggling operation and one of the largest of its kind in the state," Pena told Reuters.

"It was run by a family that passed on their activity from one generation to another, from a father to his two sons and their wives," he added. Pena said those charged included the alleged ringleader and his wife, guides who ferried

people across the desert border to Arizona, couriers who picked up smuggling fees sent by wire transfers and drivers.

Pena said the group smuggled hundreds of undocumented immigrants, including Mexicans and Salvadoreans, over the border to Bowie and onto destinations across the United States.

MNA/Reuters

## Two killed in plant explosion in US

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov — Two people were killed and a third was injured in an explosion early Tuesday at a plant in the south-central US state of Arkansas, news reports said.

The blast took place at a production area of an aluminum recycling plant, but there was no fire or chemical release, the reports said, quoting a spokesman for the company, Arkansas Aluminum Alloys.

MNA/Xinhua



A model walks on the catwalk showing a design by Thai designer Issue during the Elle Fashion Week 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand, on 31 Oct, 2006. INTERNET

## Schools take action to address obesity

CANBERRA, 1 Nov—Schools in south-east New South Wales are heeding the warnings that Australia is heading towards being one of the most overweight nations in the world.

Principals are taking action in line with a recent Access Economics report that estimates that just under 30 per cent of Australians could be overweight by the year 2025.

The grim statistics come as no surprise to teachers who have been watching their students become slower and heavier each year.

The principal of Cooma's Monaro High, Ray Downey, says he is shocked at the increase in obesity-related illness.

"More and more young people being diagnosed with diabetes 2 is a bit of a signal," he said.

But it is not all bad news.—Internet

Models pose with Toshiba's new 'HD-XA1' HD DVD player in a Tokyo file photo from 31 March, 2006.

Electronics maker Toshiba Corp more than doubled its net profit in the fiscal first-half, it said Tuesday, thanks to strong sales of digital products, home appliances and flat-panel displays.

INTERNET



## Annan calls for reform to retain good UN staff

UNITED NATIONS, 1 Nov — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday called for more resources from member states to improve recruiting practices and streamline contracts so as to attract good candidates and keep them with the organization.

Addressing the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, Annan said his latest call for action to improve staffing conditions builds on recommendations contained in his overall reform package, "Investing in the

United Nations", released earlier this year.

While confirming that the world body was "on the right track", he noted the UN still faces important obstacles, citing recruitment practices as "reactive and slow". "Change needs to begin with the way we recruit people to serve the organization, the conditions of service we offer them, and how we develop their skills ... We aim to speed up recruitment, with targeted steps to find the people we need rather than waiting for them to find

us," he said. "We need to have one kind of contract rather than the complex arrangements that prevail at present. Even this seemingly modest change will do much to restore equity and to improve transparency, mobility and flexibility," he said, adding the proposals in the Investing in People package built not only on experience but also on discussions with more than 5,000 staff worldwide, who had showed "great support" for the ideas.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 31 Oct, 2006 shows the Chinese subway at the site of the fair in Shanghai.—XINHUA

## Two US soldiers killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 1 Nov— Two American soldiers were killed in Baghdad in two attacks on Monday, the US military said on Tuesday.

A US soldier, assigned to the Multi-National Division-Baghdad, was killed at approximately 5:00 pm (1400 GMT) Monday by small arms fire while conducting combat operation in western Baghdad, the US military said in a statement.

Thirty minutes later, another soldier was killed when an improvised-explosive device struck his vehicle south of Baghdad, the military said in a separate statement. The latest deaths brought to more than 100 the number of US soldiers killed in October, the heaviest loss for the military in a single month this year.

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Construction continues on the Burj Dubai skyscraper in Dubai, on 29 Oct 2006. Set to be the world's tallest tower on completion in 2008, Burj Dubai has now clocked up 79 floors.—XINHUA

## Blair faces demand for inquiry on Iraq

LONDON, 1 Nov— Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour government faces possible defeat in Parliament on Tuesday over a call for an inquiry into the Iraq war and its aftermath.

Scottish and Welsh nationalist members of Parliament have put forward a motion calling for a committee of seven senior politicians to review the government's hand-ling of the conflict.

Opposition Conservatives say they will support the motion,

raising the prospect of an embarrassing defeat for the government if enough of Blair's own Labour members — many of whom are unhappy about the whole Iraq conflict — decide to rebel against him.

Blair's official spokesman said agreeing to hold an Iraq inquiry would send the wrong signal to "an enemy who is looking for any sign of weakness at all".

"What matters is that we fully support our troops, that we do

nothing to undermine their ability to do their job.

"That includes not sending any signal to those we are fighting that we are anything other than resolute to see the

job through," he said.

Blair and US President George W Bush are facing a barrage of criticism over Iraq as the death toll for their forces rises.

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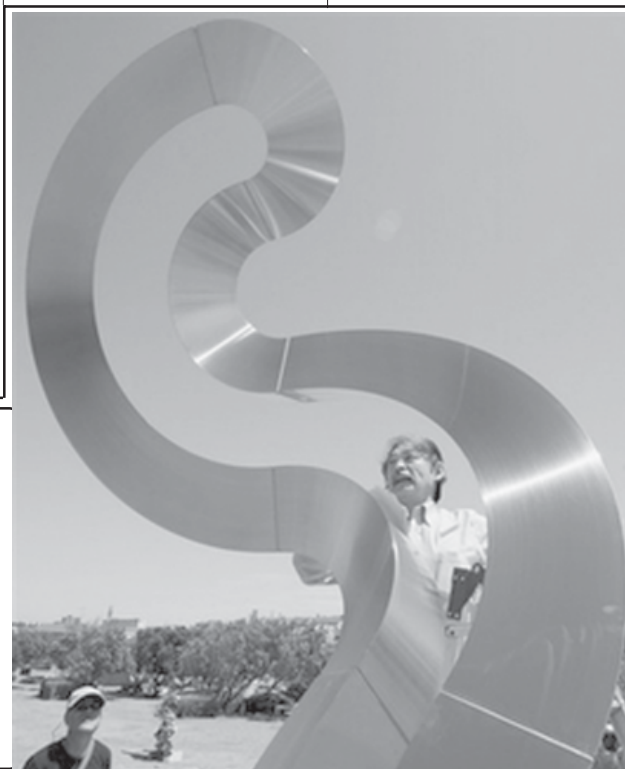
## Eighteen killed as Indian train rams taxi

CHENNAI (India), 1 Nov— Eighteen people, including 14 women farm labourers, were killed when a passenger train hit their shared taxi as they travelled to work in southern India on Tuesday, officials said.

The crash occurred in Tamil Nadu State, near the temple town of Kancheepuram, about 60 kilometres (35 miles) from the state capital Chennai, as the large three-wheeled taxi, known locally as a "share auto-rickshaw", crossed the railway line.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese artist Mitsuo Takeuchi polishes his stainless steel work 'Transfiguration Wind' as he makes final preparations for the opening of the Sculpture by the Sea exhibition near Sydney's Bondi Beach, on 31 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



## Ten dead in Philippines after typhoon "Cimaron"

MANILA, 1 Nov— Typhoon Cimaron churned towards central Vietnam on Tuesday after killing at least 10 people and displacing thousands in the northern Philippines with fierce winds and raging waters. Cimaron slammed into Luzon, the Philippines' most populated island and its rice bowl, on Sunday night as

a maximum category five storm or "super typhoon", tearing up trees, power lines and roofs and destroying houses and roads. The typhoon, the second to hit the Philippines in over a month, weakened as it swept out of the archipelago on Monday and was churning westwards towards Vietnam with winds of

120 kilometres (75 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 150 kilometres per hour.

Storm tracker www-tropicalstormrisk.com showed Cimaron picking up speed and tipping northwards en route to Vietnam, bringing stormy weather to Hong Kong and the Chinese island of Hainan on Wednesday morning.

MNA/Reuters

# So-called ‘88’ generation students, abysmally-stupid ones

*Nay Chi*

Recently, on my birthday, I paid a visit to the pagoda in the morning. On the platform of the pagoda, I came across a friend of mine who is also a pensioner, the same as me. He said to me, “Oh, what a white shirt you’re wearing”, adding “Good! You’re also a supporter”. Then, he shook hands with me. I did not know what he meant. While I was puzzled and stunned, he left the pagoda. So, I did not know what I should put him a question and I was left in a daze.

Then, my daughter said to me, “Maybe, he thought you are participating in the white expression campaign”. I felt angry a lot with him when I knew what he meant. Throughout successive eras, I had been serving the interests of my motherland and was trying to become a good citizen. Now, I am leading a peaceful life by devoting myself in reading and writing, with my pension. My children have come of age and they are repaying our gratitude. So, I have an opportunity to concentrate more on reading and writing, to which I could not pay any attention when I was in service.

I was completely taken aback by the behaviours of my friend who is still silly despite the age of nearly 60. That event evoked memories of my youth at university.

At that time, there were no students’ unions, except associations of respective townships, for example, Maubin Association and Pyapon Association that were social associations with no political purposes. Having a good taste in reading and writing, I was in no mood to join such social associations. The friend I ran across at the pagoda spent most of his time on the activities of the associations at university. Sometimes, he came to my room and persuaded me to attend meetings that were held under the name of movements of the student union. Such an illegal movement could not draw my attention at all and I had never attended the meetings. One day, I went to his room to borrow some books from him. At that time, I witnessed a clandestine meeting was in progress in his room. Then, he introduced so-called leaders of the students to me. I did not know when they became the leaders of the students and who elected them.

Later one day, I asked him who had elected them as the student leaders. He said he knew he had been elected as secretary only when a letter was sent to him. He added he did not know when and where he was elected as secretary.

Then, there occurred unrests and disorders many times and that cause repeated closure of educational institutions. When I was a resident student at university, it was certain students with long hair who aroused the emotion of other students, saying “Hey, aren’t you brave enough? Come down the hostels or wear a sarong instead of a longyi!”. They were indeed the students who often smoked marijuana and abused heroin by injection and were like poets. It was unacceptable to me that such so-called student leaders were up in arms to cause outrage of other students. Therefore, I pondered over that. The students with long hair took a leading role acting like student leaders to launch anti-government movement in which the majority of the students did not want to get involved. Did we have to recognize them as student leaders and follow their instructions? Of course, I was not that naive.

My birth does not date back to the colonial period. But, I held high esteem in the students in the colonial days who rose against the colonialists. To my knowledge, they were endowed with many formidable qualities such as education, bravery, morale and fine personalities. They made sharp decisions and carried

out meaningful activities with fine goals. And they never hesitated to sacrifice their lives if necessary for any struggles to regain the independence. The books on politics and independence struggles they studied and wrote with the aim of entering into politics are put on record as classical works.

During the time when I was at university, many of the students indulged themselves in composing poems. They published poem booklets without seeking permission and distributed them at the rate of one kyat per copy. In that way, they were like politicians or poets. Then, they became under the influence of the opinions of Mao Zedong and Lenin. The students who were under the influence of Communism began to act as though they were philosophers. Many hot-blooded students decided to launch an uprising against the government. Therefore, the ever-peaceful environment of universities was changed into a place where such students had the opportunity to burst their anger.

In consequence, Myanmar lagged behind in development of the education sector if compared with that of neighbouring countries. These days, the voices of the “88” generation students become louder. Supposing, a so-called “88” generation student was 25 years old in 1988, now their ages range from over 40 to 50 years. At such age, they should have been mature enough with high reasoning power. And they should have given priority to what is appropriate.

“Mother gave birth to me, and the prison feeds me” is the slogan during the colonial era. But we must be aware of the fact that not everyone serving prison term is a patriot. As for today’s students they will jeer at anyone recounting his long-term prison experience with pride.

Student youths suffer most from the consequences of national instability perpetrators have created through various means. The so-called ‘88’ generation students should have realized the difference between the past and the present. During their time, there was no Internet or computer, and IT was beyond their knowledge. Youths are trying so hard to catch up with the ever advancing age. They have no time to spare for some other matters than studying computer and Internet. It will be wrong for the so-called ‘88’ generation students to think that the lives of today’s youths are the same as theirs. However loud the voices are shouting the name “Min Ko Naing”, today’s university students will take no interest in him, instead, they will even ask “Who is Min Ko Naing?” At a time when youths are busy preparing to meet the challenges of the age, they will leave anyone out in the cold if they know him as a person recruiting new members for the forces of darkness.

The self-imposed student leaders are now talking big as if they are national leaders only because they have come to realize that they cannot penetrate today’s students. I want to ask them “What is a national leader? “Do you know its meaning definitely?” “You presume yourself leaders because you dared come out to the streets in the first line during the unrest; because you had been in prison for a long time; because you are praising yourself with mean words after you have been released from prison; because you can slander and attack the government at the interviews with radio stations of the West? I am asking the so-called ‘88’ generation students these questions as they are foolishly claiming themselves as leaders. They are thinking themselves so great as they are being flattered by a handful of persons. Do we have to accept such persons as our national leaders, representing all the country’s people?

I have a bad experience of the 1988 unrest. I had to make an apologetic request to the so-called student leaders just to enter my own ward. I felt so bitter for being scolded by those so-called student leaders wearing red headbands for my failure to appear at the meeting they had summoned me to attend. I almost stopped breathing when they said angrily “We haven’t cut off anyone’s head yet in the ward! Do we have to do so?” Even the sound of footsteps at night were fearful enough to awaken me. We were like Jews during the World War II.

Later, the Tatmadaw took over the State duties. We were able to earn our living in peace. “If those so-called student leaders seize State power...” I was thinking with horror during the whole unrest. Factional differences appear due to disagreements among the so-called leaders. People fell victim to the conflicts among the so-called leaders crazed with political advantage and power. People were helpless and did not know whom they should trust. No so-called leader’s acts were worthy of winning public trust.

The so-called ‘88’ generation students are now trying to forcibly realize their public-government confrontation programme as they wish to see the recurrence of another unrest in Myanmar. They have timed their campaign in harmony with the announcements of the radio stations of the West. But all their thunders are nothing for us. We even pity those so-called ‘88’ generation students who are trying to play a political gambit. Because they are playing their game in accord with the schedule of the West. At the same time, they tried to mess up the public situation with their campaign “The White Expression”. But what they will get is the disgust from the people who usually wear white clothes in their daily life.

Now they are boasting that they have collected tens of thousands of public signatures. It seems that they imitate a Korean TV series in which the female protagonist tried to collect public signatures for her husband’s freedom. It is just a political stunt. And when they urged the people to make a wish for them at the pagoda, pilgrims were wavering between visiting the pagoda and staying away from it as they are afraid of being counted by those so-called students as the participants in their prayer campaign.

The aim of the so-called ‘88’ generation students is to make a confrontation with the government, while instigating people to come out to the streets for public demonstrations. If people stage street demonstrations they wearing red headbands with the picture of the fighting peacock will try to rule the public with a rod of iron. But the persons who are going to give orders to the people should be the ones who can exercise and control the power well. During the 1988 unrest the nation was spinning out of control till it almost fell into an abyss because of the power craze who knew nothing about the people, the government, the administration and the sovereignty.

We the people are trying to become good sons and daughters of the nation while leading a peaceful life. We are not the persons who will become saboteurs for not having the leadership position or duty. Our only wish is to serve the national interest as good followers. The persons trying to disturb and destroy peace and development with the discontent at their failure to grab the leadership role will be punished by history.

(Translation: MS+TMT)

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint visits rice, cotton, physic nut cultivation in Kyaukse, Meiktila districts

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw visited rice, physic nut and cotton cultivations in Kyaukse and Meiktila districts on 31 October and gave instructions to officials.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint went to a 115-acre paddy plantation of quality strains in Myittha Township and met with local farmers on 31 October.

There are 80 acres of Manawthukha, 20 acres of Shwemyanmar and 15 acres of Shwethweyin species in the field.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Taungtaw Village and inspected the thriving physic nut cultivation. He also called on officials for extended cultivation of the plants in vacant land.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, accompanied by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win, also inspected the physic nut cultivation of the local battalion in Myittha Township. During his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Kinda Dam 21 miles south east of Kume and inspected the storage of water and diversion canal of the dam which supply irrigation water to fields in the region.

Next, they proceeded to Kintar Hydel Power Station of Hydro-Electric Power Department under the Ministry of Electric Power-1. At the meeting, an official reported on generation of electricity of the Kinda Hydel Power Station which came into operation in December 2005.

Kintarlay Diversion Dam is designed to divert water from Kinda Dam to the catchment areas through canals.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited

the cotton special cultivation zone in Wundwin Township and urged officials concerned to grow quality strains of cotton.

Next, they went to the 100-acre monsoon paddy cultivation where an official of Myanmar Agricultural Services reported on the pilot cultivation of paddy. Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed the thriving fields and called for meeting the target production rate.

On his tour of Meiktila Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint also inspected the physic nut cultivation of Flying Training Base and Ground Training Base.

Before his tour of inspection on 31 October, first, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Mayor of Mandalay Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win, went to Nandaw Special Clinic in Mandalay and attended to the needs for Bawditthaung Sayadaw who is undergoing treatment at the clinic. — MNA

### Shwedagon's Board of Trustees complains about prayers campaign

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — The Board of Trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon sent a complain to Dagon Township Police Station recently about a political campaign staged by '88' Generation Students, NLD members and veteran politicians on 29 October under the pretext of a religious ceremony.

An estimated 100 people including Mya Aye and Jimmy (a) Kyaw Min Yu of '88' Generation Students, dressed in white, staged a prayers campaign at Shwedagon Pagoda on 29 October. The group gathered at west-north corner of the pagoda and said prayers loudly. During the campaign, they went round the pagoda clock-

wise and lit candles.

Their activities disturbed the pilgrims and well-wishers. Besides, Thein Nyunt (a) Ko Aye, a member of NLD, from South Dagon Township and Yin Yin Myat from Thingangyun responded to members of the board of trustees and the security abusively when they were interrogated. Pilgrims and willwishers worried about their aggressive behaviour. As the group comprising '88' Generation Students, disturbed the wellwishers and incited unrest, the pagoda board of trustees sent a complained to Dagon Township Police Station to take action against them.

According to the rules and regulations of the board of trustees, those

### MMPE holds Kathina robes offering ceremony



The congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at Kathina robes offering ceremony of MMPE. —MNA

YANGON, 3 Nov — Under the auspicious of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wishing to celebrate religious ceremonies at the pagoda are to seek prior consent and sent programme of the ceremony including objectives and names of preachers to the board.

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wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Kathina robes offering ceremony of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise was held at Yandana Beikman Monastic Education (post primary) School in Ward 5, Mayangon Township this morning, attended by

members of the Sangha led by Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadaja Bhaddanta Sandobnasa of the monastery, officials, staff and their families.

Firstly, those present received Five Precepts from the

Sayadaw. Later, they offered Kathina robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha and shared the merits gained.

After the ceremony, the congregation provided day meal to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. — MNA

### Family doctor of Daw Suu Kyi says he failed to visit her of his own accord



A group of people seen using Shwedagon Pagoda platform as political podium on 29 October.

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Specialist Dr Tin Myo Win, a family doctor of Daw Suu Kyi, sent a letter to authorities concerned regarding his visits to Daw Suu Kyi. In the letter he explained that he failed to visit her during the months of September and October and he did so of his own accord.

Dr Tin Myo Win was allowed to visit Daw Suu Kyi once a month for her checkups. He was also

allowed to visit her in times of emergency when she falls ill.

The doctor had to arrange things at her house such as repairs of fences and pipes and water tanks, changing fluorescent tubes and bulbs. The last time he visited Daw Suu Kyi was 24 August. And he failed to visit her in September and October. He admitted that he did so of his own volition, not by force of

the authorities. In his letter Dr Tin Myo Win said the reason he did not visit her was there were such occasions as the anniversary of NLD in September, authorities' calling in five members of the group of '88' generation students including Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi for questioning and launch of public signature collection campaigns in October, it is learnt. — MNA

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Also present at the summit were Brunei Darussalam King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddhualah, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Philippines President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister retired General

Affairs Department, Deputy Director-General Daw Than Than Htay of Political Department, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officers of ASEAN countries and China, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials.

Before the summit, Chinese Premier of the State Council Mr Wen Jiabao cordially greeted Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries at International Conference Center at 2.30 pm.

Next, they posed for documentary photo. They viewed documen-

delivered an address.

After showing a documentary film on establishment of ASEAN-China dialogue relations, officials made presentation on the documentary film.

Next, China and Heads of State/Government delivered addresses. First, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao made a speech. Next, Brunei Darussalam King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddhualah, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Laotian

dress. He said that ASEAN-China dialogue relations have become a very prominent, growing and healthy phenomenon within a relatively short span of time. Both of our economies are vibrant and have enjoyed broad-based development that could help improve significantly the standard of living of our peoples in recent years. These trends have provided as with an environment conducive to further strengthening of our dialogue relations.

I am very pleased that in recent years, ASEAN and China could



Prime Minister General Soe Win shakes hands with Premier Mr Wen Jiabao. — MNA

ties in the South China Sea which will contribute to peace and stability in the region. I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate our firm stand on the One China Policy.

At the time of globalization, we should underscore the urgency of addressing the non-traditional security issues especially drug trafficking, trafficking of women and children. The ACCORD is the best example in strengthening cooperation in drug matters between ASEAN and China. That arrangement would greatly contribute to the realization of Drug Free ASEAN 2015. As a member of ASEAN and as a country seriously addressing this issue, Myanmar would like to cooperate more fully with China bilaterally or in the context of ASEAN. I also wish to

see the expansion of our cooperation in other areas of non-traditional security issues.

As much as China is trying to narrow the development gaps between Eastern and Western provinces, ASEAN is also trying to narrow the development gaps among its members. It is essential and prerequisite that ASEAN must narrow the development gaps before it could further integrate into the ASEAN Community.

Another substantial achievement in ASEAN-China dialogue relations is the implementation of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area. After the signing of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and China on 4 November 2002, we

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Prime Minister General Soe Win attends joint press conference relating to commemorative summit marking the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations. — MNA

Surayud Chulanont, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win of the Union of Myanmar, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN

tary photos of ASEAN countries and China at the entrance of the hall.

The Summit commenced at 2.45 pm. Premier Mr Wen Jiabao delivered an opening address. Next, Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo also

Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, and Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi delivered addresses respectively.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered an ad-

set significant milestones which have deepened and broaden our dialogue relations.

One of the positive developments in recent years is the understanding reached by ASEAN and China on the Declaration on Conduct of Par-



Prime Minister General Soe Win, Premier of PRC and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries pose for a documentary photo. — MNA



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were able to conclude Agreements on Trade in Goods and Dispute Settlement Mechanism. I am also heartened to learn that negotiations on trade in services are making progress.

In promoting trade, investment and tourism, the ASEAN-China Expo set a good example. The ASEAN-China Expo has greatly contributed in the promotion of Trade and Investment between ASEAN and China. The year before when I first visited here, we had aimed to reach trade between ASEAN and China to US\$ 100 billions by 2005. We have now much surpassed this target and I am very encouraged to note that the trade volume has reached to over 130 billion US dollars.

By taking this opportunity, I wish to underscore that energy is one of the areas that we attach great importance in ASEAN-China cooperation. Without the stable and predictable prices and security of energy supplies, future sustainability of our economies could be at risk. Therefore, it is important that we need to seriously address the issues of energy security and efficient energy management.

In addition to securing the conventional energy supply, we should do more on the development



**Prime Minister General Soe Win grows a tree to mark the successful completion of Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations. — MNA**

intellectual exchanges between ASEAN and China.

ASEAN nations and China see eye to eye in most issues in the area of international affairs. I hope that China will stand by the issues mostly concerned with ASEAN nations. We will strengthen cooperation for ensuring more consolidated unity of these nations. Moreover, we thank China for its strong

ening our cooperation will benefit both sides.

Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister retired General Surayud Chulanont and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung delivered addresses.

The Summit ended with concluding remarks by the Philippine President and the Chinese Premier.

After the summit, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao signed the joint communique at the meeting room of International Conference Center of the hotel.

Next, the joint press conference was held at the same venue. Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao and Philippine President Madame Gloria Macapagal Arroyo clarified matters concerning the Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations.

After the joint press conference, they planted trees to mark successful completion of the summit on the lawns of the guest house No 17.

In the evening, the Chinese Premier and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries attended the dinner in their honour at Banquet Hall of the International Conference Center of Liyuan Hotel. Also present at the dinner were the ministers, the deputy ministers and senior officers of China and ASEAN countries, the ASEAN Secretary-General, officials and guests.

During the dinner, they were entertained with Chinese traditional songs.

Next, they watched the concert at the Nanning People's Hall. After the concert, the Prime Minister and party went back to the Guest House No 8 of Liyuan Hotel.

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**Prime Minister General Soe Win, Premier of the People's Republic of China and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries attend a dinner. — MNA**

of alternative and renewable energy resources that will in the long-run could supplement or substitute the rapidly depleting non-renewable energy supplies.

Promoting people to people contacts is one of the essential ingredients of our relations. In this regard, I wish to reiterate the importance of promoting tourism, youth and cultural exchanges, sport and

support for Myanmar issue at the UN Security Council.

This Summit will not only be a mere commemorative one celebrating our 15 years of dialogue relations, but also a historic milestone that will sharp our future direction and add momentum to further strengthen our relations. I do believe that strength-



**Prime Minister General Soe Win at the concert at People's Hall in Nanning. — MNA**

# Prime Minister General Soe Win arrives at Nanning of People's Republic of China



**Prime Minister General Soe Win takes salute of Guard of Honour at Nanning International Airport. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, left Nay Pyi Taw by special flight of Myanma Airways on 29 October morning to attend the Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations to be held in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China, and arrived at Nanning International Airport in Nanning at 1.30 pm local time.

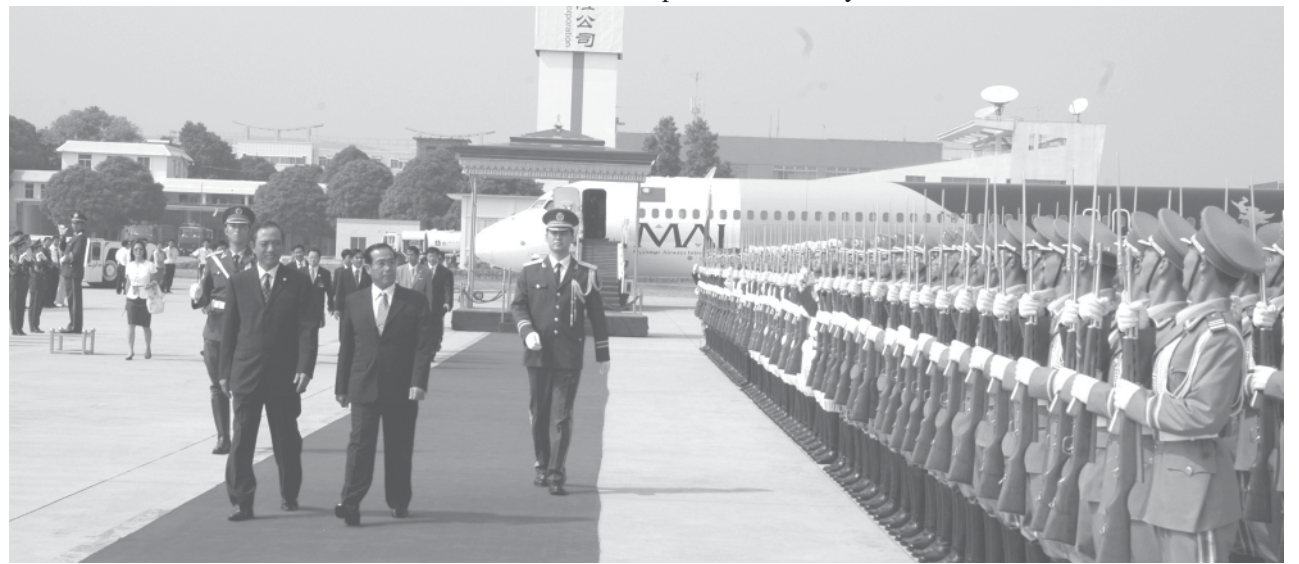
First, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and Deputy Head of Foreign Affairs Office Mr Zeng Xiaohua of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region welcomed the Prime Minister and party on board the aircraft.

Next, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and

Vice-Governor of the region Mr Zhang Wenxue welcomed the Myanmar delegation led by the Prime Minister. A child presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister took the salute of the Guard of Honour and inspected it.

Later, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party proceeded to Liyuan Hotel. — MNA



**Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Guard of Honour at Nanning International Airport.—MNA**

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U Nyan Win, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zw Min, Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department and Deputy Director-General Daw Than Than Htay of Political Department.

Chinese Premier of the State Council Mr Wen Jiabao was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Af-

fairs Mr Li Zhaoxing, Minister for Finance Mr Jin Renqing, Minister for Commerce Mr Bo Xilai, Governor of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bing, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and senior officials.

At the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the two nations have been dealing with one another on the basis of Paukphaw friendship; that constant progress has been made in friendship and cooperation between the two nations as well as in the fight against narcotic drugs and transnational crimes; that frequent visits between leaders of the two nations were made, that is, official visits to Myanmar were made by the Vice-President of the PRC in 2000, by President Jiang Zemin in 2001 and by Vice Premier Madame Wu Yi of the PRC in 2004; that he invited dignitaries of PRC, especially

the Prime Minister to pay a visit to Myanmar; that he expressed his pleasure for assistance provided by the PRC in the economic sector of Myanmar as well as in the international arena; that Myanmar dignitaries thanked a lot to the Chinese dignitaries for their standing by Myanmar when attempts were made by the US and some western nations to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council; that he expressed his belief that China will continue to stand by Myanmar with understanding in order that resolution leading to pressures and sanctions cannot be imposed; that Myanmar has been pursuing One China Policy and will continue to do so, and accepts that Taiwan is an inseparable part of China; that Myanmar completed the National Convention for the third times with the participation of delegates from all walks of life for successful

realization of the seven-point Road Map; that the National Convention in which detailed basic principles on fundamental rights and duties of citizens and the role of the Tatmadaw to be discussed started on 10 October for the fourth time; that he thanked the PRC for its understanding on and support of Myanmar; that Myanmar has wishes to cooperate with the PRC in tapping natural resources and energy sector; that progress has been made in bilateral cooperation in timber and mineral sectors and border trade as well as in the fight against drugs; that Myanmar is making relentless efforts for elimination of drugs with the belief that drugs will soon be eliminated from the Myanmar soil; that Myanmar in cooperation with neighbouring countries is exposing and arresting those involved in drug trafficking and chemicals used in making drugs cannot be manufactured in Myanmar; and

that it is making efforts to control the smuggling of chemicals into the nation.

Next, Prime Minister Mr Wen Jiabao said that during the visit of Prime Minister General Soe Win to the PRC in February a string of agreements were reached; that the PRC will provide Myanmar with Yuan 300 million at lower rates of interest as a gesture of showing attachment towards the latter; that the grant will be used in construction of a communication network in Mekong basin; that the PRC will also grant Myanmar Yuan 50 million as an interest-free loan; that tapping of natural resource and energy is vital in economic cooperation between the two nations; that the two nations were able to sign an agreement in the fight against drugs in May; that the PRC provided Myanmar with 10,000 tons of rice as part of drug-substitute programme; that he expressed his be-

lief that the two nations will exert more efforts in elimination of drugs; that the PRC needs to make concerted efforts with Myanmar for prevalence of peace and stability in the border by making more cooperation in administration in border regions; that the PRC believes that with stability of the State and economic development, Myanmar will make more progress in its national consolidation; that the PRC's policy towards Myanmar remains unchanged; that Myanmar's internal affairs are to be solved only by the Myanmar government and its people themselves; that the PRC has a strong dislike to the interferences of foreign nations in Myanmar's internal affairs, especially it protests against the act of putting Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC; and that the PRC will continue to give a helping hand to Myanmar in the international arena.

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## Robe weaving competitions held at pagodas

YANGON, 3 Nov — Robe weaving competitions were held at pagodas here this evening and oil lamps were lighted at pagodas to mark the Tazuangdaing Light Festival.

The 22th Matho Robe Weaving Ceremony of Shwedagon Pagoda was opened this evening by members of the board of trustees and a total of nine teams were participating in the competition.

Similarly, the annual robe weaving ceremony was held at pagodas here including Botahtaung Kyaikdayup Pagoda, Thiri Mingalar Kaba Aye Pagoda and Shwephonepint Pagoda.

After the competition, hand-woven robes which are completed before dawn will be offered to Buddha Images at the pagodas.

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Pilgrims view Matho Robes weaving competitions at Botahtaung Kyaikdayup Pagoda. —NLM

## Fake signatures collected in Ywadanshe village in Mahline township

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — A public signature campaign was launched through tricks in Ywadanshe village in Mahline township, like in other townships in Mandalay Division, it is learnt.

On 15 October Meikhtila township NLD Chairman Dr Thein Lwin met U Kyaw Dwe of Ywadanshe village at Meikhtila Yoma Bank and asked him to organize the villagers to

give their signatures. In the evening of 18 October U Kyaw Dwe together with his colleague U Phu Nyo met with other villagers and persuaded them to give their signatures on the paper demanding for the release of students.

As the villagers refused to oblige, the two men made up fake signatures, names, addresses of the villagers and sent them to Dr Thein Lwin on 19

October. Dr Thein Lwin accepted the documents although he knew they were all fake as he thought that the dignity of Mandalay Division NLD would be recognized only when he could collect a greater number of signatures.

Moreover, U Kyaw Dwe and U Phu Nyo also gave fake signatures of their eight family members to Dr Thein Lwin.

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### EARTHQUAKE REPORT

(Issued 23:00 hours MST on 3-11-2006)

A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.3) Richter Scale with its epicenter near Myanmar-Bangladesh border about (370) miles Northwest of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (21) hrs (14) min (28) sec MST on 3rd November 2006. — MNA

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## 4th Kathina robes offering ceremony of MRTV and Yangon Division IPRD held



The 4th Kathina robes offering ceremony of MRTV and IPRD (Yangon Division) in progress at NanU monastery. —IPRD

YANGON, 3 Nov — Under the auspicious of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Myanma Radio and Television and Information and Public Relations Department (Yangon Division) held the 4th Kathina robes offering ceremony at NanU Monastery in Ward 5, Mayangon Township this morning.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Sayadaw Agga Maha Suddhama Jotikadaja Bhaddanta

Dhamma Thayhta and members of the Sangha.

Also present were Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV and officials, Assistant Director Daw Tin Tin Myint of Yangon Division IPRD and families members of the staff. Firstly, those present received Five Precepts from the Sayadaw.

Later, they offered Kathina robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha and shared the merits gained.

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## Members of the Sangha in Mandalay get annoyed with political stunt so-called '88' generation student group

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov—In an agitative letter that was posted in front of Dhammapala Kyaung of Masoyein Taikthit in Mandalay on 31 October it is stated that all are to recite Metta suttas for the freedom of so-called '88' generation student group leaders.

Regarding this, members of the Sangha from Myataung Taik, Masoyein Taikhaung and Mahawithuddhayon Kyaungtaik got very annoyed it is learnt.

Members of the Sangha in Mandalay said that the government since its assumption of the State responsibilities has been holding religious ceremonies such as offering Waso robes,

offering Kathina robes and offering provisions to members of the Sangha without fail; that such religious functions were not carried out significantly in the time of the previous government for fear that it might involve party politics; that at the ceremony to open the Shwedagon replica pagoda held in India on 29 October, World Buddhist Meditation Dhamma instructor U Goenka praised the government for its preservation of Theravada Buddhism; that members of the Sangha would not involve in such perpetration carried out by a handful of

destructive elements; that members of the Sangha recite parittas including Metta parittas daily; that members of '88' generation student group exploited the wearing of white clothes by the majority of the people; that service personnel, students and the people get annoyed in this regard; that members of the Sangha would not recite Metta suttas to the liking of such student group; and that such political stunt in the name of religion done by members of '88' generation student group in collusion with internal and external destructive elements is an act that is totally unacceptable.

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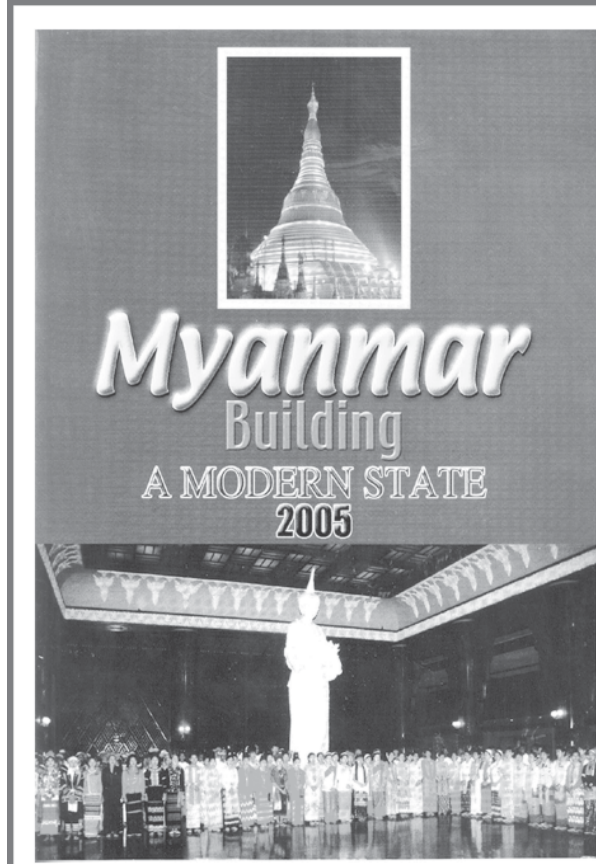
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2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 3.11.2006 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 291985, 201555 (Ext-601, 605, 612)

Deputy General Manager

Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botataung, Yangon

**INVITATION TO TENDER**

**MYANMA MACHINE TOOLS AND ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (2)**

Sealed Tender is invited by Myanma Machine Tools and Electrical Industries, the Union of Myanmar, from reputed manufacturers or their bona fide agents for the supply of the following:

Sr No	Tender No	Description	Tender Issuing Date	Tender Closing Date
1	03/MTEI/ ACSR/2006	Material for ACSR Aluminium Rod & Wire, Steel Rod & GI Wire, Zinc.	6-11-2006 (Monday)	20-11-2006 (Monday)

Tender Documents are available at the office of Myanma Machine Tools and Electrical Industries, Ministry of Industry (2), Building No. 30, Nay Pyi Taw, the Union of Myanmar and General Manager, Machine and Machine Tools Factory No (2) Yangon, Parami Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon, the Union of Myanmar during office hour.

Bids are to reach the office of Myanma Machine Tools and Electrical Industries, Ministry of Industry (2), Building No 30, Nay Pyi Taw, the Union of Myanmar and General Manager, Machine and Machine Tools Factory No (2) Yangon, Parami Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon, the Union of Myanmar on or before the Closing Date and Time.

No Telegraphic/ Telex/Fax/e-mail proposal will be considered or accepted. Myanma Machine Tools and Electrical Industries reserves the right to reject the Tender without furnishing reasons.

Managing Director, Myanma Machine Tools and Electrical Industries, Ministry of Industry (2), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

# ပညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပို့ပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်ဖို့

## ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

### ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့်

### သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းတို့အတွက် စက္ကူနှင့် ပုံနှိပ်လုပ်ငန်းသုံး ပစ္စည်းများ ဝယ်ယူရန် တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းတို့အတွက် အသုံးပြုရန် လိုအပ်သော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စက္ကူနှင့် ပုံနှိပ်လုပ်ငန်းသုံး ပစ္စည်းများကို ယှဉ်တွဲပါ အရေအတွက်များအတိုင်း ဝယ်ယူလိုပါသည်-

- (က) ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်း
  - (1) Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm) ၁၇၀၀ တန် (28 1/4". 30". 40")
  - (2) Woodfree Paper (30") (70/80 Gsm) (Roll) ၁၂၀ တန်
  - (3) ကြေးစက္ကူ Art Card (အထူ) (260/275Gsm) ၁၅ တန် 31"x43" (Sheet)
  - (4) ပုံတူကူးဖလင် (Orthofilm) (50shots/Pkt) 22"x32") ၅၀ ထုပ်
  - (5) Negative Plate
    - (1) 1035x740x0.3 mm ၅၀၀ ချပ်
    - (2) 889x609x0.3 mm ၂၉၀၀ ချပ်
  - (6) Wipe on Developer ၇၀ လီတာ
  - (7) Stitching Wire (23 Gauge) ၈၀၀ ကျိုင်
  - (8) Stitching Wire (24 Gauge) ၆၀၀ ကျိုင်
- (ခ) သတင်းနှင့် စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း
  - (1) Newsprint Paper (48.8 Gsm) (30") ၁၄၀၀ တန်
  - (2) Web Offset Ink (Black) ၂၀၀၀၀ ကီလို
  - (3) Sheetfed Offset Ink (Black) ၂၆၀၀ ကီလို
  - (4) P/S Negative Plates
    - (a) 915x626x0.3 mm ၁၃၀၀ ချပ်
    - (b) 889x609x0.3 mm ၄၀၀၀ ချပ်
    - (c) 889x586x0.3 mm ၆၃၀၀ ချပ်
  - (5) Wipe on Aluminium Plates
    - (a) 745x635x0.24 mm ၂၅၀၀ ချပ်
    - (b) 650x550x0.24 mm ၂၀၀၀၀ ချပ်
  - (6) Coating A+B Set ၇၀၀ စုံ
  - (7) P/S Negative Developer ၄၅၀ လီတာ
  - (8) Developing Lacquer ၇၀၀ လီတာ
  - (9) Ortho Film (Roll) Agfa (24"x200") ၈၅ လိပ်
  - (10) Ortho Film (Sheet) (Agfa) (22"x32") (50 sht/Box) ၃၀၀ ဘူး
  - (11) Agfa Developer (10 Ltrs/Bot) ၂၀၀ ဘူး
  - (12) Agfa Fixer (5 Ltrs/bot) ၂၀၀ ဘူး
  - (13) A3 Toner HP Laser Jet 5000N ၈၀ ဘူး
  - (14) Rubber Blanket Roll(28 Mx1075 MMx1.95 MM) ၁ လိပ်
  - (15) Rubber Blanket With (890x625x1.95 MM) ၂၀ ချပ်
  - (16) Stencil Paper (100 sht/Box) ၂၀၀ ဘူး
  - (17) Gestetner Ink Tube (Duplicating Ink Tube) ၃၅၀ ဘူး
  - (18) Gum Arabic ၄၀၀ လီတာ
  - (19) Imagesetter
    - (a) Film (55.9 cmx61 m) ၃၆ လိပ်
    - (b) Developer ၃၆၀ လီတာ
    - (c) Fixer ၃၆၀ လီတာ
  - (20) Imagesetter
    - (a) Film (55.8 cm x 60 m) ၂၇ လိပ်
    - (b) Developer ၂၇၀ လီတာ
    - (c) Fixer ၂၇၀ လီတာ

၂။ တင်ဒါပေးသွင်းမှုကို (၁၃-၁၁-၂၀၀၆) ရက် (၁၆:၃၀)နာရီတွင် ပိတ်ပါမည်။  
၃။ တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့် အသေးစိတ် အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ပါလိပ်စာတွင် လာရောက်စုံစမ်း ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

ပြည်တွင်း/ပြည်ပ ပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရေးနှင့် ထုတ်ဝေရေးကော်မတီ  
ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန  
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## စားသုံးသူပြည်သူလူထုအား အသိပေးကြေညာခြင်း

International Beverages Trading Co., Ltd (IBTC) မှာ Tanyaung International Co., Ltd နှင့် A&A International Co., Ltd တို့၏ ဖက်စပ်ကုမ္ပဏီဖြစ်ပြီး အခြားမည်သည့် ကုမ္ပဏီများနှင့်မှ ဆက်စပ်ပတ်သက်မှုမရှိပါ။

International Beverages Trading Co., Ltd (IBTC) သည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ အဖျော်ယမကာလုပ်ငန်းနယ်ပယ်တွင် အရည်အသွေး မြင့်မားသည့် ပစ္စည်းများကို တရားဝင်ကုန် အမှတ်တံဆိပ်များဖြင့် ဖြန့်ဖြူးလျက်ရှိသည့် ကုမ္ပဏီဖြစ်ပါသည်။ နည်းပညာနှင့် ဈေးကွက်ထိုးဖောက်ရေး မဟာဗျူဟာများပိုမိုအားကောင်းစေရန်၊ နိုင်ငံခြား ပညာရှင်များကို စနစ်တကျရှာဖွေ ဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။

IBTC မှ ဖြန့်ဖြူးလျက်ရှိသော ကုန်ပစ္စည်းများမှာ (၁) GRAND ROYAL WHISKY (၂) GRAND ROYAL SPECIAL RESERVE WHISKY (၃) ROYAL DRY GIN (၄) EAGLE WHISKY (၅) HEATHER GATE WHISKY နှင့် (၆) LONDON RUM တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

IBTC ကုမ္ပဏီသည် အထက်ဖော်ပြပါကုန်အမှတ်တံဆိပ်(၆)မျိုးမှ အပ ကုန်ပစ္စည်းအမည်သစ် (New Product) ထပ်မံဖြန့်ဖြူး ရောင်းချခြင်းမရှိသေးပါ။ မိမိကုမ္ပဏီ အမည်ကို အလွဲအသုံးပြု ရောင်းချခြင်း(သို့မဟုတ်) မိမိတို့၏အမှတ်တံဆိပ် မဟုတ်သည့် ကုန်ပစ္စည်းများနှင့် ပတ်သက်၍ တစ်စုံတစ်ရာ ဖြစ်ပေါ်ခဲ့ပါက လုံးဝတာဝန်ယူမည်မဟုတ်ပါ။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ IBTC အနေဖြင့် ဖြန့်ဖြူးရောင်းချ လျက်ရှိသော ဖော်ပြပါကုန်အမှတ်တံဆိပ်(၆)မျိုးမှ အပ အခြားကုန်အမှတ်တံဆိပ်များ ဖြန့်ဖြူးရောင်းချခြင်း၊ ပတ်သက်ခြင်း လုံးဝမရှိပါကြောင်း ထပ်လောင်းသိစေအပ်ပါသည်။

International Beverages Trading Co., Ltd (IBTC)  
၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ်၊ နိုဝင်ဘာလ (၄) ရက်



Young Chinese acrobats perform at the closing ceremony of The 7th China Wuhan International Acrobatic Festival in Wuhan, in the capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 1 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

## INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed Tenders are invited for the supply of Base Oil & Additives (400±10%) Metric Tons.

Tender No. : 10(T)MPE/LBO/(2)/2006-07  
Closing Date : 16-11-2006

Detailed Tender Documents are available at the Finance Department of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (Nay Pyi Taw) on payment of FEC (100) per set. Evaluation shall be made only those purchase officially.

Managing Director  
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

## China's Chery auto to supply Fiat 100,000 gasoline engines

HEFEI, 2 Nov—China's Chery Automobile Co, Ltd will supply 100,000 gasoline engines a year to Italy's Fiat Auto under a memorandum of understanding signed on Tuesday in east China's Anhui Province.

The 1.6-litre and 1.8-litre gasoline en-

gines will be provided for Fiat cars produced both in China and abroad, according to cooperation agreement signed in Wuhu City, the base of Chery Automobile.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore's Budget Terminal officially opens

SINGAPORE, 2 Nov—Singapore's Budget Terminal, a new dedicated terminal for low cost carriers (LCCs), officially opened on Tuesday after it came into operation in March.

The budget terminal is linked to 16 cities with about 244 weekly scheduled flights, which is a 97-per-cent increase in the number of flights since the terminal was operational, Raymond Lim, Minister for Transport said at the opening ceremony.

And about 657,000 passengers have gone through the departure gate, he added.

The construction of this terminal commenced in the first quarter of last year, and was completed in less than a year. The terminal opened for operations in March this year, after a short three-month period of testing, commissioning and familiarization.

The terminal comprises two single-storey buildings with a total floor area of about 25,000 square metres.

Today, two low-cost carriers operating from Singapore-based Tiger Airways and Philippine's Cebu Pacific use the terminal.— MNA/Xinhua

## Japanese worry about baby boomer retirement

TOKYO, 2 Nov—The majority of Japanese people are concerned that the coming mass retirement of baby boomers would wage an impact on society and the economy, a survey organized by the Yomiuri daily showed.

The October survey showed that 78 per cent of respondents bore such worries. Of those who believed the impact would be significant or noticeable, 65 per cent said possible increase in social security costs would burden the workforce, the newspaper said.

While half of the respondents thought technology and skilled workers would be negatively affected and 38 per cent feared labour shortages, another 38 per cent believed the leaving of elders could invigorate employment of the young workforce, according to the result of the survey which was released on Wednesday.—MNA/Xinhua

## British Gas found worst for customer service

LONDON, 2 Nov—British Gas is not only Britain's most expensive fuel provider, but is also the worst for customer service, according to a study on Tuesday.

Complaints about the utility provider more than doubled in the six months to end-September, while those for the other big suppliers halved.

The figures will be unveiled on BBC One's "Watchdog" on Tuesday night.

They are expected to show that energywatch received 15,433 complaints about British Gas between April and September, compared to 6,222 in

the same period last year.

Inaccurate billing was found to be the main problem — sometimes resulting in threats of disconnection or debt collectors — as well as a lack of response to enquiries.

Complaints about EDF Energy, Powergen, nPower, Scottish and Southern Energy and Scottish Power have, in contrast, decreased.

British Gas will now have been featured 29 times on Watchdog — more than any other company except British Telecom.

MNA/Reuters

# SPORTS



Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko (47), of Russia, drives around Houston Rockets forward Shane Battier (31) during the third quarter of their NBA basketball game on 1 Nov, 2006, in Salt Lake City. The Jazz beat the Rockets, 107-97. —INTERNET

## Allback stuns Man United to give Copenhagen win

COPENHAGEN, 2 Nov — Sweden striker Marcus Allback bundled the ball home to give FC Copenhagen a 1-0 win over an under-strength Manchester United in Champions League Group F on Wednesday. Allback turned in Canadian midfielder Atiba Hutchinson's header after 73 minutes to record the Danish champion's first goal and victory in their debut season in Europe's premier club competition.

"Today we had nothing to lose. To win it is great. It is our first three points against a very good side," Allback told Sky Sports.

United manager Alex Ferguson made several changes for the tie with Ryan Giggs, Louis Saha and Gary Neville not travelling because of injuries. Defender Rio Ferdinand and midfielder Paul Scholes both came off the bench in the second half.

A bumpy pitch made for a scrappy game with the Danish champions only threatening Edwin van der Sar once in the opening

half, when the Dutch keeper easily saved Michael Silberbauer's long range shot.

Meanwhile, Wayne Rooney worried the Copenhagen defence several times, first testing keeper



Manchester United's John O'Shea heads the ball away during Champions League Group F soccer match against FC Copenhagen in Copenhagen. Others in picture from left: Darren Fletcher, Man Utd, Michael Gravgaard, FCK, goalie Edwin van der Sar, Man Utd, and Hjalte Noerregaard, FCK Copenhagen won 1-0. —INTERNET

Jesper Christiansen with a sharp shot and then misfiring a close-range header over the bar.

His best chance of the first half came when Ole Gunnar Solskjaer found him in the penalty box in the 32nd minute. Rooney turned a defender around but delivered a weak shot from 10 metres that trickled past the goal.

"We've controlled the whole match. Maybe we were a bit careless with finishing at times," Ferguson said.

In the second half, Cristiano Ronaldo sprung Solskjaer free, but Christiansen dove at the Norwegian's feet to grab the ball. Moments later Solskjaer was involved again, testing Christiansen with a sharp low shot, but the Dane held on to the ball.

Copenhagen returned to the attack in the 55th minute, when Martin Bergvold's cross found Hutchinson unmarked in the box but the Canadian's header went wide.

MNA/Reuters

## Wasteful Arsenal held goalless by CSKA Moscow

LONDON, 2 Nov — Arsenal paid the price for a catalogue of missed chances, including one spectacular howler, when they were held to a goalless home draw by CSKA Moscow in Champions League Group G on Wednesday.

The draw leaves last season's runners-up with plenty to do if they are to reach the knockout phase but is a boost for the Russians, who beat the Londoners 1-0 two weeks ago.

With two games to go CSKA, yet to concede a goal in the competition, lead the group on eight points while Arsenal and Porto have seven after the Portuguese side won 3-1 at SV Hamburg.

Arsenal will wonder how they failed to pierce the visiting defence, particularly in the first half which was a tale of almost constant home pressure capped by a series of extraordinary misses.

The misfortune began in the sixth minute when Aleksander Hleb set up Robin van Persie only for the Dutchman to screw his shot over the bar.

Thierry Henry was off target, Hleb had a sharp shot well saved by Igor Akinfeyev before the Belarussian midfielder inexplicably chose to square for Henry when clean through.

It was relentless Arsenal attacking and it seemed certain to pay dividends in the 27th minute when Cesc Fabregas played a neat one-two with Tomas Rosicky, rounded the keeper but could only find the side netting with the goal gaping.

CSKA mounted a rare raid in the 40th minute but it merely opened the way for Arsenal to break from their own box, Henry starting the move and finishing it with another deft touch centimetres wide.

The worst miss came in injury time when Henry reached the byline and cut back for Rosicky.

Akinfeyev was stranded and the Czech had only to sidefoot the ball into an empty goal from three metres but instead it caught his heel and squirted into the arms of the disbelieving goalkeeper.

MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Robin van Persie (R) heads on goal but fails to score against CSKA Moscow during their Champions League Group G soccer match at the Emirates stadium in London, on 1 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

## Roma close to knockout phase after draw with Olympiakos

ROME, 1 Nov — AS Roma closed in on the knockout phase of the Champions League as they recovered from a goal down to draw 1-1 with Olympiakos Piraeus on Tuesday.

The result left the Serie A side second in Group D with seven points, three behind leaders Valencia, but five ahead of Olympiakos and Shakhtar Donetsk with two rounds to play.

Roma, who have never qualified for the knockout phase before, were 1-0 down at halftime after Olympiakos defender Julio Cesar headed in a

corner and Francesco Totti missed a chance to equalize from the penalty spot.

But the Roma captain made up for his mistake midway through the second half when he latched on to Rodrigo Taddei's pass before angling a shot past visiting keeper Antonios Nikopolidis.

"The players are a little bit disappointed because we had the chance to qualify tonight at home and we didn't do it," said Roma coach Luciano Spalletti.

"We were very slow to get into the match. What we really lacked was the

## Brazilian stadium closed after pitch invasion

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Nov — Brazil's disciplinary tribunal has closed the stadium of third division club Bahia after a pitch invasion forced a match to be suspended last Saturday.

Dozens of fans ran onto the pitch during the second half of the match at home to Ipatinga, where they attacked the home players and fought with

riot police, who replied by firing tear gas.

The match at the Fonte Nova stadium was abandoned in the 63rd minute with Ipatinga leading 2-0.

The fans were apparently furious at Bahia's poor campaign in the eight-team final stage of the tournament, which decides promotion to the second division.

Bahia are considered one of Brazil's biggest clubs and won the first division in 1988. The stadium will remain provisionally closed until the tribunal's final verdict.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Ruud Van Nistelrooy (R) and Robinho celebrates the first goal against Steaua Bucharest during their Champions League Group E soccer match in Madrid, on 1 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET



**Communal Kathina robes offering ceremony of The New Light of Myanmar at Maha Aung Myay Bonsan Monastery, Shukhintha, Thakayta Township, on 3 November 2006.**

NLM

**Report shows vast majority of cluster bomb victims civilians**

GENEVA, 3 Nov — Unexploded cluster bombs continue to injure and kill on a daily basis, and a vast majority of all casualties are civilians, the humanitarian organization Handicap International said on Thursday.

In a report on the worldwide human impact of cluster munitions, the organization said cluster bombs had killed, wounded or maimed 11,044 people in the past three decades, of whom 98 per cent were civilians.

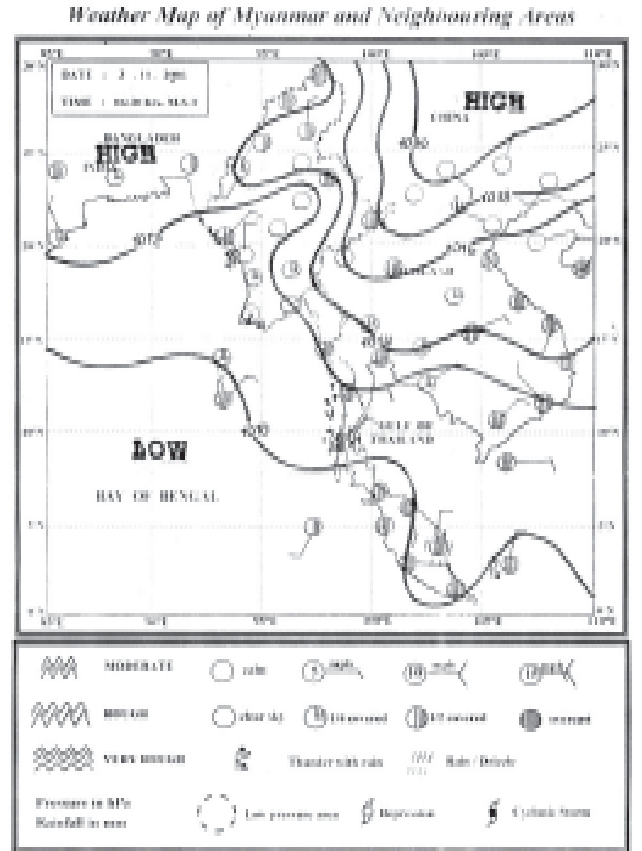
"Sadly, children account for almost a third of all

civilian casualties," it added in the study, which covers 24 countries and regions.

According to the organization, a vast majority of affected civilians are men and boys at work.

But the recorded figure is only the tip of the iceberg, as in many areas, such as Iraq and Afghanistan, data collection is incomplete or does not exist at all, Handicap International said.

MNA/Xinhua



**WEATHER**

Friday, 3 November, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State and Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (3°C) above normal in Chin State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 2-11-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 3-11-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 3-11-2006 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 2-11-2006 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 3-11-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.46) inches at Mingaladon and (111.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (116.69) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at 9:30 hours MST on 3-11-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 4-11-2006:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the extreme southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 4-11-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 4-11-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 4-11-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**Weather outlook for second weekend of November 2006:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 4 November  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရာဇဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
  2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိ ပါဠိတော်
- 7:15 am
  2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိ ပါဠိတော်
- 7:30 am
  3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  4. နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့(အဖွဲ့ဝင်) မန္တလေးတိုင်း၊ မန္တလေးမြို့ အောင်မြေသာစံမြို့နယ်၊ သီရိမာလာအနောက်ပွဲကုန်း၊ ချမ်းသာကြီးတောင်တိုက် ရတနာဗိမာန် စာချကြောင်း၊ ဦးစီးပဓာန နာယကဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဇောတိကာဘိဝံသ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော "ကုမုဒြာကြာဖြူပန်းများ ပွင့်လေသောအခါ" တရားတော်
- 8:15 am
  5. Nice and sweet song

- 8:30 am
  6. International news
- 8:45 am
  7. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
  1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
  2. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ
- 11:30 am
  3. News
- 11:45 am
  4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
  5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:45 pm
  6. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာစာပဒေသာ
- 12:55 pm
  7. "ဗုံချစ်သူ" (ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ရူပ၊ မင်းသူ၊ သတ္တိ၊ မင်းညို၊ နိုင်နင်းဝေ၊ ဇာနည်အောင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သူမောင်)
- 1:45 pm
  8. Dance of national races
- 2:00 pm
  9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:15 pm
  10. ရေလှောင်တစ် ရဲနွယ်
- 2:25 pm
  11. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး
- 2:30 pm
  12. "သူငယ်ချင်းမရှိတဲ့ ဥပဒေ" (မင်းဝေ၊ ခင်ဇာမြည်ကျော်၊ ဧကရီကျော်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ယုဉ်ကျော်)
- 2:35 pm
  13. ပေါင်းစည်းအင်အား ဧရာဝတီမြစ်ကူးတံတားများ
- 2:45 pm
  14. International news
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm
  3. အမေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm
  4. တန်ဆောင်တိုင်တေးများ
- 5:00 pm
  5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 5:05 pm
  6. သာမောတင့်တယ် ကွမ်ဂျီပြည့်နယ်၊ သဘာဝစံတေး သာမောအလှများ
- 5:20 pm
  7. အိုဘယ့်အလှရှင်
- 5:30 pm
  8. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင်ဉာဏိသာရ၏ သာမညဖလသုတ္တန် တရားတော်
- 6:00 pm
  9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  11. အလှရှုမယ်၊ လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
  12. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
  13. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 8:00 pm
  14. News
- 8:05 pm
  15. International news
- 8:10 pm
  16. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
  17. နိုင်ငံခြား ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၃၃)
- 8:20 pm
  18. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးပိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ် ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 8:25 pm
  19. The next day's programme



Saturday, 4 November

- Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Island in the stream
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Baby come to me
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -It's gotta to be you
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Mambo No 5
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Music at your request/ Lunch time music: -Owner of my heart -Nothing compares to you -Our love
- 9:00pm ASEAN news review -Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -Festivals of Tazaung Mon Part I
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs -I really don't want to know- Connie Fransis
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**It is essential and prerequisite that ASEAN must narrow the development gaps before it could further integrate into the ASEAN Community**

**Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win delivered an address at the Commemorative Summit Marking the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations at Multifunctional Hall on the second floor of International Conference Center of Liyuan Hotel in Nanning of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China on 30 October afternoon.

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**Laotian Prime Minister to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar**

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Nov— At the invitation of General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, will pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future. — MNA

**Myanmar, Chinese Prime Ministers hold talks**

Myanmar thanks Chinese dignitaries for standing by Myanmar when attempts were made by the US and some western nations to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

Prime Minister General Soe Win

PRC's policy towards Myanmar remains unchanged, Myanmar's internal problems are to be solved only by the Myanmar government and its people themselves.

Premier Mr Wen Jiabao



Prime Minister General Soe Win meets Premier Mr Wen Jiabao at the meeting hall of the Guest House No 10 of Liyuan Hotel in Nanning.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win and Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Wen Jiabao held a discussion at the meeting hall of the Guest House No 10 of Liyuan Hotel in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China at 9.40 pm on 31 October.

Also present at the discussion were Minister for Foreign Affairs (See page 10)