

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Kingdom of Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov — On the occasion of the 53rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia which falls on 9 November 2006, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia.— MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

National goal is noble one that all citizens who love and cherish motherland have to accept unanimously Duty of building new nation is to be handed down from generation to generation

Senior General Than Shwe addresses AGM 2006 of USDA



Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at Annual General Meeting-2006 of Union Solidarity and Development Association. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—The following is the full text of the address delivered on the fourth day today of the Annual General Meeting (2006) of the Union Solidarity and Development Association by USDA Patron Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

On the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, I would like to

extend my warmest greetings to all USDA members including you attendee members.

The Association has participated for 13 years as a national force in the drive to pursue the national goal — a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

The national goal is a noble one that all citizens who love and cherish the motherland have to accept unanimously as well as the concern of the entire national people.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association was established as a national force to play a leading role in organizing measures in order that the entire people will take part in such a noble task of building of a new nation.

Since its birth, the Association has been able to constantly nurture and train youth members for enhancing their physical and intellectual power, while forming associations at different levels, organizing the people and (See page 8)



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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 9 November, 2006

Towards stronger bilateral relations and closer cooperation

At the invitation of General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, the goodwill delegation headed by Prime Minister of Lao PDR Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh arrived in Myanmar on 7 November.

Myanmar and Laos are Theravada Buddhist nations and they have had religious ties for ages. Moreover, the two nations became members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations on 23 July, 1997. Therefore, they are trying to bring economic, social and cultural development to the region by working together in accordance with the aims and objectives of ASEAN. In the same way, the two nations are cooperating in such sectors as science and technologies, environment, culture and information and in social affairs and prevention of the danger of narcotic drugs.

The ties between the two nations are improving steadily as their bilateral relations are based on goodwill and understanding. Moreover, because of reciprocal visits by state leaders and warm personal relations, friendly relations and cooperation between the two nations have become better and stronger.

Both nations belong to the Greater Mekong Region and are taking an active part in development work of the region together with the others members in it.

We believe that the goodwill visit to Myanmar by Prime Minister of Lao PDR Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh will make the existing bilateral relations stronger and help boost cooperation in various sectors.

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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

F&R Minister inspects banking services in Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, accompanied by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and officials, went to Myanmar Economic Bank (Branch) in Lewe yesterday and inspected the banking services.

In the meeting with employees of the bank, he called for the effectiveness of the banking services.

During his tour of inspection, the minister and party also inspected Internal Revenue Department in Lewe. He also called on officials concerned to make efforts for collection of revenue to exceed the target in the township, to explain the rules and regulations for taxes to the people and to carry out

tasks of the department honestly and to be loyal to the State.

The minister and party also went to the branch of Myanmar Small Loans Enterprise in Lewe and urged officials to provide assistance to locals.

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Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun inspects Myanmar Economic Bank (Branch) in Lewe. — F&R

Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Kingdom of Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Nov — On the occasion of the 53rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia, which falls on 9 November 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His excellency Mr Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia. — MNA

Health Minister meets foreign delegation of Global Measles Programme

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Nov — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received a five-member of WHO and UNICEF delegation led by Edward Hostra, senior health adviser of Global Measles Programme, at the meeting hall of National Health Committee of the Ministry of Health here this morning.

The minister made a speech and the manager of the measles elimination project explained measures being taken for elimination of measles and arrangements being made for the second vaccination of measles in the country. Dr Arun B Thapa of SEA Resident Representative's Office also explained facts about the vaccination.

Later, Deputy Minister for Health Prof Dr Mya Oo and those present took part in the discussions.

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Golden Power brand engine oil introduced



Managing Director U Aye Win (a) U Bajan extends greetings at ceremony to introduce Golden Power brand engine oil. —MNA

YANGON, 8 Nov—Nedham Al Janahi Trading LLC (UAE) appointed sole distributorship to Bajan and Brothers Co Ltd for Myanmar and introduced Golden Power Brand lubricants for the first time at the Strand Hotel on Strand Road here on 2 November evening.

Managing Director U Aye Win (a) U Bajan, sole distributor for Myanmar, introduced Golden Power Brand engine oil and lubricants produced by Nedham Al Janahi Trading LLC.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Wen Jiabao urges to solve M-E issue through political talks

BEIJING, 7 Nov — The Middle East issue including the Palestine-Israel conflict should be settled through political negotiations, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao told visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak here on Monday.

The international community should urge all the parties concerned to implement relevant United Nations

resolutions and reach a comprehensive and fair settlement under the principle of "land for peace", Wen said during a meeting with Mubarak.

China and Egypt have become closely cooperative partners over the past half century since Egypt, leading other African and Arabian countries, forged diplomatic ties with China 50 years ago, Wen said.

The Premier said the two countries should actively strive for the goals set in the outline the two countries signed for deepening strategic and cooperative relations when he visited Egypt earlier this year.

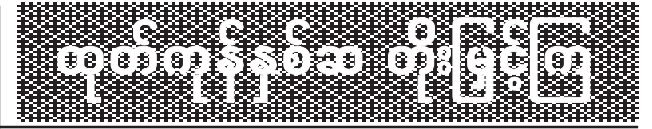
The two countries should coordinate to promote South-South cooperation and South-North dialogue, and push forward multilateralism and democracy of international relations, Wen said.

Mubarak said his nation appreciates China's support in the justice cause of the Arabian people and its active role in pushing forward the peaceful process of the Middle East.

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Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) holds a welcoming ceremony for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, on 7 Nov, 2006. XINHUA



Germany urges firms to invest more after blackouts

FRANKFURT, 7 Nov— Germany accused its energy firms on Monday of not investing enough in ageing power systems and urged better cooperation between national regulators after weekend blackouts affected millions of Europeans.

German utility E.ON said an overload of its northwest German high-voltage grid was responsible for the temporary power cuts, which were felt in Germany, France and Italy, as well as parts of Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and even Morocco.

The blackouts, which occurred at around 10:30 pm (2130 GMT) on Saturday, sent shivers through Europe's energy sector as winter demand kicked in, underscoring the need for substantial investment in the region's networks.

"We have known for a while that there are bottlenecks on the power grids and that the utilities have not ensured that the grids are being expanded," German Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel said.

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After battling, Panama wins seat on UN Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, 7 Nov— Panama won a seat on the UN Security Council with the 48th ballot Tuesday after Guatemala, backed by the US, and Venezuela, led by leftist anti-American President Hugo Chavez, dropped out to end a deadlock.

Panama got 164 votes in the 192-member UN General Assembly, more than the 120 needed to win the two-year term starting 1 January. Venezuela got 11 votes, Guatemala 4 votes, and Barbados 1 vote.

The race for the seat, one of 10 rotating seats on the council, began 16 October, and became highly contentious because of US support for Guatemala on one hand Chavez' open hostility to President Bush on the other. In a speech at the UN General Assembly in September Chavez called Bush "the devil." A number of countries said Chavez' anti-Bush comments hurt Venezuela's chances.

Guatemala led Venezuela in all but one of the 47 ballots, but couldn't

muster the two-thirds support needed to win in the General Assembly. The standoff was the third-longest battle for a seat on the Security Council in the UN's 61-year history.

General Assembly President Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, who announced the results, said she was "delighted" that all five new members of the Security Council had now been chosen — Belgium, Indonesia, Italy, Panama and South Africa.

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General view of the delegates attending the opening session of the UN Conference on Climatic Changes in Nairobi on 6 Nov, 2006. Environmentalists and officials from around the world opened a UN climate change conference with appeals for urgent action to curb global warming that threatens billions of people on the planet.—XINHUA

China mulls Free Trade Area talks with India

BEIJING, 7 Nov — China is considering the possibility of establishing a free trade area (FTA) with India, a senior official with the Ministry of Commerce has said.

"Following the reopening of the trade post on the Indian-Chinese border, our government is considering FTA talks with India," Assistant Minister of Commerce Fu Ziyang said at the weekend at the 2007 China Industrial Development Forum in Beijing.

"We have to follow economic globalization trends and push for the liberalization and facilitation of trade," he said. China is currently holding FTA talks with Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan as well as the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

With a combined population of 1.7 billion, the China-ASEAN FTA will be the biggest FTA in the world when it becomes operational in 2010.

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Yan Fei (L), from Chongqing in west China, and Andrea from Spain receive awards as the best male and female models at the Shanghai Fashion Week on 6 Nov, 2006. Over 70 models from about 20 countries took part in the modelling contest.—XINHUA

US helicopter crashes in Iraq, two killed

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov— Two US soldiers were killed when a helicopter crashed in Salahaddin Province north of Baghdad on Monday, the military said.

"No activity fire was observed in the area at that time," a US statement said, adding that the crash was under investigation. There was no further information on the cause of the crash or the exact location.

The province of Salahaddin, whose capital is Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, was put under curfew on Sunday morning to avoid violence sparked by the death sentence issued against the former Iraqi president on Sunday.

Earlier on Monday the military said two Marines and a soldier were killed at the weekend in the western Anbar Province, where US forces are battling Sunni guerillas that include al-Qaeda Islamists.

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Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance at AGM 2006 of USDA

Prizes presented to outstanding students from States and Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov — Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance at the Annual General Meeting 2006 of USDA at the Convocation Hall of University of Veterinary Science (Yezin), here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Panel of Patrons of the USDA (Central) Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy

the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, directors-general and managing directors of the SPDC Office, departments and enterprises, chairmen of the central committee and subcommittees for Organizing the Annual General Meeting, presidents, chairmen and secretaries of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association, Myanmar Traditional Artists and



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo awards first prize winner of Extempore Talks Contest (Central Level) Maung Kyaw Maung Maung Sein of Yangon Division. — MNA

(The guidance of the General U Htay Oo Senior General is reported presented gifts of honour



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo awards Maung Thura Aung of Shwegyin, who stood first in Bago Division (East) matriculation examination for 2006 academic year. — MNA

matriculation examination for 2006. Of them, first prize winner in the entire nation was Ma Ei Ei Hlaing of Latha BEHS No 2 who also stood first in Yangon Division; second prize winners in the entire nation were Ma Thiri Win of Institute of Education Practising School of Kamayut, Ma Nan Poe Poe Han Htwe of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2 and Ma Mya Thanda of Latha BEHS No 2; third prize winners in the entire nation were Ma Ei Phyu Phyu Swe of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2, Ma Chan Myae Myae Soe of Latha BEHS No 2, Maung Paing Min Htwe of Dagon BEHS No 1, Ma Mya Thida Win of Dagon BEHS No 1 and Ma Khin Nanda Kyaw of Taunggyi BEHS No 4 who also stood first in Shan State (South); fourth prize winner was Ma Ei Thinza Maw of Dagon BEHS No 1; fifth prize winners were Ma Moe Hnin Phyu Myint Lwin of Institute of Education Practising School of Kamayut, Maung Sai Ahron Hsaing of Kamayut BEHS No 2 and Ma May Thu Nwe Nwe of Kyimyindine BEHS No 1; sixth prize winners were Ma Khin Lay of Mawlamyine BEHS No 6 who also stood first in Mon State, Ma Moe Myint Thiri of Institute of Education Practising School of Kamayut, Maung Kaung (See page 5)



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo awards Maung Aung Yu Shein who stood first in Taninthayi Division in matriculation examination for 2006 academic year. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Central Executive Committee members, senior military officers of

Artisans Asiayon and Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, representatives of USDA at state/district/township levels, outstanding youths and guests.

Reserve Executive Daw Hnin Hnin Kyaw of MraukU Township USDA and Executive Daw Nan Shwe Aye of Chinshwehaw USDA acted as MCs.

First, Patron of USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance.



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo awards Maung Min Naing Linn Htet of Hpa-an, who stood first in Kayin State in matriculation examination for 2006 academic year. — MNA

separately.) to outstanding students in the optional science of the



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo awards Ma May The Maw of Hopin, Mohnyin Township, who stood first in Kachin State and fifth in the whole Myanmar in matriculation examination for 2006 academic year. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo awards Maung Zaw Min Tun, Paungde Township, who stood first in Bago Division (East) and second in whole Myanmar in matriculation examination for 2006 academic year. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance...

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Oo Han of Ahlon BEHS No 4, Ma May Thu Khaing of Latha BEHS No 2 and Ma Kyi Saw Tin of Dagon BEHS No 1; seventh prize winners were Ma Kyi Pyar Than Yu of Mawlamyine BEHS No 6, Ma Wint Wah Htet Htet Aung of Mingaladon BEHS No 2, Ma Yi Mon Oo of IE Practising School of Kamayut, Ma Khaing Htet Wai of Sangyoung BEHS No 2 and Ma Myat Noe of Dagon BEHS No 2; eighth prize winners were Maung Aung Kyaw Mon of Mawlamyine BEHS No 6, Maung Min Min Oo of IE Practising School of Kamayut, Maung Ye Tun Soe of Kamayut BEHS No 2, Maung Shein Lin Oo of South Okkalapa BEHS No 4, Ma Hsu Shwe Yi Win of Sangyoung BEHS No 2, Maung Aung Phone Pyae of Dagon BEHS No 1, Ma Cho Thway Mon of Shwepyitha BEHS No 3, Maung Aung Mon Myat of Dagon Myothit (North) BEHS No 3 and Maung Kyaw Myat Thu of Kyonpyaw BEHS who also stood first in Ayeyawady Division; ninth prize winners were Ma Han Zar Poe Poe of Okpo BEHS who also stood first in Bago Division (West), Ma Hsu Latt Phyu of PhaungdawU Affiliated BEHS of Aungmyethazan Township who also stood first in Mandalay Division, Maung Phone Kywe of Mayangon BEHS No 2, Ma Su Nanda Min of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2, Maung Pyae Phyo Zaw of Latha BEHS No 1, Ma Win Le Phyu of Latha BEHS No 2 and Ma Hsu



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo awards gift to Ma Nan Poe Poe Han Htwe of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2. — MNA

Myat Sandi Aung of Thakayta BEHS No 4, and tenth prize winners were Maung Soe Thiha of Mingaladon BEHS No 2, Ma Hay Marn Tun of IE Practising School of Kamayut, Ma Hay Marn Phu of IE Practising School of Kamayut, Ma Yin Min Thet of IE Practising School of Kamayut, Maung Shine Maw Htoo of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2, Ma Moh Moh Han of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2, Ma Zin Mar Tun of Latha BEHS No 2, Maung Kaung Myat Lu of Botahtaung BEHS No 5 and Ma Win Ei Khaing of Tamway BEHS No 4.

The Secretary-General also awarded gifts to winners in the optional arts of the matriculation examination in the entire nation. First prize winner was Ma Aye Chan Aung of Aungban BEHS who also stood first in Shan State (South); second prize winner was Maung Zaw Min Tun of Paukhmaw BEHS (Branch) of Paungde Township who also stood first in Bago Division (West); third prize winner was Maung Htein Nan of Lashio BEHS No 3 who also stood first in Shan State (North); fourth prize winner was Maung Aung Hsan Win of Myanaung BEHS who also stood first in Ayeyawady Division; fifth prize winner was Ma May Thet Maw of Hoping BEHS who also stood first in Kachin State, and Maung Aung Myo Hsan of Kyaunggon BEHS; sixth prize winners were Ma Kha Ra of Kutkai, eighth prize winner Maung



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents gift to Ma Han Zar Poe Poe of Okpo BEHS.

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Aung Myint Tun of Hainggyikyun BEHS; ninth prize winner Ma Aye Myat Thu of Gyogon BEHS (Branch) of Einme Township, and tenth prize winners Maung Win Tun Aung of Maukywa BEHS (Branch) of Gangaw Township who also stood first in Magway Division and Ma May Myat Mon of Yekyi BEHS.

The Secretary-General presented gifts to first-prize winning students of States and Divisions in the optional science of the matriculation examination. They were: Ma Phyu Phyu Win of Mohnyin BEHS No 1 in Kachin



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents gift to Deputy Commanding Officer Yekyawswa Aung Hla of Latha Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade. — MNA

State, Ma Aye Moh Moh Wai of Loikaw BEHS No 2 in Kayah State, Maung Min Naing Lin Htet of Htoneai village BEHS Hpa-an in Kayin State, Ma Len Zar Hmway of Haka BEHS No 3 in Chin State, Maung Khun Thi Hein of Kalay BEHS No 1 in Sagaing Division and Maung Thiha Swe of Monywa BEHS No 1, Ma Myat Hay Mar Soe of Dawei BEHS No 2 in Taninthayi Division, Ma Ngu Wah Wah Phu of Bago BEHS No 1 of Bago Division (East), Ma Hnin Htet Htet Kyaw of Magway BEHS No 1 in Magway Division and Maung Myo Ko Ko Chit of Pakokku BEHS No 3, Maung Ye Min Thein of Ponnagyun BEHS in Rakhine State, Ma Hnin Hnin Win of Lashio BEHS No 2 and Ma Thinza Tun of Lashio BEHS No 6 in Shan State (North), and Sai Hsu Wam Kyauk of Kengtung BEHS No 2 in Shan State (East).

The Secretary-General also gave gifts to first-prize winning students of States and Division in the optional arts of the matriculation examination. They were: Maung Thiha Aung of Wekayin (Eindu) BEHS (Branch) of Hpa-an Township in Kayin State, Ma Zin Mar Shwe of Matupi in Chin State, Ma Htoo Naing Htoo of Shwebo BEHS No 3 in Sagaing Division, Maung Aung Yu Shein of Dawei in Taninthayi Division, Maung Thura



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presents gift to Ma Khin Nandar Kyaw of Taunggyi BEHS No 4. — MNA

Aung of Dagundaing BEHS of Shwepyin in Bago Division (East), Ma Khin Khin Kywe of Maha Aungmye in Mandalay Division, Ma Zin Mar Htwe of Mawlamyine in Mon State, Maung Zaw Naing Tun of Thandwe BEHS (Kinmaw) in Rakhine State, Ma Myint Myint Moe of Kengtung BEHS No 5 in Shan State (East) and Ma Hnin Wai Yi of Tachilek BEHS.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo presented gifts to Maung Kyaw Naing, Maung Aung Ko Oo, Ma Thanda Aung and Ma Khaing Nyein Tha who secured gold medal in the doubles event of Asian U-14 Tennis Championship, Maung Ye Htut Win of Yaksawk Township Red Cross Brigade and Ma Thanda Myint of North Okkalapa Township Red Cross Brigade, Deputy Commanding Officer Yekyawswa Aung Hla of Latha Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Pvt Ma Nge Nge Htwe of Tamway Township Auxiliary Fire Brigade.

Next, the secretary-general awarded gifts to Maung Kyaw Maung Maung Sein of Thanlyin Township who stood first in the USDA (Central) Extempore Talks Contest, Maung Aung Hsan Min of North Okkalapa BEHS No 1 who won seven gold medals in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, Maung Soe Lin Oo of North Okkalapa BEHS No 1, Ma Kay Zin Chit Su of North Okkalapa BEHS No 1 and Ma Lwin Lwin Cho Tun of University of Culture (Yangon) who secured six gold medals each, Maung Tun Nanda of Dagon BEHS No 1, Ma Nanda Win Bo of North Okkalapa BEHS No 1, Maung Myo Min Thu of North Okkalapa BEHS No 2, Maung Htet Arkar of Hlinethaya BEHS No 2, Maung Ye Min of Kayan BEHS No 2, Ma Tin Zar Lwin of Dagon BEHS No 1 and Ma Tin Moh Moh Lwin of Dagon BEHS No 1 who bagged five gold medals each. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo gives gift to Maung Soe Lin Oo of North Okkalapa BEHS No 1. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win sees off Laotian Prime Minister and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov — The visiting Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh of Lao People's Democratic Republic and party left Nay Pyi Taw by air for Nyaung U to visit pagodas in Bagan Archaeological

Region and Yangon this morning.

They were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win, the ministers, the Laotian ambassador to Myanmar, the

Myanmar ambassador to LPDR and officials.

At the lounge of the airport, Prime Minister General Soe Win presented the documentary photo album on goodwill visit to the Laotian Prime Minister. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win shakes hands with Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Nay Pyi Taw Airport prior to the latter's trip to Bagan. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win presents documentary photo album to Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh. — MNA



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Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group provides cash assistance to patient

YANGON, 8 Nov — Leader Daw Tin Tin Nwe of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, together with Leader Daw Kyi Kyi Mya of Nurturing and Resettlement Sub-Working Group, Leader Daw Po Po Kyi of Girl/Child Sub-Working Group and members of Sub-Working Group for Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Sub-Working Group for Prevention of Violence against Women, comforted Ma Aye Aye Aung undergoing medical treatment at the Department of Plastic, Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery of Yangon General Hospital today.

They presented K 100,000 as cash assistance and refreshment to the patient.

Ma Aye Aye Aung, daughter of U Yan Shin, of Kangyi Ward, Myeik, is 20 years old patient.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win sees off Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

Exhibition on traffic rules opens, winners of competitions for traffic rules honoured

YANGON, 8 Nov — Organized by Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, the opening ceremony of the third exhibition on traffic rules was opened and winners of the Traffic Rules Competitions were honoured today at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of the exhibition and Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee Deputy Commander Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun and Vice-Chairman of the committee Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Aung Than Win formally opened the



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence unveils signboard of Traffic Rules Exhibition. — MNA

exhibition and presentation ceremony.

The competitions for traffic rules were divided into seven categories — short story, article, photo, digital poster, poster, cartoon and essay contests.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Deputy Commander Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun and YCDC Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win awarded the winners of the

competitions.

Wellwishers donated cash to the committee through Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed the demonstration of vehicles and generators run on bio-diesel and ethanol.

A total of 106 booths are staged at the exhibition which will last until 12 November.

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People can make complaints about malpractices of personnel of Ministry of Home Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov — In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, “Remove the practices of colonial period and safeguard the interest of the State and the people”, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been serving the interest of the State and the people after forming the Minister’s Office, General Administration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Bureau of Special Investigation and Prisons Department. The ministry is responsible for undertaking the tasks for security of the State, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity and community welfare services.

If any service personnel of any rank who are from the Ministry of Home Affairs commit malpractices involving money, property and opportunity and oppress the people in administrative and economic and social affairs, making improper use of the rights which are not in conformity with the existing laws and procedures, those who suffer personally can complain to the minister (phone 067-412040, fax 067-412016), the deputy minister (phone 067-412072) and the deputy director-general (phone 067-412069, fax 067-412439), the Ministry of Home Affairs, Office No 10, Nay Pyi Taw and e-mail: ddg.gad@gad.gov.mm.

Investigation will be made by the inspection team legally formed by the Minister’s Office. The people are urged to make true complaints and the ministry guarantees not to cause people’s grievance.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence presents prize to a winner in Third Traffic Rules Short Story, Article, Photo, Digital Poster, Poster, Cartoon and Essay Competitions. — MNA

Delegates Group of State Service Personnel holds meeting

YANGON, 8 Nov — The Delegates group of State Service Personnel held its group meeting at the Hall-7 in

Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, today.

U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs presided over the meeting together with Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of Ministry of Health and U Tin Kha of the Ministry of Information. Deputy Director U Htay Win of Work Group-9 of National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director U Htein Min acted as MCs.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the validity of the meeting as

107 delegates out of 109 attended the meeting, announcing 98.17 percent attendance.

Next, the meeting chairman U Arnt Maung addressed the meeting. U Tin Win of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and U Thein Aung of Ministry of Sports presented proposals on detailed basic principles concerning the chapter on Provision on State of Emergency.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the meeting chairman.

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Alternate Chairman U Arnt Maung of Ministry of Religious Affairs speaking at group meeting of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel. — MNA



Farmers scattering fertilizers on thriving paddy field in Thammadaw village, Patheingyi Township.

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 carrying out public welfare tasks.

The courses the Association is conducting include courses on code of conduct, courses on culture and morality, courses on international affairs, vocational training courses, and language and technical courses.

During the time of the Association, the courses conducted at the

to shape the brighter future of the nation.

The background history of Myanmar shows the citizens who were endowed with unity, economic and defence capabilities and fully equipped with nationalistic fervour and who tried to enhance their code of ethics.

That was why our nation was unified as a strong empire three times

comrades, who struggled together for independence, due to sectarianism. In addition, national races disintegrated owing to the wedge driven by the colonialists, and that was followed by disintegration of national solidarity.

That grew into armed conflicts, which had a strong effect on stability, peace and national unity.

In consequence, the goals laid down before

people was low. In such a situation, the people aspired to a peaceful life and development.

After taking up State duties, the government took a vow to build the nation step by step for the emergence of all-round developed nation, as aspired by the people.

According to the experiences gained in the course of the nation's history, Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty is the indisputable national policy for the entire national people.

The government gave the first priority to

Stars of the Future

- * **Four Oaths, Five Objectives**
Eleven Codes of Conduct, without let-up
Steadfast Resolve, full of gusto
Even to sacrifice life for the nation
The association was formed, to do good to the nation
Bethren, sisters, of same blood
Reserve strength of the Tatmadaw.
- * **Morale, Discipline, Solidarity capable**
Of one mind, will never veer
To build a modern nation
All friends, getting together
To reach the winning post
We shall steadfastly stand in the vanguard
And prevent all kinds of danger
Keep Our Three Main National Causes in the fore
We possess the National Spirit.
- * **O,**
Sons and daughters of the Union
We all hold you in high regard and belief
In the new era and new nation
May you rise to be patriot leaders
And may our nation rise till eternity.

Bagan Hmway Kyi (Trs.)

(Hailing the Annual General Meeting (2006) of the Union Solidarity and Development Association)

The government is expediting the tasks for development of social and economic infrastructures such as construction of roads, bridges and railroads, upgrading of ports, and extension and renovation of airports.

associations ranging from the central level to rural level have nurtured and trained more than 24 million youths. This summer alone, more than 3.3 million youth members completed the courses opened at 28,400 places across the nation including rural areas.

On average, over 3 million members are nurtured and trained every year. Thanks to these courses, the members will be able to value the Union, amicable relations, unity, peace and sovereignty, and will realize why they should cherish the Myanmar society.

The duty of building a new nation is to be handed down from one generation to the next. And it is required to discharge such a fine duty constantly at present and in future so as

in Asia since recorded history. Due to such fine traditions, we Myanmar people could stand tall with own culture, independence and sovereignty.

However, our country faced three aggressive wars waged and then annexed by the colonialists. In consequence, our country lost sovereignty in the 19th Century. The entire people hated to live under the alien subjugation and had aspired to independence and exerted the strength of national unity. Therefore, in consequence, our nation became a sovereign independent one again.

However, just after Myanmar was liberated from the occupation of the colonialists, there occurred disunity among the

independence could not be realized effectively, and the standard of living of the

prevalence of law and order, and restoration of peace and stability. Then, it took measures with great patience for achieving amicable relations and national reconsolidation. As a result, 17 major armed groups have returned to the legal fold, and some armed groups have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. After peace and stability have been restored, the government laid down work programmes for

national development. Only when our nation is transformed into a modern one in the present period, will it be able to exist and develop perpetually.

That is why the government is building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The task of building a nation is very delicate and formidable. So, Myanmar, a developing country, has to carry out a large number of tasks, and the drive calls for the unity

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Mayangon Sluice Gate in Thaton Township.

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of the entire Myanmar society, along with peace, stability and strong national force.

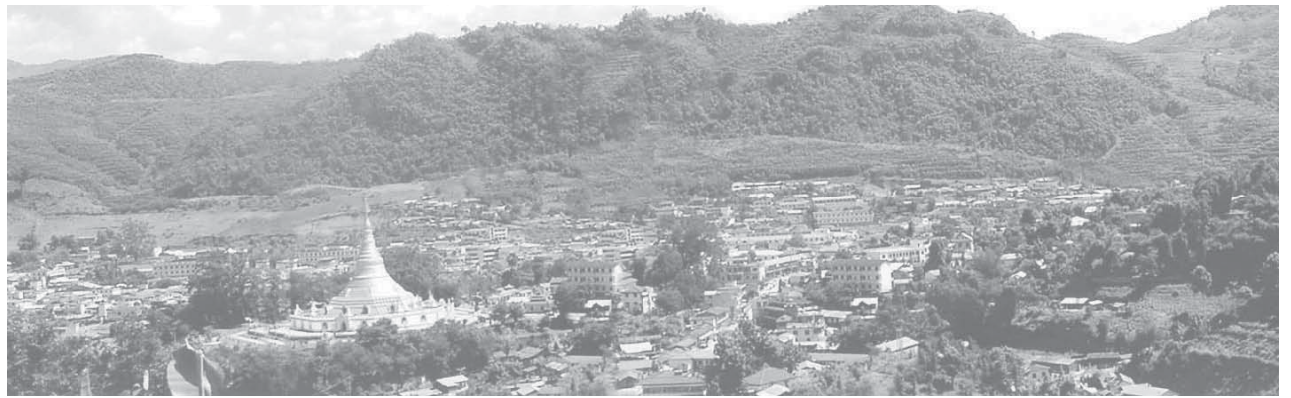
Moreover, it is required to build a sufficient number of economic infrastructures and to promote economic and social forces. So, the government laid down and is implementing 12 political, economic and social objectives.

Up to now, Myanmar still stands as an agro-based nation, and agriculture is the fundamental sector for the nation's production sector. Food security is the most crucial requirement of the people. Thus, the government has been implementing a large number of irrigation facilities for supply of water to farmlands.

So far, the government has built 190 dams, 298 river water pumping stations and 999 rural dams along with artesian wells and small-scale dams.

As a result, the sown acreage has increased to 29.3 million from 19.9 million. And the annual cultivation capacity has risen to 46.9 million acres from 23.8 million acres. The sown acreage of monsoon paddy has grown to 16.8 million acres from 11 million. In the past, summer paddy was not cultivated. But, due to the water supply projects, summer paddy is now grown on 3.4 million acres, and other mixed crops have been grown. Overall, the cultivation capacity has increased to 157 per cent.

The government is also providing high-yield strains of crops and modern agricultural methods to the farmers. It is also taking necessary measures for ensuring operation of fertilizer factories at full capacity and construction of new factories for boosting production



Panoramic view of progress of Pangsang (a) Pankham.

sharp increase. The output of paddy has increased to more than two times, beans and pulses, 11 times, edible oil, more than three times and kitchen crops, more than four times.

On the whole, the output of crops is sufficient not only for the present population but also for future population. Moreover, the surplus crop is exported and that is contributing towards economic development.

The government is taking steps for the development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. So, the government is encouraging agro-based industries for the industrial development.

It has established 18 industrial zones. In 1988, the number of State-owned factories was 624 and that of private factories, 35,000. Now, the number of State-owned factories is 792 and that of private factories, about 80,000, an increase of 45,000. The annual growth of the industrial production shows about 25 per cent.

The production volume of the industrial sector has increased eight times if compared with that in 1988. The population of workers has thus risen in proportion to the agricultural sector along with the establishment of more factories and mills.

development of social and economic infrastructures such as construction of roads, bridges and railroads, upgrading of ports, and extension and renovation of airports. The transport sector needs special attention for the development of the nation. The network of roads and bridges that cost heavy investments serves as an economic infrastructure as well as a social infrastructure through which all national races can enhance friendship between them.

Roads and bridges are, in fact, the most fundamental infrastructure for the nation, so the government has constructed a large number of roads and bridges during the period of more than 10 years. It placed greater emphasis on ensuring smooth transport for commercial development, boosting production, and social and economic development.

The government has constructed various types of roads: Union highways, development affairs roads, roads linking states and divisions, town-to-town roads, town-to-village roads, village-to-village roads, border areas roads and development roads. Therefore, the total length of tarred roads, gravel roads, macadam roads and earth roads has reached more than 64,000 miles, up from only more than 21,000 miles in 1988.

Similarly, it constructed new railroads in the states and divisions where there was not a single railroad. So, there have emerged vital railroads such as Yangon-Bagan-NyaungU-Myingyan-Mandalay railroad linking Pyay-Aunglan-Taungwingyi passing Central Yoma mountain range, Gangaw-Kalay railroad through Pakokku-Kyaw passing Pontaung Ponnya mountain range, and Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Namhsan railroad passing Shan Yoma mountain range. Pathein-Hinthada-Kyangin railroad was being extended to the west bank of the Ayeyawady River to Pakokku via Pyay. Therefore, there will emerge a railroad linking southern part and northern part of Myanmar on the west bank of the Ayeyawady River.

The government had to build river-crossing bridges wherever necessary to complete roads and railroads. In 1988, there were only five bridges over the major rivers in Myanmar — the Ayeyawady, the Chindwin, the Sittoung and the Thanlwin, and later 15 more bridges were built across these rivers.

Only through smooth transport, will there be social and economic development. So, 219 bridges with the length of 180 feet and above on roads including those 20 river-crossing bridges have been built along with 34 bridges on railroads.

The government also promoted the transport sector. In the air transport sector, the government granted permission to open private airlines. In the meantime, it constructed new airports and renovated the old ones. The number of airports, each of which has the runway of more than 5,000 feet, has increased to 38, up from 21. And it upgraded 28 airports to the ones that jet aircraft can use. So, the people are now enjoying better transport.

In the water transport sector, the government constructed new jetties. In 1988, there were only 15 jetties where international cargo ships can moor. Now, the number of jetties and container yards including

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of agricultural output.

Now, mechanized farming is introduced in large farmlands with the investments of national entrepreneurs. And physic nut is grown on a small scale to produce physic nut oil for power-tillers and water pumps that are used in small farms of the majority of farmers.

As a result, the per acre yields of crops are on the

To state that progress as an increase in job opportunities, the figures of the agricultural workers have increased from 10.4 million to 22.3 million; that of factory workers, from 1.7 million to 4.8 million; and that of service industry workers, from 3.8 million to 7.5 million. So, total number of the workers has grown to 34.7 million from more than 16 million.

The government is expediting the tasks for



Minkyaung Bridge on Yangon-Kyaukpyu Highway helps cement national strength and unity.



New 200-bed General Hospital in Kengtung.

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four container yards and three dry container yards has increased to 31. The communication sector has made progress in addition to the development of the transport sector as I have mentioned.

In 1988, there were only 245 auto-exchanges and 67,000 telephones and now, the numbers have surged to 866 auto-exchanges and 500,000 telephones. And there have been installed digital auto-exchanges, modern communication system along with more than 190,000 mobile phones.

And 56 microwave lines and 270 microwave stations have stretched to rural areas. The people can make overseas calls through 603 international satellite communication systems and 983 Asia-Europe underwater cables.

The broadband internet system has been installed in Yangon and Mandalay, and so banks, transport services, hotels and department stores can make contact with others with the use of computer network.

As a result, I would say, now, the entire nation including border areas has an easy access to telephone,

in the inner parts of the country.

I have mentioned you on the work programmes for national solidarity, stability of the State, and development of social and economic infrastructures.

In the process, the 24-special-region development project, the border areas development project and rural development are being implemented in harmony.

The 24-special-region development project is designed to efficiently harness the natural resources as well as to nurture and produce human resources, and it gives priority to the development of the education and health sectors.

In the education sector, 6,797 new schools have been opened and the number of basic education schools now stands at 40,544.

Besides, 6,003 more post-primary schools have been opened. The number of basic education students has increased to more than 7.8 million, up from 5.2 million, accounting for 2.6 million increase.

In the past, the total number of universities and colleges stood at only 32, and now it has surged to 156,

In the health sector, due to the opening of 200 more hospitals, the number of hospitals has increased to 831. And the government has upgraded 149 hospitals.

And it also opened universities of medicine, universities of dental medicine, universities of pharmacy, universities of medical technology, universities of nursing, university of community health and university of traditional medicine totalling 16, to produce medical practitioners.

In proportion to the opening of new hospitals and upgrading of old ones, it appointed more doctor and nurses and provided more medicines and medical equipment. Thanks to the better health care, the life span of the people is on the rise.

The government firmly believes that national solidarity plays the most indispensable role in the drive for the development of the nation.

And the people agree to that, and the drive for building peace has made a good progress. Mutual trust has been built and peace and stability has been restored unprecedentedly in respective border areas. The development of border areas and national races is the historical necessity.

So, the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races was formed and I supervised the tasks of the committee.

The development tasks were first launched in border areas that lagged behind in development due to lack of security. The government managed to promote significantly the construction of economic infrastructures, and transport, agriculture and livestock breeding, education and health sectors.

Spending over 90,000 million kyats, the government implemented border areas development projects hand in hand with local national race leaders and local people.

The implementation of those projects with genuine goodwill bore tangible fruitful results. The achievement was closely followed by good foundations for national solidarity.

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In a bid to efficiently exploit the nation's natural resources, the government is taking measures for supply of sufficient water for agricultural purpose as well as generation of hydro electric power. So, generation capacity has surged to 712 megawatts, up from 228 megawatts. On completion of the 24 ongoing hydel-power projects, the generation capacity will reach more than 4,600 megawatts.

telegraph, postal service and communication services.

The government is also promoting the electricity sector for the industrial development and raising the living standard of the people. In this regard, two ministries are separately assigned the two major duties — generation of electric power, and distribution of electricity.

In a bid to efficiently exploit the nation's natural resources, the government is taking measures for supply of sufficient water for agricultural purpose as well as generation of hydro electric power. So, generation capacity has surged to 712 megawatts, up from 228 megawatts. On completion of the 24 ongoing hydel-power projects, the generation capacity will reach more than 4,600 megawatts.

Now, efforts are being made with added momentum for completion of the Yeywa Hydel-power Project (790 megawatts) ahead of schedule. The grid is being extended to be in conformity with the future conditions.

In addition, oil and gas exploration is making remarkable progress. Offshore oil and gas exploration has shown a success, and oil and gas are now produced on a commercial scale. Exploration of oil and gas is being extended with the use of advanced technologies

and that accounts for 124 increase. And the population of university students has grown to more than 700,000 from more than 130,000.

The opportunity to pursue education is on the sharp increase. As a result, the literacy rate has risen to 94 per cent from 79 per cent, and there have brought about a large number of educated persons.



Government Computer College (Hpa-an).

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It is rural development tasks to which the government has paid serious attention and that it is implementing with added momentum. You members will have to put your sustained efforts into the drive for supply of electricity in addition to the five rural development tasks namely transport, water supply, education, health and agriculture and livestock breeding.

You also have to contribute towards water supply projects wherever necessary including the Arid Zone.

It is heartening to learn that in January 2002, respective state and division USDAs held mass rallies to support the tasks for national development and rural development, and the annual meetings of respective state and division USDAs passed resolutions on cooperation work programmes and are actively taking part in the rural development tasks.

Together with you USDA members, the people participated in the drive that has been implemented day in, day out for more than one decade. Such ardent efforts have yielded fruitful results in various regions and in various sectors.

The expression "development" covers defence, economic and social forces including prevalence of law and order, peace and stability. We will have to continue to build the future nation on the firm foundation being built with momentum. Based on the experiences gained from the political incidents that occurred in the post-independence period, we have to make endeavours to be able to fulfil the three requirements to practise



Hlinethaya Industrial Zone plays an important role in developing the nation's industrial sector.

democracy effectively and systematically.

The three requirements are to restore stability of the State and peace, to strengthen the economy of the State and the people, and to promote the education standard of the nation.

It is known to all that in a bid to build a new nation, the government is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map in addition to the development tasks.

Now, discussions are being held at the National Convention to adopt the detailed basic principles for the emergence of an enduring State constitution for the brighter future of the nation.

The government is carrying out nation-building tasks in all seriousness, taking lessons from the past experiences. In this regard, you members held mass rallies on a grand scale to support the tasks and participated in them.

The government has to brave and overcome a lot of difficulties and hindrances in implementing these nation-building tasks with self-reliant efforts and participation of the people. The government is making such unremitting and all-out efforts out of the goodwill to the nation.

Had not the government faced the disturbances

and crises, the nation will have enjoyed greater development, and the building of democracy can be implemented speedily. The government is doing so with the aim of ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and averting a situation in which the nation and the people lose sovereignty and have to fulfil all the wishes of others.

Therefore, I would like to urge you—

- to uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to your lives, and to enhance the power of your spirit to be able to overcome any forms of difficulties,
- to make increased efforts to accomplish the future plans the Annual General Meeting is going to lay down, and to safeguard and strengthen the already-achieved good foundations the State and the people are enjoying,
- to make earnest efforts in concert and to be equipped fully with Union Spirit, as resolved by the Association to ensure successful completion of the State's seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

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The embankment of Mya Lake of Mya Lake Greening Plan at the foot of Tuyin Hill in Bagan Archaeological Region, part of Arid Zone Greening Plan.

Taikkyi Township and Aphauk witness collection of fake signatures

The majority of those on the list neither approve nor support putting their names in the list

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Taikkyi Township and Aphauk, like other townships, witnessed collection of fake signatures and local people being deceived into writing their signatures in the public signature campaign.

It is reported that joint secretary U Aung Kyaw Oo of Taikkyi Township NLD played a

leading role in collecting public signatures in Taikkyi Township and Aphauk in Yangon Division; that according to the list, 500 local people in Taikkyi Township and 200 people in Aphauk wrote signatures on the list, but in reality the majority of them did not do so and their names and addresses were posted without their knowledge

and approval and fake signatures were written on the list; that so they were dissatisfied with such deceitful acts; and that they said that they were not interested in the public signature campaign nor were in support of it and thus they denied they wrote their signatures on the list.

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PBANRDA Minister receives Vietnamese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt received Vice-Chairman of National Races Affairs Committee of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Ha Hung at the ministry

here on 6 November afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe and officials.

In the evening, the minister hosted a dinner to the Vietnamese delegation at Kumudra Hotel here and they exchanged gifts.

At the invitation of Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Col Tin Ngwe, the Vice-Chairman of National Races Affairs Committee and party of Socialist Republic of Vietnam arrived here by air on 6 November to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar. — MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 year ago. Second best time is now.

Lao Prime Minister visits Bagan Archaeological Region, Kyaikhtiyoe and Shwedagon Pagodas

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov — Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh of the Lao People's Democratic Republic visited pagodas in Bagan Archaeological Region this morning, Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda in Kyaikto in the afternoon and Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon in the evening.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Nyunt Hlaing, Laotian Ambassador Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department and officials, the Lao Prime Minister and goodwill delegation members left Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning and arrived at NyaungU at 8.40 am.

The visiting Prime Minister and party were welcomed at Bagan-NyaungU Airport by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials.

At Shwezigon Pagoda in NyaungU, the

Lao Prime Minister and party offered flowers to Kakusanda Buddha Image and next donated water, lights, joss sticks and flowers at Shwezigon Pagoda. The visiting Prime Minister presented cash to the funds of the pagoda.

Director U Myo Nyunt of Archaeology Department explained facts about the pagoda and religious buildings.

At Arnanda Pagoda, the guests offered flowers and water to Gotama Buddha Image and Buddha images in the Gandakuti building. They viewed Myanmar handcraft. They signed in the visitors' book and made cash donations. Next, they visited Bagan Archaeological Museum.

Afterwards, the visiting Prime Minister and party viewed production process of lacquerware at U Ba Nyein and Family Lacquerware House in Bagan Myothit.

Next, they viewed the panoramic view of Bagan archaeological region from Bagan Nanmyint Tower.



Lao Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh applies gold foils to Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda.— MNA

Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe hosted a luncheon to Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh of Lao PDR and party at the tower.

After the luncheon, Col Phone Maw Shwe presented a painting and a large bowl with stand made of lacquer to the visiting Prime Minister. Next, Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials saw off the visiting Prime Minister and goodwill

delegation at Bagan-NyaungU Airport.

The aircraft carrying the Laotian goodwill delegation arrived at Yangon International Airport at 2.30 pm, and they were welcomed by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Laotian Embassy.

The visiting Prime Minister and party flew to Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda in Kyaikto Township.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials. They paid homage and offered flowers, lights and water at the pagoda.

Next, the guests made cash donation to the funds of the pagoda. At 5.30 pm, they arrived back in Yangon. They were welcomed by Min-

ister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and officials.

In the evening, the visiting Prime Minister and party went to Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, lights and joss sticks there.

After signing in the visitors' book, the Laotian Prime Minister made cash donations and visited the pagoda.

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Lao Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh and party visit Bagan Archaeological Museum.

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60 Ayadaw Township NLD members resign as they have no more interest in NLD functions, no more trust in NLD leaders

YANGON, 8 NOV — Sixty members of the National League for Democracy of Ayadaw Township in Sagaing Division resigned from the party on 28 and 29 July.

Seven NLD members — U Kya, U Kyaw Hsint, U Win, U Thein Hlaing, U Kyet Tin, U Maung Oo and U Tin Thaug — of Kyundaw village of the township quit the party on 28 November.

Fifth-three members of including U Kya Aye, U Kyin Soe, U Thaug Lay and U Hsan Oo of Kaungthit village, U Chet Gyi, U Kan Tun, Daw Pyaung Sein, U Kyaw Thin, U Khin Aung, Daw Tin Mi, U Maung Win, U Chit Thwin, Daw Htay, U Myint Hlaing, U Hmat Paw, Daw Thein Htay and Daw Ngwe Htay of the township quit the party the following day.

They sent the let-

ters of resignation to NLD headquarters and the respective local authorities.

In the letter of resignation they sent to Ayadaw Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that they quit the party of own volition as they had no more interest in the NLD, no more trust in the NLD leaders, and no more wish to participate in the party.—MNA

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S African Communist leader condemns US blockade of Cuba

HAVANA, 7 Nov—Visiting General Secretary of South African Communist Party Blade Nzimande on Monday condemned the US economic blockade of Cuba, describing it as immoral and illegal.

Nzimande, who leaves Cuba on Monday, said that

the blockade is an act of economic warfare and a violation of Cubans' human rights. He said that South Africa would support a United Nations' resolution condemning "this inhumane policy and demanding its immediate elimination". During a Press conference, Nzimande also described the United States War on Terror as "selective," demanded the

release of five Cuban political prisoners held in the United States, and wished Cuban leader Fidel Castro a quick recovery.

Castro temporarily handed power to his younger brother in late July so he could have an intestinal operation, which is the first time he has done so since taking power in 1959. He has not yet returned to work.

MNA/Xinhua

"Black Cat Detective". The Top 10 of China's most favourite "home-made" cartoons were announced on 6 Nov, 2006 at the conclusion of the First Summit Forum on the China Animation Industry's Development and Youth's Healthy Growing.—XINHUA

New California wildfire erupts day after memorial

LOS ANGELES, 7 Nov—A new California wildfire broke out near a community east of Los Angeles on Monday, one day after some 10,000 people attended a memorial service for firefighters killed fighting a massive, arson fire.

The new fire, fanned by hot Santa Ana winds, erupted at about 7:30 am (10:30 EST/1530 GMT)

near the intersection of two major Southern California freeways about 60 miles (96 kilometres) east of Los Angeles.

The flames, which quickly charred several hundred acres (hectares), threatened a neighbourhood of hundreds of homes near the city of Rialto and burned a yard where wooden pallets were stored.

Firefighters used aircraft to scoop water from a pond on a golf course as smoke and ash drifted across a large swath

of Southern California, pushed by winds that prompted authorities to issue a high fire danger warning.—MNA/Reuters

Cameroon highway robbers hold up cars, kill woman

YAOUNDE, 7 Nov — Arabic-speaking

armed robbers in eastern Cameroon killed a woman and stole money, jewellery and mobile phones from dozens of motorists after holding up 30 vehicles on a main road, witnesses said on Monday.

They told state radio the assailants, who were hooded and dressed in military fatigues, halted cars on Sunday outside the town of Dimako in East Province, which borders with the Central African Republic.

MNA/Reuters

Promotion fair of African products opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 7 Nov— A promotion fair of African products opened here Monday morning following a landmark China-Africa summit at which China promised to further open its market to the African continent.

Over 170 enterprises from 23 African countries filled a Beijing exhibition hall on Monday with varieties of their local specialties, including minerals, jewellery, textile, fur, spice, tea and coffee.

The two-day exhibition that followed the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation was staged to increase Africa's export to China, officials with China's Ministry of Commerce said.

MNA/Xinhua

Rabbits frolic with tiger cubs at the Sanya Greatest World of Love in Sanya, a city in South China's Hainan Province on 6 Nov, 2006. The artificially bred tiger cubs get along well with rabbits, which generates tremendous interest among visitors.—XINHUA



The first complete skull and lower jaw of a 70-million-year-old sea reptile has been unearthed by a retired pastor and his son, according to Montana State University.—XINHUA



Iran ready to share missile systems with others

TEHERAN, 7 Nov — Iran is ready to share its missile systems with friends and neighbours, the Commander of the Revolutionary Guards said, after he showed off missiles including some he said had cluster warheads.

Guards Commander-in-Chief Yahya Rahim Safavi also told Iran's Arabic-language Al-Alam TV late on Sunday the Guards had thousands of troops trained for suicide missions in case Iran was threatened although he said any US attack was unlikely.

The United States has said it wants to resolve a dispute over Iran's nuclear programme by

diplomatic means but has not ruled out the use of force.

Washington believes Teheran is seeking to make atomic bombs, despite Iranian denials.

"We are able to give our missile systems to friendly and neighbouring countries," Safavi told Al-Alam. A text of his comments in Farsi were obtained by Reuters on Monday.—MNA/Reuters

SPORTS



Tang Zhengdong (L) of China's national basketball team controls the ball during the first open training session for the upcoming Asian Games in Beijing, on 6 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

MSI criticize Corinthians over Carlos Alberto ban

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Nov— Brazilian champions Corinthians have been criticized by their London-based partners Media Sports Investments (MSI) over a decision to suspend midfielder Carlos Alberto.

MSI, who signed a controversial 10-year partnership with the Sao Paulo-based club in December 2004, said that they finance the team and did not accept the decision.

"MSI does not agree with the unilateral decisions taken by the directors of Sport Club Corinthians Paulista in relation to Carlos Alberto," MSI said in a statement published on Corinthians's official website.

"(MSI) will officially contest them, in view of the fact that the company is the exclusive holder of the rights to administer the club's football department.

"In addition to this, MSI understands that Carlos Alberto acted correctly to respond to the request of the people who invested in his contract and to meet abroad to deal with the problems which have happened in Brazil."

Carlos Alberto was dropped last month after being involved in a public row with coach Emerson Leao.

The former Porto midfielder angrily remonstrated with Leao after being substituted in the 30th minute of a Copa Sudamericana tie away to Lanus of Argentina. He was barred from the team for insubordination and ordered to train alone.

MNA/Reuters

Tough East Lake layout retains players' respect

ATKABTAM, 7 Nov— East Lake Golf Club has retained the respect of the players at this week's Tour Championship, even though breezy conditions and tight fairways have made the par-70 layout a tough proposition.

Only nine players in the elite 27-man field were under par after Saturday's third round with Australia's Adam Scott the tournament leader at seven under. Despite the calmest winds of the week on day three, the average score was a shade under par at 69.85.

"I love classic-type courses and this one is a beauty," Scott told report-

ers after moving three shots clear by shooting a second successive three-under 67.

"It's one of the top-five courses on Tour, probably. It shows you don't need to grow eight-inch rough to make it tough.

"The rough is kind of unpredictable because you can actually move the ball out of it. But you could get a flier, it might come out dead, and that's when you

Ukraine officials outraged at Shakhtar coach Lucescu

KIEV, 8 Nov— Ukrainian soccer officials were outraged at accusations by Shakhtar Donetsk's Romanian coach Mircea Lucescu that his team were victims of a conspiracy in their bad-tempered league defeat by Dynamo Kiev.

Lucescu blamed Portuguese referee Paulo Gomes— and Ukraine's soccer federation— for his side's 1-0 loss in Kiev on Monday in a match marked by four red cards, including one issued to the Shakhtar coach.

Ukrainian Soccer Federation boss Hrihory Surkis, brother of Dynamo Kiev president Ihor Surkis, was blunt about Lucescu's allegations.

"It would have been better had I not heard them," the popular website Dynamomania quoted him as saying after the post-match news conference.

"I am afraid I don't understand Romanian very well. Perhaps the translation was inaccurate. I intend

to be more proper in my approach than Mr Lucescu."

The head of the Ukrainian federation's referees' committee, Viktor Derdo, praised Gomes, who was brought in by the federation to officiate, for his handling of the key game. "The players failed to control their nerves today and took it out on the referee," Dynamomania quoted Derdo as saying. "He was strong, decisive and unafraid to take the decisions he took."

Lucescu, fined 5,000 US dollars by the league earlier this year for using bad language during a match, said the referee "pushed Dynamo forward".

The daily *Gazeta Sportilor* said

television cameras had caught Lucescu shouting in Romanian after the match: "Thieves! Bravo to the federation!"

Gomes sent off Shakhtar's Ukraine defender Dmitro Chigrinsky for his angry reaction to a tackle by Dynamo's Brazilian striker Kleber late in the first half before banishing Lucescu for protesting about the decision.

He later ejected Dynamo's Artem Milevsky after the Ukraine striker picked up his second yellow card midway through the second half. Shakhtar's Croatia international Darijo Srna was red-carded for unsportsmanlike conduct after the final whistle.—MNA/Reuters



Chinese ace Liu Xiang, the men's 110-meter hurdles world record holder, has finished in the second place on the internet poll for the World Male Athlete of the Year award in 2006, announced the IAAF official website on Monday 6 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

Russian coach gets life ban for plotting attack on players

MOSCOW, 8 Nov— A former coach of Russian third division club Metallurg Lipetsk has been given a life ban from the game after inciting a vicious attack on his players.

A disciplinary committee of the Russian FA on Tuesday suspended Stanislav Bernikov for his role in hiring a gang of thugs who attacked three Metallurg players at the club's training ground on September 16.

Metallurg captain Alexei Morochko suffered the most serious injuries in the attack, spending several weeks in hospital with a broken nose, concussion and a bullet wound in one arm.

A goalkeeper and a defender also suffered minor injuries when four or five thugs attacked them after training.—MNA/Reuters

Kenyan Govt inaugurates soccer caretaker committee

NAIROBI, 8 Nov— Kenya's sports minister said on Tuesday he wants soccer to be resurrected in the east African nation as quickly as possible.

Inaugurating an interim committee to run the sport following the Government's decision to dissolve the Kenyan Football Federation last week, minister Maina Kamanda told them: "You have the responsibility to resurrect our popular sport as soon as you possibly can.

"I will not give you a time frame, but you all know that Kenyans are yearning for properly organized competitions."

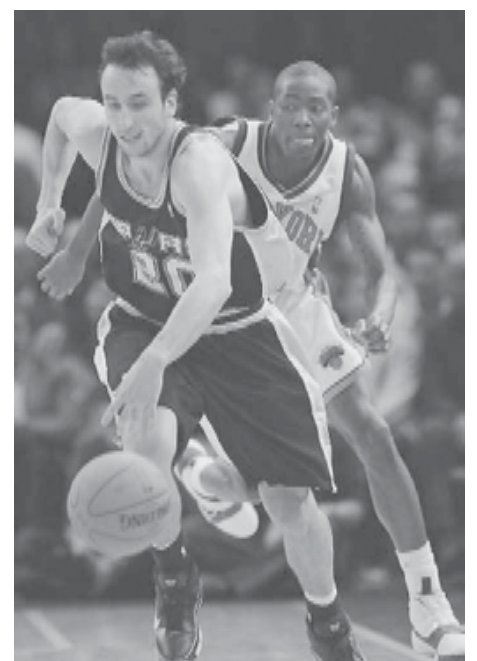
The Kenyan Government dissolved the trouble-ridden KFF on Friday in a bid to stem months of chaos and Kamanda has selected an eight-man Caretaker Committee to revive the game.

FIFA banned Kenya from international competition on 24 October for failing to respect signed agreements and for recurrent problems in their football federation. The World governing body said the suspension would remain in place until further agreements were fully implemented.

"We shall invite clubs for a brainstorming meeting this weekend and we expect the leagues to resume shortly thereafter," Mtana Lewa, who heads the

committee, told reporters.

"We shall resurrect youth and women's competitions which have been lacking for years because that is the future of the sport," he said.—MNA/Reuters



San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili (L) fights with New York Knicks player in their NBA game in New York's Madison Square Garden, on 6 Nov, 2006. San Antonio Spurs beats the New York Knicks 105-93 in the game.—XINHUA

Cambodia's Water Festival ends with record high participants

PHNOM PENH, 8 Nov — The three-day Water Festival, one of Cambodia's most important ceremonies, closed Monday with a record high of 1.5 million participants.

King Norodom Sihamoni, Prime Minister Hun Sen, National Assembly President Heng Samrin, Senate President Chea Sim, other senior government officials and diplomats here late on Monday presided over the closure of the traditional festival.

Meanwhile, the boat race was concluded on Monday evening as climax of the cele-

brations. It attracted over 24,000 racers with 409 boats, creating a much hotter scene than last year for the zealous audiences.

"The boat race was held to remind us of how Cambodia's naval troops used to win the enemy in the battle field and to express appreciation to the Mekong River which offered rich soil for the people to plant crops," said Chea Kean, senior

official from the National and International Festival Organizing Committee.

To each winner of the race, King Sihamoni

awarded 100 US dollars, while other prominent viewers also opened their pockets for these heroes.

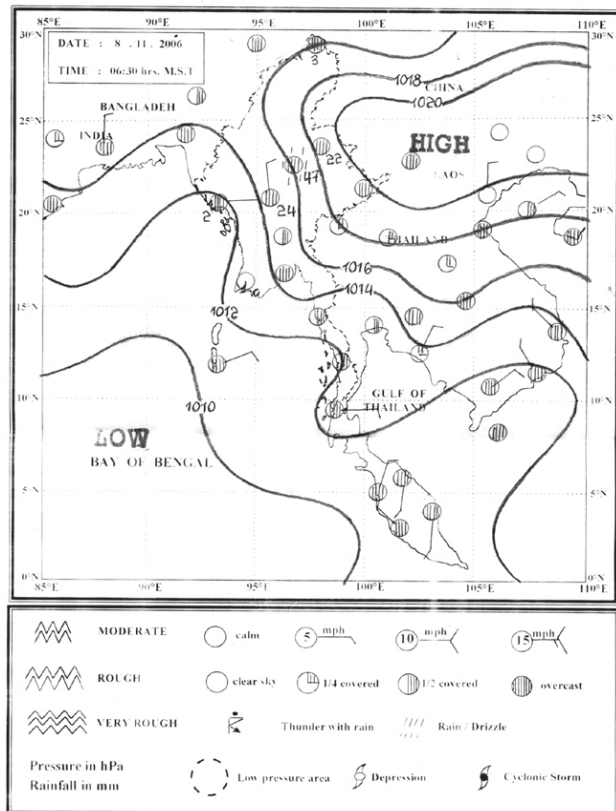
MNA/Xinhua

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 10:30 hours MST on 8th November 2006)

The amount of rainfall (88) mm (3.46 inches) observed at (09:30) hrs MST on 8th November 2006 in PyinOoLwin is the (24) hrs new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of November during last (15) years. The former record was (74) mm (2.91 inches) on 26th November 2002.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 8 November, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-shower have been widespread in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and Sagaing Division, scattered in Bago Division, isolated in Kayah State and Ayeyawady Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division and isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Kayin and Mon States, Yangon Division (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin and Rakhine States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.19) inch, PyinOoLwin (3.46) inches, Taungdwingyi (2.48) inches, Kalewa (2.32) inches, Kyaukse (2.05) inches, Mandalay (1.85) inches, Mawlaik (1.65) inches and Pyinmana and Kyaukpyu (1.50) inches. Maximum temperature on 7-11-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 8-11-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-11-2006 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 7-11-2006 was (7.3) hours approx. Rainfalls on 8-11-2006 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 (10) mph from Southeast at 10:40 hours MST on 7-11-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the West Central Bay and South West Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 9-11-2006: Rain are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Shan, and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, isolated in Kayah State, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is 60%.

State of the Sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 9-11-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 9-11-2006: Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (40)%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 9-11-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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Thursday, 9 November

- Tune in today
8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music: -Have a nice day ...John Bonjoui
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: -Gore be fire ... Monica
8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music: -Party people Friday night... 911
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music: Nothing to it ...Floris
1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40pm Lunch time music: -Love is love ... Culture Club -Willow ... Joan Armtrading -Milk & Honey ... PAM Tillis
9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Pourri
9:30pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers -Always on my mind ...Elvis Presley -Complicated heart ... MLTR -When I look into your eyes ... Selena
9:45 pm News / Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar logo and program schedule for Thursday, 9 November. Includes times from 7:00 am to 7:30 am with program titles like 'ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး' and 'အိမ်ထောင်စုလူဦးရေစာရင်း'.

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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

Senior General Than Shwe hosts dinner to delegates of USDA and outstanding youths

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Nov — Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe hosted a dinner to delegates of state, division, district and township USDAs and outstanding youths on the lawns of Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence here this evening.

When Senior General Than Shwe arrived at 6.45 pm, USDA CEC members welcomed him. Next, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted USDA CEC members, secretaries of state and division USDAs, regional coordinators, the delegates, the outstanding students from states and divisions who passed the matriculation examination for 2006, superb players at Asian level, outstanding members of Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, ex-

tempore talks contest winners at USDA central level, gold medallists of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, artistes, performers, chairmen of social and economic organizations and responsible personnel.

Also present at the dinner 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, 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, SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attor-

ney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, USDA CEC members, senior military officers, the deputy ministers, directors-general of SPDC Office and the Prime Minister's Office, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises, chairmen of central committees and subcommittees for Organizing USDA Annual General Meeting, secretaries of state and division USDAs, regional coordinators, delegates of state, division, district and township USDAs, outstanding youths and students, media persons, chairmen of social and economic organizations and responsible personnel, artistes, performers and guests.

Before and during the dinner, artistes of Myanmar Radio and Television entertained those present with songs. — MNA



Patron of USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe greets representatives and outstanding youths attending Annual General Meeting-2006 of USDA at dinner at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA