

**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  
receives United Nations  
Under-Secretary-General  
for Political Affairs**



*Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Mr Ibrahim A Gambari at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Mr Ibrahim A Gambari and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Also present 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 of the Union of Myanmar

General Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Science and Technology and for Labour U Thaug and Resident Coordinator for UN agencies Mr Charles James Petrie. — MNA



*Senior General Than Shwe receives UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Mr Ibrahim A Gambari at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 12 November, 2006

## Build a new and modern nation, ensure its perpetuity

The Union Solidarity and Development Association was formed with the aim of consolidating the strength of youths capable of shaping the future of the State into a national force.

For thirteen-years all the members of USDA have been practically participating in the process of building a new and modern nation as well as in nation-building endeavours, while organizing the entire people to do the same.

With the correct policy and goodwill, the association has been serving the national interest in a pragmatic way. Moreover, with a large membership it has been able to serve the interest of local people in the respective regions.

As the strength of the association lies within its members, constant efforts are being made for each and every member to be imbued with nationalism, calibre, initiative and innovation. In consequence, more and more good organizers of USDA at different levels have emerged.

At present, thanks to concerted efforts of the people under the leadership of the government remarkable progress has been made in political, economic and social sectors. Such progress is paving the way for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

We believe that the new generation youths who are members of the association will do their bit in the drive for building a new and modern nation and ensuring its perpetuity, while firmly standing as good organizers engaged in successful realization of the national goal.

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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

## Commander inspects tasks of Fish Paste, Dried Fish and Fish Sauce Industry Zone

YANGON, 11 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected Fish Paste, Dried Fish and Fish Sauce Industry Zone of Yangon City Development Committee in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township this morning.



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects construction of sluice gate on embankment to Bago River. — YANGON COMMAND

The commander heard reports on tasks of entrepreneurs in the zone and construction of the road, and gave necessary instructions. Next, the commander inspected the area for chilli powder industries, progress in con-

struction of the road and sluice gate. The Fish Paste, Dried Fish and Fish Sauce Industry Zone is located on 526 acres of land. A total of 231 entrepreneurs are carrying out their tasks with investments of K 4,307 million in three parts of the zone.

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## Energy Minister meets Russian Ambassador and party

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail Mgeladze and Councillor of the Deputy Chairman of the Board Professor Alexey Madtepanov of Gazprom M Joint-Stock Co from the Russian Federation and party at the ministry on 9 November.



It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Director-General U Soe Myint of Energy Planning Department, Managing Director U

Myint Kyi of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and officials.

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Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meets Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail Mgeladze and Councillor of the Deputy Chairman of Board Professor Alexey Madtepanov of Gazprom Joint-Stock Co of Russia. — ENERGY

## Training courses of Education and Training Department conclude

YANGON, 11 Nov — Director-General U Than Win of Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs attended the concluding ceremony of Advanced Domestic Science Courses No 12/13, Refresher Course No 2 for Cultural Instructors, Clerical Course No 44 and No 45 at the central training school of the department in Dagon Myothit (North) Township this morning.

The director-general made an address and presented awards to outstanding trainees. A total of 161 trainees from Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department and Education and Training Department attended the 12-week courses. — MNA

## Myanmar U-19 women score six points

YANGON, 11 Nov — The AFC U-19 Women's Championship 2007 qualifier round continued in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia this afternoon.

In the Group (A), Myanmar U-19 Women's Team beat Jordan Women's team with a 2-0.

Myanmar Women's Team scored six points with two wins in the group.

At the 16th minute, Thanda Aye scored the opening goal for Myanmar and at the 39th minute, Su Nyein Aye added a second.

Myanmar U-19 Women's Team is to play against Thai women's team on 13 November.

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## Chavez says Bush should resign like Rumsfeld



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez

CARACAS (Venezuela), 9 Nov— Anti-American Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez greeted the resignation of US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Wednesday with a suggestion that President George W

Bush should follow him.

“Heads have started to roll. The President should resign on moral grounds,” he told a news conference after an aide passed him a note with word of the resignation. “Rumsfeld should go to jail.”

Chavez has a running feud with Bush, whom he calls the devil.

He said the Democrats’ victory in mid-term elections on Tuesday was a vote against Bush’s Iraq war policy, which he hoped meant the United States would rein in its “imperialism”.

Senior US officials say the leftist Venezuelan President is a threat to regional stability. —MNA/Reuters

## World’s hairiest man loses 200,000-yuan compensation claim

BEIJING, 9 Nov— The world’s hairiest man has lost his claim for 200,000 yuan (25,000 US dollars) in compensation from World Carnival (Beijing) Company for the unauthorized use of his image on the company website.

Yu Zhenhuan, a 29-year-old rock singer from northeast China’s Liaoning Province but better known as having 96 per cent of his skin covered by hair, sued the amusement park company for using his image for commercial use without his knowledge. He demanded the image to be taken off the website, a printed apology and 200,000 yuan for psychological damage.

Yu, who entered the Guinness Book of Records in 2002, visited the carnival in Beijing in August last year.

He allowed staff to take photos of him for he was given some free entertainment. An intermediate people’s court of Beijing adjudged that the photos had been used to help increase the profits of World Carnival Company and

ordered the company to print an apology on its website. However, it rejected Yu’s compensation claim, citing a lack of evidence of psychological trauma caused by the publication of the images. —MNA/Xinhua



The Great Wall of China, Petra of Jordan and the Easter Island statues of Chile are in the top 10 of the final shortlist for the new seven wonders of the world, it was reported on 8 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

## Britain’s alcohol deaths soar among middle-aged men

LONDON, 9 Nov— The number of middle-aged men drinking themselves to death has more than doubled since 1991, according to official figures released on Tuesday.

Men aged between 35 and 54 have suffered the biggest rise in alcohol-related deaths, the Office for National Statistics said.

Deaths among women

in the same age group also nearly doubled, fuelling concerns over binge-drinking and rising alcohol consumption in Britain.

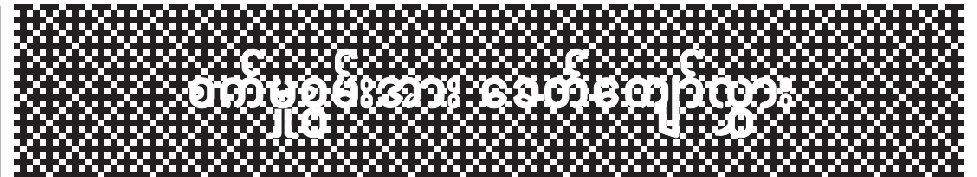
Campaigners said the link between people drinking more and the rise in alcohol-related deaths was established more than 50 years ago.

“Tragic as they are, these figures are hardly a

surprise,” said Frank Soodeen, a spokesman for the charity Alcohol Concern.

“Binge drinkers should take especial note of the rise in the number of people aged between 35 and 54 who are now dying.”

The number of alcohol-related deaths last year stood at 8,386, compared to 4,144 in 1991. Death



## Europeans see obesity increasing

LONDON, 9 Nov— Europeans think there are more obese adults and children today than there were five years ago, according to a new poll by the European Union.

However the proportion of people who consider themselves overweight, at 38%, is roughly the same as in 2002.

An average EU citizen now weighs 72.2kg (11st 5lb) and is 1.7m (5ft 7in) tall.

About one in five have changed their eating habits in the last year, with most of these trying to eat more fruit and vegetables, and less fat.

More than 80% of those polled totally agreed or

tended to agree that obesity was on the increase, and felt that governments should do more to tackle the problem. Some 55% thought their weight was about right.

The proportion of people considering themselves overweight varied from country to country - from 25% in Slovakia to 50% in Luxembourg.

In the UK the figure

was 41% - 5% down on 2002.

Women were more likely than men to consider themselves overweight - 44% compared with 32%. On average, respondents said they spent more than six hours a day sitting down.

Only 22% said they had performed a lot of physical activity in the seven days before they took part in the poll. —Internet

## Foreign investors remain uncertain about nominee status

BANGKOK, 10 Nov— Foreign investors in Thailand remain uncertain about the issue of 'nominee status' despite a clarification from the government on the matter by economics-related ministers, a top securities executive said today.

Artdanai Sucharitkul, President of the Foreign Securities Companies' Association, said foreign investors now have a greater understanding of the sufficiency economy following an explanation of the government policy on the matter by Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister MR Pridiyathorn Devakula at the "Open House with Economic Ministers" forum held Friday.

Mr Artdanai said he viewed the explanation would help the investors understand what the Finance Ministry planned to do next year. However, he said the investors are still worried about the lack of clarity in the government's stand on the issue of nominee status.

And they were doubtful how the Commerce Ministry would cope with many foreign companies investing in Thailand since they have a nominee structure.

He believed these companies would not shift their investment from Thailand, but that they would be more careful regarding further investment. —Internet



A polar bear plays on the tundra near Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, on 3 Nov, 2006. The bears are slowly congregating along the coast, anticipating the winter freeze-up of Hudson Bay. When the bay freezes, the polar bears can get onto the ice to hunt their favorite meal, ringed seal. —XINHUA

# WHO members elect bird flu expert Chan as chief

GENEVA, 10 Nov — The World Health Organization's (WHO) 193 member countries on Thursday elected bird flu expert Margaret Chan of China to lead the United Nations agency tasked with preventing and fighting global health threats.

Chan, 59, was nominated on Wednesday by the WHO's executive board to succeed the late Lee Jong-wook as director-general. The former Hong Kong health chief overcame contenders from Mexico, Japan, Spain and Kuwait for the top job in international health.

As the first Chinese national to head a major UN agency, Chan's election was seen by diplomats as a sign that China, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, was interested in playing a wider international role.

The profile of the WHO, which has a two-year



Newly elected UN World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Margaret Chan of China is sworn in in Geneva of Switzerland, on 9 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

budget of 3.3 billion US dollars, has risen dramatically with the spread of AIDS and other diseases, and the emergence of new threats from the respiratory illness SARS and bird flu.

Chan, most recently the WHO's assistant director-general for communicable diseases, won praise as Hong Kong's health chief for helping douse an earlier bird flu outbreak by ordering the culling of some 1.5 million birds. She also battled SARS, which spread from Asia to other parts of the world in 2002 and 2003.

As head of the WHO, a position she can hold for two five-year terms starting in January, Chan will be responsible for staving off a feared bird flu pandemic, fighting chronic and infectious diseases, and improving poor-country health systems. Her term will run from 4 January, 2006 until 30 June, 2012. — MNA/Reuters



Liu Guojiang and Xu Chaoqing. The tale of a 70-year-old Chinese man who hand-carved more than 6,000 stairs up a mountain for his 80-year-old wife has won the award for China's greatest love story of 2006.—XINHUA

## “Ladder of love” story wins place in Chinese hearts

BEIJING, 11 Nov — The tale of a 70-year-old Chinese man who hand-carved more than 6,000 stairs up a mountain for

his 80-year-old wife has won the award for China's greatest love story of 2006.

And now the local government is attempting to supply electricity to the cave which has been the couple's home for the last 50 years.

The story began half a century ago when 20-year-old Liu Guojiang fell in love with widow Xu Chaoqing.

In a twist worthy of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, friends and relatives criticized the relationship because of the age difference and the fact that Xu already had children.

Desperate to escape market gossip and the scorn of their communities, the pair eloped to live in a cave in Jiangjin County in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality.

Their story came atop

a list of China's top ten love stories organized by the *Chinese Women Weekly*, which collected tales from around the country since July.

At the beginning, life was harsh and Xu felt that she had tied Liu down and repeatedly asked him, “Are you regretful?”

Liu always replied, “As long as we are industrious, life will improve.”

MNA/Xinhua

## Coconutting monkeys mean business

CHUMPHON, 9 Nov— Somboon Cheumuang has breakfast with his wife and two monkeys before setting off to work at coconut plantations. Naturally, the monkeys come along.

The two macaques, Kai and Kaew, are his laborers and are indispensable for picking

coconuts from trees when he travels around buying fruit from plantations in this southern coastal province.

“Kai and Kaew eat rice from the same pot as my family,” the 56-year-old trader says.

Like other pig-tailed macaques, the pair can

quickly scamper up the trunk of a coconut palm, select just the ripe ones and with a twist and pull drop the fruit to the ground.

“One monkey can pick about 300 coconuts a day.

The monkey works 10 times faster than a man,” he says.

Internet



A working monkey hangs itself on the back of a pickup truck while heading to a coconut plantation in Chumphon Province, southern Thailand.—INTERNET

## Study says doctors use Google to diagnose disease

CANBERRA, 10 Nov— It is not just patients who are frantically plugging their symptoms into Google to see what disease they might have, Australian researchers say doctors are doing it too.

Dr Hangwi Tang and Dr Jennifer Ng of the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane have reported their findings online in the *British Medical Journal*.

Dr Tang says the study was driven by personal curiosity after noticing how patients and doctors alike were using Google to diagnose difficult cases.

In one example he had a patient whose father used the search engine to correctly diagnose that his son had the rare circulatory condition -Paget-von Schrötter syndrome.

Dr Tang and Dr Ng selected 26 difficult cases presented in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, including Cushing's syndrome, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, encephalitis and cirrhosis.

They then plugged the symptoms of each case into the search engine to come up with a diagnosis.

Internet



Black-necked cranes look for food at the Napa Lake nature reserve in Shangri-la County, the Tibet Autonomous Prefecture of Diqing, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 6 Nov, 2006. The famous breath-taking natural scenery in Shangri-La described by James Hilton in the novel “Lost Horizon” has aroused interest amongst tourists and scholars.—Xinhua

## Iran says US misjudges world view on nuclear row

TEHERAN, 9 Nov—Iran's most powerful figure, Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, said on Wednesday the United States was wrong to think the world opposed Teheran's nuclear programme.

Major powers are currently split over a draft UN Security Council sanctions resolution drawn up by Britain, France and Germany that seeks to put pressure on Iran to curb its nuclear programme. The United States wants to beef up the text, but Russia wants it watered down.

"The Americans open their mouths and shut their

eyes as usual, and they say whatever comes to their mouths: 'The world opposes Iran's uranium enrichment'. No, you do not know the world, and you do not see it," Khamenei said in a speech in the city of Semnan, east of the capital Teheran.

Iran strongly rejects Western suspicions that its efforts to enrich uranium are a veiled attempt to build an atomic arsenal, and says it has the right to peaceful nuclear technology.

"The majority of countries of the world believe that nuclear energy should be freed from the monopoly of a few self-

proclaimed powers," he said in the speech, broadcast on state television.

Divisions among the five permanent Security Council members, plus Germany, mean that negotiations over the draft are likely to drag out throughout this month.

The sanctions seek to punish Iran for refusing to suspend work on uranium enrichment, as an 31 August Security Council resolution demands.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) meets with Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov in Beijing, on 10 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

## Bush, Democrats pledge bipartisanship after elections

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov—US President George W Bush met with Senate Democratic leaders at the White House on Friday and pledged cooperation with Democrats to solve "common problems".

"The elections are over, the problems haven't gone away," Bush said after his meeting with Senator Harry Reid, the

Senate Minority Leader, and Richard Durbin, the Senate Minority whip.

Bush said he assured Reid and Durbin that the White House and the Democrats "will cooperate as closely as we can to solve common problems".

In an effort to find common ground with Reid, who was expected

to become the Senate Majority Leader when the 110th Congress convenes in early January next year, Bush said he and Reid both came from the West.

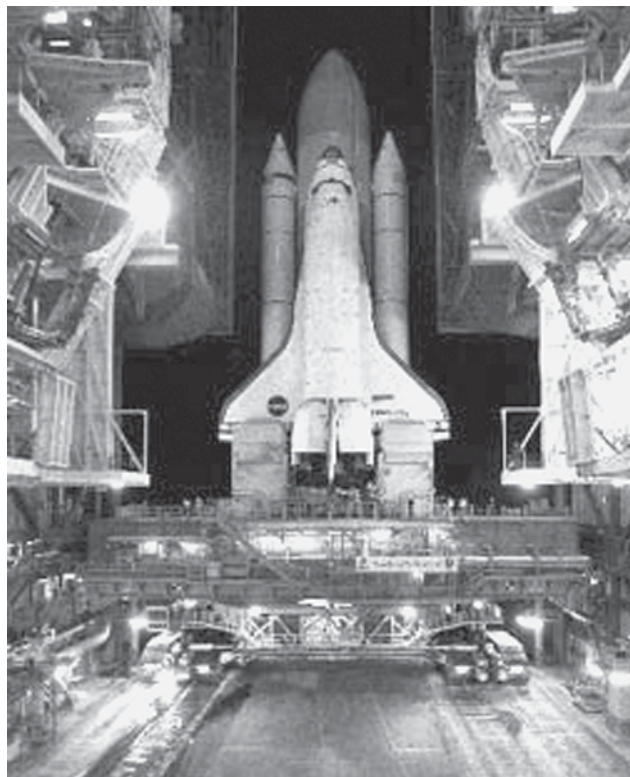
"I'm from West Texas; he's from Nevada. And we tend to speak the same language, pretty plain-spoken people, which should ... bode well for our relationships," he said.

Reid said they discussed important issues with Bush, and the "only way to move forward is with bipartisanship and openness and to get some results".

On Thursday, Bush had lunch with House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, who was to become the first woman speaker in the US history, and Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer at the White House.

Since Democrats' sweeping victory in Tuesday's elections, Bush had taken reconciliatory steps to improve ties with Democrats, who would have more influence over Bush's domestic and foreign policies.

MNA/Xinhua



The space shuttle Discovery exits the Vehicle Assembly Building on its way to launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 9 Nov, 2006. NASA is aiming to launch Discovery on 7 December on a mission to the International Space Station.—XINHUA

## British soldier killed in Iraq named

LONDON, 9 Nov—The Ministry of Defence has named the British soldier killed in Iraq as Kingsman Jamie Hancock.

Hancock, 19, from the 2nd Battalion of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, died in small arms fire during an attack by guerilla on an Army base in Basra, southern Iraq, on Monday, the MoD said.

There were no other casualties.

Hancock had a "promising career ahead of him", his commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Simon Hutchinson said.

Kingsman Jamie Hancock was a first class soldier, doing a difficult job very well, with good humour and enthusiasm," he said.

Britain has 7,000 troops in southern Iraq, which has generally been calmer than the centre and north of the country.

A total of 121 British Armed Forces personnel have died in Iraq since the start of the campaign in March 2003. Of these, 90 were killed in action.

MNA/Reuters

## Ten-hour Brazil bus hijack ends

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 Nov—A gunman has surrendered to police in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro after seizing passengers in a 10-hour bus hijacking.

A passenger alerted police on a mobile phone that the man had hijacked the bus in the rush hour. He quickly let dozens of passengers go and a number of others were later allowed to escape through a window. The man's wife was on the bus and reports said he had threatened to kill her for leaving him.

About eight hostages were left when police boarded the bus and the man surrendered.

The siege in Nova Iguacu, on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro, was carried live on television. Relatives were brought to talk to the man, whom police described as "emotionally unbalanced".

Police commander Hudson de Aguiar said: "He's always very tense, always with the gun pointed at his ex-wife."

Hostages said the man had made no threats to anyone other than his ex-wife.—Internet



Russian women display their traditional fans on the Russian National Exhibition which opened in Beijing on 8 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA

## Kayin State USDA to make field trips to grassroots level for providing training to members for uplift of efficiency



**Joint-Secretary U Saw Han Aye reports implementation of tasks by Kayin State USDA.**  
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NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Joint-Secretary U Saw Han Aye of Kayin State Union Solidarity and Development Association submitted reports on accomplishment of the tasks by the division association in a one-year period at the Annual General Meeting 2006 of USDA at the Convocation Hall of University

of Veterinary Science (Yezin) on 5 November.

He reported that different levels of USDA in Kayin State provided knowledge and practical works to 48,192 USDA members in the national culture and morality course, the music course, the literary and cultural courses, the summer and monsoon sports training courses, the basic auxiliary fire fighting course, the executives' management (multiplier) course, the first aid (multiplier) course, the tailoring course, and the modern librarian course in 2005-06. A total of 39 executives and members of Kayin State USDA have had the opportunities to join the foreign trips.

He added that Kayin State USDA donated 1,475 desks worth K 12,537,500 to Basic Education Primary Schools and Post-Primary Schools and 555

dozens of exercise books and pencils, K 2.2 million and clothes to 555 students from flood-hit villages. Furthermore, the state association took part in the social and religious affairs of the people.

As part of power supply tasks, Kayin State association contributed to installation of 29 hydel power generators. In addition, the association is making arrangements for installation of solar power generators at seven villages. In conclusion, different levels of USDA in Kayin State will make field trips to grassroots level for providing training to the members for uplift of their efficiency. Furthermore, the association pledges to steadfastly serve the national politics, and will cooperate with local people for gaining more progress in regional development tasks.

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## USDA members to participate in respective sectors for realization of seven-step Road Map with Union Spirit by organizing entire national people



**Executive U Tin Maung Swe reports on accomplishment of tasks by Taninthayi Division USDA.** — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Executive U Tin Maung Swe of Taninthayi Division Union Solidarity and Development Association submitted reports on accomplishment of the tasks by the division association in a one-year period at the Annual General Meeting 2006 of USDA at the Convocation Hall of University of Veterinary Science (Yezin) on 5 November.

He said that nowadays, the government is striving for enabling the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of global countries and to stand tall as a

sovereign nation with prestige and integrity. The government is carrying out tasks of prevailing peace and stability and prevalence of law and order and convening the National Convention.

The government has declared the seven-step Road Map as the policy of the State for democratization process. The National Convention, which is the first step of the seven-step Road Map, is being convened with the participation of Delegate Groups of Political Parties, Representatives-elect, National Races, Peasants, Workers, Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, State Service Personnel, and Other Invited Persons. Hence, implementation of all steps of the Road Map including the successful convening of the National Convention is the national duty of all members of the USDA.

He continued to say that Taninthayi Division contributed as far as it could to development of social, health and education sectors of the division included in five rural development tasks for serving the interest of the people.

For ensuring uplift of efficiency of the USDA

members, 12 kinds of training courses such as the national culture and morality course, the basic spoken English course, the basic computer course, the music course, the sports training course, the marine course, the basic accountancy course, and the 3-Rs course were conducted to 98,459 USDA members at 412 venues under the arrangements of division, district and township USDAs.

In conclusion, U Tin Maung Swe said that the Government laid down four political objectives, four economic objectives and four social objectives. In addition, the government is making concerted efforts for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation by implementing the seven-step Road Map. Remarkable progress has been made in convening the National Convention that will serve the interests of all the national races. That is why he pledged that all the USDA members are to participate in their respective sectors for realization of the seven-step Road Map with the Union Spirit by organizing the entire national people. — MNA

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## Chin State USDA participating in tasks for building a modern developed nation and realizing the seven-step Road Map



**Daw Swee Nalmwe of Falam Township USDA submits accomplishment on future tasks in the past year. —MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The Annual General Meeting 2006 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the Convocation Hall of University of Veterinary Science (Yezin), here, from 4 to 8 November.

At the first day session of the Annual General Meeting, delegates of states and divisions reported on

success of the tasks in their respective states and divisions during the one-year period.

Member of Falam Township USDA Daw Swee Nalmwe submitted a report saying that association provided over K 7.9 million for power supply in rural areas, construction of village to village roads, installation of satellite receiver and TV sets and for furniture and desks needed in basic education primary schools, for raising of quality of life of local people in Chin State in cooperation with the USDA and local people.

Over 10,000 USDA members supported the National Convention, the first phase of the seven-step Road Map at a rally held in Haka on 13-1-2006. The seven-step Road Map was announced to the world that the country would make endeavours for emergence of a peaceful modern developed nation.

The destructive elements holding negative views begrudged the accomplishments in the country and they submitted the matter to the UN Security Council.

At a time when the government is carrying out the transitional tasks, external and internal destructive elements are spreading fabricated news and making accusations. All the national people do not accept their statement at all.

After Myanmar was put on the agenda of the

UNSC, Cuba, the Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, reported that it would like to participate in the discussion regarding that matter on 29 September. But the UNSC rejected Cuba's offer. In a letter sent to the President of the UNSC by the delegate of Cuba on that day, it states that The NAM does not consider the situation in Myanmar as a threat to international peace and security, and opposes attempts by a member of the Council to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC. The Non-Aligned Movement stresses once again that the decision by the Security Council to initiate formal or informal discussion on the situation in any Member State of the United Nations or any issue that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security as contrary to Article 24 of the Charter of the United Nations.

It is known to all that it was an attempt to dominate the world by hegemonism of a nation. All the members of the USDA are determined to safeguard the country.

Following the guidance of the Patron of the association as work guideline, Chin State USDA is participating in the tasks for building a modern developed nation and realizing the seven-step Road Map, Our Three Main National Causes and twelve objectives in cooperation with local people.—MNA

## Should the government, the people and the Tatmadaw be united, any forms of danger can be overcome



**Daw Phyu Thiri Aung of Monywa Township USDA submits accomplishment on future tasks in the past year. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—The Annual General Meeting (2006) of the Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at the University of Veterinary Science (Yezin) here from 4 to 8 November.

On 5 November, the first day of the meeting, delegates of respective State and Division USDA submitted accomplishments on future tasks in the past year.

In her submission relating to last year's accomplishment of future plans by Sagaing Division USDA, member of Monywa Township USDA Daw Phyu Thiri Aung said that the implementation of social and cultural tasks is key to success in the drive to organize the people, and community welfare service represents the social foundation of the nation. In the mentioned time, the associations at different levels took part in religious tasks for 47 times, donating K 6,691,800 in total.

Altogether 7,476 members donated 25,508 bottles of blood, and 5,054 members participated in precautionary measures against natural disasters.

As part of social welfare service, the associations concerned provided personal goods, medicines and publications worth K 2,070,395 to Kale Jail three times, to Katha Jail three times, Monywa Jail seven times, to Shwebo Jail five times, to Hkamti Jail two times and to Tamu rehabilitation project two times.

Under the correct leadership of the government, state and division USDAs are taking part in nation-building tasks joining hands with the Tatmadaw and organizing the people. As a result, all parts of the nation are enjoying the taste of development. Nevertheless, a group of internal and external destructive elements are turning a blind eye to the prevailing conditions, manufacturing make-up stories, spreading and entertaining rumours, creating disorders and instability to undermine the already-achieved

national solidarity and stability, and committing destructive acts to tarnish the image of the government.

On 1 September 2006, the representative of the US to the UN wrote to the president of the Security Council, calling him to take action against Myanmar for the reason that its continued detention of political inmates, outflow of refugees, narcotic drugs, AIDS and other diseases are destabilizing the region and posing a threat to international and regional peace and security.

Indeed, it is just a lopsided and unreasonable accusation and flagrant violation of Article 24 of the UN Charter. So, Sagaing Division USDA protested against such groundless accusation.

She said she believed that should the government, the people and the Tatmadaw be united, they will be able to overcome any forms of danger. She pledged that like other state and division USDAs, Sagaing Division USDA will crush the dangers of internal and external destructive elements in accordance with the four-point People's Desire.

In conclusion, she also took a vow that upholding Our Three Main National Causes, Sagaing Division USDA will actively participate in the tasks whatever role it may be in for speedy implementation of the objectives of the State and the State's seven-step Road Map, and organize the people for the accomplishment of the future tasks to be laid down by the Annual General Meeting. — MNA

## With advancing science and technology in the world, ...

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So, by laying down short- and long-term national education promotion plans, the State is training students starting from basic to higher education levels to become outstanding ones, to become citizens who will be able to serve the interest of the State, to be skillful at international level teaching-learning methodologies, to become intellectuals and intelligent-sia, and to become patriotic youth who value and safeguard national culture and character.

Due to the systematic implementation of

zens have emerged in accord with the objectives of national education.

The Secretary-1 added that the government is holding school family days, prize-presentation ceremonies for outstanding matriculation students annually. Such occasions are being held to mark the success of such outstanding students. Prize-presentation ceremonies for outstanding matric students have been held since 1993. In the 2006 matriculation examination, there were 522 six-distinction winners, 1,090 five-distinction winners. Among them, 48 students of sci-



**Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members together with headmasters and headmistresses pose for a documentary photo. — MNA**

of the matriculation examination.

The Math Olympic Competitions for township, state and division and central levels have been held

The prizes would also be presented to basic education high schools in states and divisions for high pass rate and the largest number of students

The government has been making systematic measures for boosting of the education standard of basic education sector, for the

aids and for the schools to have good image. At present, courses on promoting the academic and administrative ability are being conducted for



**Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members together with outstanding students in art combination pose for a documentary photo. — MNA**



**Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members together with outstanding students in science combination pose for a documentary photo. — MNA**

such prudent education policies along with systematic and effective teaching, hard work of the students and encouragement of the parents, national education promotion plans are making progress cumulatively. As a result, more and more talented and educated citi-

ence combination and 12 of arts combination were in the top ten.

He said the government would present scholarships and cash awards to those of states and divisions who stood first in the respective subject combinations including the outstanding students

since 2001-2002 academic year with the aim of turning out brilliant students in mathematics in the basic education level and mathematicians for the future.

Students who were on the top ten list at the central level mathematics Olympic competition would be awarded.

who passed the examination.

The emergence of outstanding students in the basic education sector has resulted in enhancement of the education standard of basic education sector, thereby contributing a lot to development of the higher education sector.

basic education teachers to be qualified, by making them teach subjects according to degrees they obtained.

In the meantime, efforts are being made to narrow the gap of the education standard between urban and rural regions, to create equal opportunity in pursuing education, to ensure the full enrolment of school age children and to enhance the pass rate.

Moreover, in cooperation with the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, government bodies and parents, efforts are being made for multimedia classrooms to be equipped with teaching and learning

basic education schools.

Seminars on promoting the education standard and meetings on enhancing the curricula and syllabus are being conducted to keep pace with changes and developments.

In this regard, the refresher courses for teachers engaged in teaching English, Maths and Physics were conducted at 30 universities and colleges, attended by 6,857 high school teachers.

In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe efforts are being made for qualified high school teachers to engage in teaching relevant subjects according to the degrees they obtained. In the process, courses on Special Certificate in (See page 9)



**Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members together with prize winning students in matriculation examination and Maths Olympic competitions pose for a documentary photo. — MNA**





Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to Ma Ei Phyu Phyu Swe of No 2 BEHS in Lanmadaw Township. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to Ma Chan Myae Myae Soe of No 2 BEHS in Latha Township. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to Maung Htain Nan of No 3 BEHS in Lashio, Shan State (North). — MNA

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Education Technology (SCET) were conducted at the institutes of education. Altogether 1,280 teachers who had completed the courses are now engaged in the teaching of English, Maths and Physics at the respective schools.

To meet the demand of teachers at the basic education schools teachership diploma courses, BEd courses and courses on special certificate in education technology are being conducted along with MED courses and doctorate courses.

As efforts are being made not only in the basic education sector but also in the higher education sector for producing intellectuals and intelligentsia progress has now been made in this regard.

At such a time, the outstanding students are to make continued efforts to become intellectuals and technocrats, realizing the lofty aim of the education.

In conclusion, he urged officials concerned to strive for the constant emergence of new generation youths capable of building a modern and developed nation and called on student youths to try their utmost to become outstanding ones and serve the national interest as intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented medals and certificates of honour to first to tenth prize winners in the optional science of the matriculation exa-

mination for 2005-06. They were: first prize winner Ma Ei Ei Hlaing of Latha BEHS No 2, second prize winners Ma Thiri Win of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, Ma Nan Poe Poe Han Htwe of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2 and Ma Mya Thanda of Latha BEHS No 2, third prize winners Ma Ei Phyu Phyu Swe of Lanmadaw BEHS No 2, Ma Chan Myae Myae Soe of Latha BEHS No 2, Maung Paing Min Htwe and Ma Mya Thida Win of Dagon BEHS No 1 and Ma Khin Nanda Kyaw of Taunggyi BEHS No 4, fourth prize winners Ma Ei Thinza Maw of Dagon BEHS No 1, Ma Moe Hnin Phyu Myint Lwin of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, Maung Sai Aron Hsaing of Kamayut BEHS No 2 and Ma May Thu Nwe Nwe of Kyimyindine BEHS No 1, sixth prize winners Ma Khin Khin Lay of Mawlamyine BEHS No 6, Ma Moe Myint Thiri of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, Maung Kaung Oo Han of Ahlon BEHS No 6, Ma May Thu Khaing of Latha BEHS No 2 and Ma Kyi Saw Tin of Dagon BEHS No 1, seventh prize winners Ma Kyi Pyar Than Yu of Mawlamyine BEHS No 9, Ma Wint Wah Htet Htet Aung of Mingaladon BEHS No 2, Ma Yi Mon Oo of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, Ma Khaing Htet Wai of Sangyoung BEHS No 2 and Ma Myat Noe Mon of Dagon BEHS No

2, eighth prize winners Maung Aung Kyaw Mon of Mawlamyine BEHS No 6, Maung Min Min Oo and Maung Ye Tun Soe of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, 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 2, Ma Cho Thway Mon of Shwepyitha BEHS No 3, Maung Aung Mon Myat of Dagon Myothit (North) BEHS No 3 and Maung Kaung Myat Thu of Kyonpyaw BEHS, ninth prize winners Ma Han Zar Poe Poe of Okpo BEHS, Ma Hsu Latt Phyu of PhaungdawU Affiliated BEHS of 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 Su Myat Sandi Aung of Thakayta BEHS No 4, tenth prize winners Ma

Hay Marn Tun of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, Maung Soe Thiha of Mingaladon BEHS No 2, Ma Hay Marn Phu of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, Ma Yin Min Thet of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, 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-1 also awarded medals and certificates of honour to first to tenth prize winners in the optional arts of the matriculation examination for 2005-06 academic year. They were: first prize winner Ma Aye Chan Aung of Aungban BEHS, second prize winner Maung Zaw Min Tun of Paukhmaw BEHS (Branch) of Bago Division (West), third prize winner Maung Htein Han of Lashio BEHS No 3, fourth prize winner Maung Aung

Hsan Min of Myanaung BEHS, fifth prize winners Ma May They Maw of Hopin BEHS and Maung Aung Myo Hsan of Kyaunggon BEHS, sixth prize winner Ma Kha Ra of Kutkai, seventh prize winner Maung Zaw Min of Yangon Division, eighth prize winner Maung Aung Myint Tun of Hainggyi BEHS, ninth prize winner Ma Aye Myat Thu of Gyogon BEHS in Ayeyawady Division, tenth prize winners Maung Win Tun Aung of Maukywa BEHS of Magway Division and Ma May Myat Mon of Yekyi BEHS.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented first prize in the 5th maths olympic contest to Maung Hein Myat Thu Htet of Kamayut Institute of Education Practising School, second to Maung Thu Ta of Kamayut BEHS No 2, third to Ma Khaing Wai Wai Theint of Magway BEHS No 1, consolation prizes to Ma Khin Nanda Kyaw of Taunggyi BEHS No 4,

Maung Win Naing of Taunggyi BEHS No 7, Maung Pyae Phyo Han of Pyinmana BEHS No 1, Ma Ei Myat Noe Win of Chanayethazan BEHS No 15, Maung Nyein Chan Htwe of Taungdwingyi BEHS No 1, Ma Han Min Zaw of Insein BEHS No 2 and Maung Tun Tun of PyinOoLwin BEHS No 3.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein also gave prizes to best pass rate schools — Mohnyin BEHS No 1, Loikaw BEHS No 2, Rezwa BEHS of Matupi, YeU BEHS No 1, Myeik BEHS No 1, Bago BEHS No 3, Pyay BEHS No 1, Yenangyoung BEHS No 1, Chanayethazan BEHS No 6, Mawlamyine BEHS No 8, Sittway BEHS No 2, Kengtung BEHS No 1, Taunggyi BEHS No 4, Lashio BEHS No 1, Kyonpyaw BEHS and Mingaladon BEHS No 2 through schoolheads.

Later, the Secretary-1, members of MEC and prize winning students and schoolheads posed for documentary photo. — MNA



Minister Dr Chan Nyein presents award to the headmistress of Hpa-an No 1 BEHS. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo presents award to Ma Khaing Wai Wai Theint of Magway No 1 BEHS. — MNA

**Six delegate groups compile proposals on findings from discussions...**



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The meeting chairman assigned the duties

tural affairs sector. Next, they compiled the proposal on findings from the discussion. Afterwards, the meeting chairman assigned duties to one delegate who will submit the proposal to the Annual General Meeting. Later, the meeting ended with remarks by the meeting chairman.

The Group (3) organized its discussion at



**Discussion on education, social and cultural sector of Group (2) in progress. — MNA**

National Causes at the risk of lives was organized by the Group (4) at the lec-

ture hall of the university. Secretariat Member U Thein Zaw presided over

the discussion with members of the panel of chairmen CEC members Thura U Aye Myint, U Thein Swe and Dr Chan Nyein. The meeting chairman gave an address. The delegates participated in the discussion and selected one delegate who would read out the proposal of the group at the AGM of USDA.

The Group (5) held the discussion on the sector of flourishing genuine Union Spirit at the hall of

posals to the AGM of USDA. The discussion ended with the remarks by the meeting chairman.

The Group (6) held the discussions on the sector of guarding against the danger posed by the internal and external destructive elements, through the people's strength and with unity. USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo presided over the discussion with CEC members U Ohn Myint and U Aung Thein Lin. The secretary-general



**Secretariat member U Aung Thaung addresses discussion on economic sector of Group (3). — MNA**

to the delegate who would compile findings in the group discussion and would submit the proposal to the third-day session of Annual General Meeting of USDA 2006. Later, the meeting chairman gave the concluding remarks.

At the hall of Myanmar and Mathematics Departments of the university, Secretariat Member U Tin Htut pre-

the lecture hall of Computer Department of the university. Secretariat member U Aung Thaung together with members of the panel of chairmen CEC members U Maung Maung Thein and U Tin Naing Thein presided over the discussion on economic sector.

Secretariat Member U Aung Thaung gave an opening speech. Delegates of States and Divi-



**Secretariat member U Thein Zaw addresses discussion on sector of new generation youth who will safeguard Our Three Main National Causes at the risk of lives of Group (4). — MNA**



**CEC member U Soe Tha addresses discussion on sector of flourishing genuine Union Spirit of Group (5). — MNA**

sided over the discussion of the Group (2) together with members of the panel of chairmen CEC members U Than Htay and U Maung Pa.

First, the meeting chairman made a speech. Delegates of States and Divisions took part in the discussion on education affairs and social and cul-

sions discussed submissions on economic sector, and one delegate was assigned with duties to submit the findings of the proposal. Later, the meeting chairman gave the concluding remarks.

The discussion on the sector of new generation youth who will safeguard Our Three Main



the university. CEC member U Soe Tha presided over the discussion with CEC members U Aung Min, Thura U Myint Maung and U Nyan Tun Aung. CEC member U Soe Tha delivered an address. After taking part in the discussion, the delegates selected one delegate who would submit the findings in the pro-

delivered a speech.

Delegates held the discussion related to the sector. Next, the meeting chairman assigned duties to one delegate who would submit the proposal of the group to the USDA AGM. CEC member U Ohn Myint gave necessary instruction. Later, the secretary-general gave concluding remarks.

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**Secretary-General U Htay Oo addresses discussion on sector of guarding against the danger posed by the internal and external destructive elements of Group (6). — MNA**

# Wellwishers present cash donation to mark USDA AGM 2006

**USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo explains the purpose of donation to mark USDA AGM 2006.**

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NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov— The ceremony to present cash donation to mark the Annual General Meeting 2006 of Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Convocation Hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 November, attended by Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo, Secretariat members U Aung Thuang, U Tin Htut and U Thein Zaw, CEC members and wellwishers.

The Secretary-General, the Secretariat members and CEC members accepted cash over K 56.6 million donated by 213 wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

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**USDA Secretariat member U Aung Thuang accepts cash donation by a wellwisher. — MNA**



**USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo accepts cash donation by a wellwisher. — MNA**

## MWJA accepts cash and kind for paying respects to literati

YANGON, 11 Nov — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association organized the cash presentation ceremony for paying respects to literati to mark the Sasodaw Day, prize presentation ceremony and membership applications presentation ceremony at the meeting of Sapay Beikman Building this morning, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads and officials, wellwishers, the chairman and members of MWJA, the Chief Editors and editorial staff from journals and magazines, students and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and officials

accepted cash over K 12.5 million, traditional medicines, various kinds of books and calendars donated by wellwishers including the Sate Peace and Development Council, the Ministry of Information and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and family.

Next, the minister and members of MWJA presented cash rewards to outstanding students.

Later, Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) accepted 131 membership applications presented by responsible persons of journals and magazines.

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**Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash donation to Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung). — MNA**



**Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan awards prize to an outstanding student. — MNA**

## Mya Ayeya Market Ship to leave on 18 Nov

YANGON, 11 Nov — The third voyage of Yangon-Mandalay Mya Ayeya Market Ship of Inland Water Transport will depart from Botahtaung No 6 Jetty here for Mandalay on 18 November.

Those who want to sell their commodities in the ship may contact in person to Commodity Division on Botahtaung Market Street or Ph: 292199 and 292319. Those from Maubin, Danubyu, Hinthada, Myaungmya, Kyangin, Pyay, Thayat, Aunglan, and Magway may contact Township Manager's Office of Inland Water Transport.

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### Vietnam's paddy rice price hits 30-year record high

**HANOI, 10 Nov—** Prices of paddy rice in Vietnam's southern Mekong Delta, the country's rice hub, are standing at 3,000-3,200 Vietnamese dong (VND) (19.9-20.1 US cents) per kilogramme, the highest level over the past three decades, according to local newspaper *Pioneer* on Thursday.

The higher paddy rice prices have made rice retail prices in the delta increase by 30-40 per cent within the last two weeks.

The high growth in Vietnamese rice export, the being due of rice shipment contracts, and the thinner rice supplies in Vietnam and other major rice producers are largely attributed to the rice price hike, according

to local trade experts.

Within the last two weeks, export prices of Vietnamese rice have rose by 2-6 dollars per ton, partly due to the thinner rice supplies from such producers as India and Pakistan.

Vietnam is expected to export five million tons of rice worth some 1.4 billion dollars this year, said the experts.

MNA/Xinhua

### US says 38 guerillas killed in Baghdad fighting

**BAGHDAD, 10 Nov—** US forces killed 38 suspected guerillas and wounded nine in fighting in northern Baghdad that lasted nearly an hour-and-a-half on Sunday, the US military said on Wednesday.

In a statement describing the fighting, which occurred on the same day Saddam Hussein was sentenced to death, it said US forces were attacked by rifle fire and rocket-propelled grenades from both north and south of a US base. The military

said there were no US casualties but one Humvee vehicle was damaged.

"The ... soldiers immediately responded to their attackers, killing 38 and wounding nine in a nearly 1.5-hour-long battle with the guerillas," the military said.

Baghdad was under a tight curfew on Sunday to avoid a violent backlash after a court issued the verdict against Saddam on charges of crimes against humanity. Police reported a string of mortar attacks on Sunday and Monday.

MNA/Reuters

## Allen concedes, Democrats control US Senate

**ALEXANDRIA (Virginia), 10 Nov—** Virginia Republican Senator George Allen on Thursday conceded defeat to Democrat James Webb, giving the Democratic Party a majority in both houses of the US Congress for the first time in 12 years.

The announcement by Allen ended two days of uncertainty after Tuesday's elections in which Democrats swept Republicans out of control in the US House of Representatives

and were just one seat away from controlling the Senate pending the result from Virginia.

Allen trailed Webb by nearly 9,000 votes of the 2.4 million cast in

Tuesday's election, according to state electoral figures. Webb scheduled his own announcement to follow Allen's appearance and Democrats on Capitol Hill scheduled a rally.

"In this season, the people of Virginia, who I always call the owners of the government, they have spoken and I respect their decision," Allen told supporters. "Today I called and congratulated Jim Webb and his team for his victory," he said. Allen said even though the final tallies were close enough to allow for a recount, he did not want to cause further rancor with prolonged litigation.

Control of the US Senate hinged on the final race in Virginia, where Webb had claimed victory and several media outlets, including television networks NBC and CBS and *The Associated Press*, have declared him the winner.

Democrats won the House outright in Tuesday's elections and had taken 50 seats in the Senate, leaving Republicans with 49.

The Virginia victory gives Democrats the 51st seat in the 100-seat Senate and complete control of Congress for the first time in 12 years.

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### German prisoner ends 20-hour televised rooftop show

**BERLIN, 10 Nov—** A confessed rapist who captivated Germans by strolling around the edge of his prison roof live on television, agreed to come down early on Thursday about 20 hours after he broke free from guards, authorities said.

A police spokesman in the eastern city of Dresden said after negotiations lasting until the early hours of Thursday, the man agreed to descend from his perch some 13 metres (43 feet) high. The onset of heavy rain probably

played a role, he added.

The jobless technician, who this week admitted kidnapping and raping a 13-year-old girl in a five-week ordeal earlier this year, escaped on a courtyard walkabout on Wednesday and climbed up the side of the prison before the guards could catch him.

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**Thai mahout practice elephant fighting in Bangkok on 9 Nov, 2006. The practice was held in preparation for celebrations for Thailand King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 60th anniversary on the throne.—INTERNET**



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## Panel wants major overhaul of UN projects for poor

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Nov — A high-level panel called on Thursday for a radical overhaul of a jumble of UN development, relief and environmental agencies and programmes that waste money in turf battles and duplication.

The 13-member panel of prime ministers and other senior officials from around the world completed a major report that recommended streamlining programmes on development, humanitarian aid and the environment over the next five years — but also adding new oversight

is punching well below its weight,” said Adnan Amin, executive director for the report, entitled “UN System-wide Coherence”.

For example, in Pakistan, UN agencies have devised some 75 programme goals, without consulting the government.

In several African nations, there are

advisers on the AIDS epidemic from five UN agencies, Amin told reporters.

When the United Nations was formed after World War II, the secretary-general was given limited power.

Over the years, specialized agencies, multiplied for children, refugees, food, development and others.

Many thrive on voluntary funding and take orders from no one but donors and their own board.

The UN system now encompasses 17 specialized agencies and related organizations, 14 funds and programmes, in addition to the 17 departments and offices of the UN Secretariat.

While the United Nations gives intellectual leadership in many areas, the report says its delivery in the field is “fragmented and weak” with a “proliferation of agencies, mandates and offices” and “excessive administrative costs”.

MNA/Reuters



A piece of fireproof clothes that can sustain 1,200 degrees centigrade is seen in Shanghai, east China, on 9 Nov, 2006. It was the National Fire Fighting Day on Thursday and also the 12th year for Shanghai to hold activities on this day to arouse people's awareness of fire fighting and improve their self-rescue capabilities.—XINHUA



Jack, a Texas snake player, keeps 10 rattlesnakes of 2 feet 6 inches in mouth for 12.5 seconds in New York, on 9 Nov. 2006, setting a new Guinness world record.—INTERNET

### Dengue fever claims 35 lives in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 Nov — Mosquito-borne dengue fever has so far claimed 35 lives across Pakistan since early October and as many as some 1,300 patients were declared positive for dengue virus, local media

reported Thursday.

Among the 35 death reports, 33 are from southern province of Sindh and two from Peshawar, capital of North-West Frontier Province, reports said.

As many as 3,530

patients with suspected symptoms of dengue fever were so far admitted to hospitals of the country by Wednesday evening, according to Thursday's newspaper *The News*.

MNA/Xinhua

### Kiss, cook, dance for “Guinness World Records” day

LONDON, 10 Nov — Parisians bid for the world's biggest kiss-athon, Italians cooked the longest line of pizzas and Canadians are re-enacting Michael Jackson's “Thriller” video en masse.

It was Guinness World Records day on Thursday, a chance for the weird and wacky to win a place in the compendium of

craziness.

South Africa hopes to spark a fitness frenzy with the largest ever aqua aerobics class, organizers said. Japanese tea lovers are staging the world's largest tea party and Kuwait is offering the world's largest cheque.

“Hundreds of records could be beaten today,” said Guinness World Records editor Craig Glenday.

“I love the idea of everyone sharing the kind of eccentric Britishness that underpins Guinness World Records,” he told Reuters. Asked to pick his personal favourite, Glenday said “I go for The Thriller one in Toronto. It has been done by professional dancers and we have 150 people dressed as zombies.

MNA/Reuters

## Extreme weather costs China billions each year

BEIJING, 10 Nov — Droughts, floods and other weather disasters stunt China's economy by up to 6 per cent every year, the country's chief meteorologist said on Thursday, warning of the potential costs of global warming for the Asian boom economy.

“Meteorological disasters take about 3

to 6 per cent off China's GDP every year,” Qin Dahe, director of the China Meteorological Administration, told reporters at a conference in Beijing on Thursday.

Beijing is the world's number two producer of

greenhouse gases but has kept a low profile in international efforts to tackle emissions — a stance the EU's top environment official said he hoped would change.

“It is absolutely clear the Chinese Government is intent on pulling its weight internationally and our firm hope is that they will start doing it on this particular issue,” Mogens Peter Carl, director-general of the European Union's environment division, told journalists on a visit to the Chinese capital.

Last year, China's gross domestic product hit 18.32 trillion yuan, or 2.32 trillion US dollars, meaning that at current levels extreme weather costs China between 70 billion US dollars and 130 billion US dollars a year, according to Qin's estimate.

MNA/Reuters



A London taxi model is displayed in front of Mark Fryer, Group Finance and Business Development Director of Manganese Bronze Holdings Plc, during a signing ceremony with Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd as they establish a joint venture company to produce London taxi in Hong Kong on 9 Nov, 2006.

INTERNET

# SPORTS



Dallas Mavericks Dirk Nowitzki of Germany (L) keeps the ball away from Los Angeles Clippers Cuttino Mobley during their NBA game in Los Angeles on 8 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

## Lyon need late goals to sink lowly Valenciennes

LYON, 11 Nov— Olympique Lyon produced two late goals to beat lowly Valenciennes 2-1 in Ligue 1 on Friday after worrying their fans with another sluggish display.

The five-times French champions, who lost for the first time this season when they went down 1-0 at Stade Rennes last weekend, suffered against opponents who had picked up just one point from their six previous away games.

Forward Steve Savidan put the visitors ahead from a swift counter-attack after 75 minutes, twisting his way past defender Sebastien Squillaci to beat France goalkeeper

Gregory Coupet.

Lyon responded in the 85th with a headed goal by Brazil's Cris before fellow central defender Squillaci hit the winner with an acrobatic volley seconds later.

Gerard Houllier's men, now with 34 points from 13 games, have moved 12 points clear of second-placed Nancy, who visit mid-table Lorient on Saturday.

Lyon, who were unbeaten at home and in Europe when they lost to Rennes, are still comfortably ahead of the chasing pack but they appear to be running out of steam.

Valenciennes, back in Ligue 1 this season 13

years after being engulfed in France's biggest match-fixing case with Olympique Marseille, lie 14th in the 20-strong league.

Lyon dominated possession throughout the first half but rarely came close to scoring.

The home side's best chances before the break fell to France striker Sylvain Wiltord, with a

shot from outside the box that went just wide, and Portugal midfielder Tiago, whose attempt was blocked by Valenciennes keeper Nicolas Penneteau.

Teenage striker Karim Benzema, who was included in France's squad for a friendly against Greece next week, limped off after 16 minutes.

MNA/Reuters

## Werder lead under threat after home defeat

BERLIN, 11 Nov — Borussia Dortmund won 3-1 at Bundesliga leaders Werder Bremen on Friday to put top spot in Germany back in play.

Werder, hoping to stretch their lead to five points, fell behind in the seventh minute when Alexander Frei pounced on a mistake from Clemens Fritz.

Miroslav Klose scored an exceptional equalizer but Brazilian midfielder

Tinga was left free at a corner to restore the Dortmund lead nine minutes after the break.

Dortmund made certain when Marc-Andre Kruska netted a penalty five minutes from time following a foul on Nelson Valdez.

Werder have 23 points from 12 games following their third defeat of the league season and their first since mid-September.

VfB Stuttgart, with 21 points, will overtake them if they win at Hanover 96 on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters



Olympic champion hurdler Liu Xiang undergoes intensive training at Er'sha Island training base in south China's Guangdong Province on 10 Nov, 2006. Liu Xiang is preparing for the upcoming Doha Asian Games to be held from 1 to 15 Dec.—XINHUA

## 'Scary' Tiger back in contention with Shanghai 64

SHANGHAI, 11 Nov— Tiger Woods hit an eight-under-par 64 to charge back into contention at the Champions tournament on Friday, finishing the second round two shots behind Indian leader Jyoti Randhawa.

The world number one, who started the day at level par, hit seven birdies and an eagle with just one bogey to match the Sheshan course record set by Swede Henrik Stenson earlier in the day and believes he could have gone even lower.

"I missed a few actually, it's kind of scary when you shoot an eight-under-par, but I did miss a few out there," said the American, who stands alongside New Zealand's Michael Campbell in third, a stroke behind Retief Goosen.

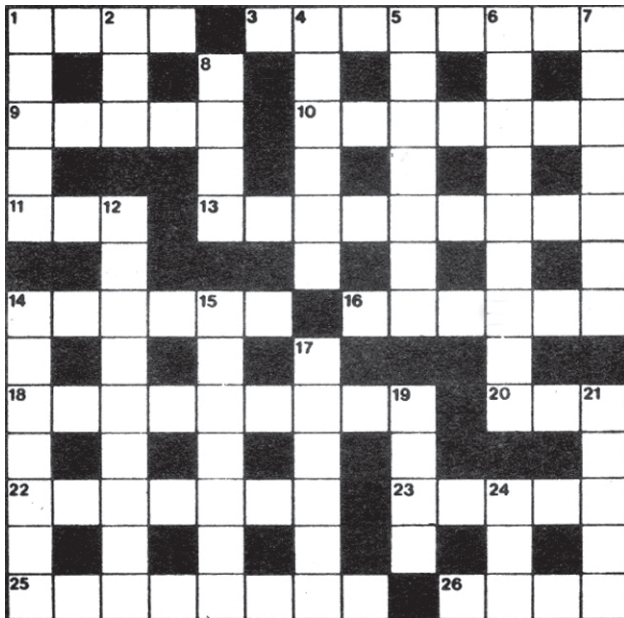
"Maybe I could have

gone two or three (lower), maybe," he added. Randhawa, the overnight leader on seven under, bogeyed his first two holes on a humid day before bouncing back with six birdies and, but for another bogey at his 16th hole, would have finished 11-under for the event.

"All said and done, I'm happy," the Indian said. "If I'm leader at the halfway stage, you can't ask for more than that."

South African Goosen picked up shots on the final three holes to cancel out two back-nine bogeys and register a 67 to add to his first round 68. The twice US Open winner could have been speaking for the whole field when he offered his reaction to Woods' round.—MNA/Reuters

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Bearing
- 3 Lively
- 9 Horseman
- 10 Light shoes
- 11 Boy
- 13 Diving bird
- 14 Lord
- 16 Capital of Macedonia
- 18 Shortening of prison sentence
- 20 Droop
- 22 Arouses
- 23 Elector
- 25 State of USA
- 26 Cavity

### DOWN

- 1 Ethical
- 2 Conclusion
- 4 Small cake
- 5 Plunder
- 6 Wings of 19
- 7 Merit
- 8 Unrelenting
- 12 Land
- 14 Sicilian wine
- 15 Oriental
- 17 Holidia in Spain
- 19 Main body of church
- 21 Whin
- 24 Also

## Sharapova eases into Madrid semis

MADRID, 11 Nov— World number two Maria Sharapova believes she is playing better tennis than at any time in the last two years after easing her way into the semi-finals of the season-ending WTA Championships on Friday.

The 19-year-old Russian, who is the only player to have won all her matches and not to have dropped a set, extended her winning streak to 19 matches with an emphatic 6-1, 6-4 victory over fellow Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova.

She will now meet Justine Henin-Hardenne while holder Amelie Mauresmo takes on twice former champion Kim Clijsters in the other semi-final.

"I definitely think I'm a much better tennis player than I was a year or two ago but I think I can get even better and there are a

lot of things to improve in my game," the US Open winner told reporters after her victory.

MNA/Reuters

## Ronaldo suffers new injury setback

MADRID, 11 Nov— Brazil striker Ronaldo will miss Real Madrid's league game at Osasuna this weekend after straining the lateral ligament in his left knee during his side's 5-1 King's Cup victory over Ecija on Thursday.

Real said that the 30-year-old, who scored his first goal for the club since April in the Cup tie, would require rest and treatment but did not say how long he would be out of action.

Ronaldo had only just recovered his fitness after undergoing surgery on his left knee following the World Cup. He has been in the starting line-up for just one of his side's nine league matches this season.

MNA/Reuters



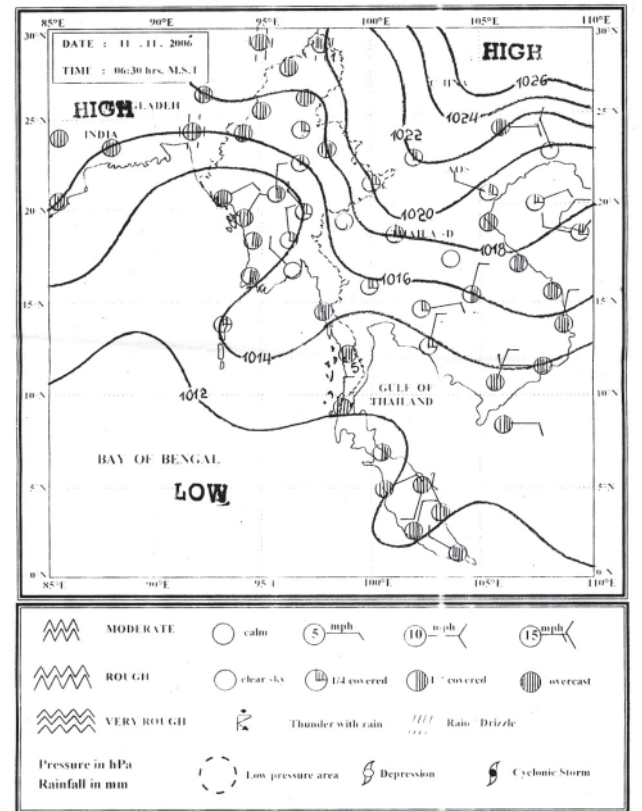
Real Madrid's David Beckham (L) is congratulated by his team mates after scoring his goal against Ecija during their Kings' Cup soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 9 Nov, 2006.—XINHUA



**Joint Secretary-2 U Tun Aung and executives of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry offer Kathina Robes to members of the Sangha led by member of the Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Ratthasara of Mingalayama Pali Takkatho Monastery in Botahtaung Township on 3 November.**

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



**WEATHER**

Saturday, 11 November, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-11-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 11-11-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-11-2006 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 11-11-2006 was (5.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 11-11-2006 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 (8) mph from South at 11:10 hours MST on 10-11-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 12-11-2006:** Rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon 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 rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-11-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-11-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-11-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**အိမ်ထောင်စုလူဦးရေစာရင်းအတွက် သတိပြုလိုက်နာရမည့်အချက်များ**

- ၁။ မိမိလက်ဝယ်ရှိအိမ်ထောင်စု လူဦးရေစာရင်းတွင် မိမိသဘောဆန္ဒဖြင့် တရားမဝင် ပြင်ခြင်း၊ ဖျက်ခြင်း၊ ရေးသွင်းခြင်း မပြုလုပ်ရ။
- ၂။ မိမိသဘောဆန္ဒအလျောက် လူဦးရေတိုးခြင်း၊ လျော့ခြင်း မပြုလုပ်ရ။
- ၃။ ကလေးမွေးဖွားလျှင် မိမိသဘောဖြင့် တရားမဝင် ကလေးအမည်ထည့်သွင်းခြင်း မပြုလုပ်ရ။
- ၄။ မိမိအိမ်ထောင်စုမှတစ်ဦးတစ်ယောက် သေဆုံးခဲ့သော် မိမိသဘောအလျောက် တရားမဝင်ပယ်ဖျက်ခြင်း မပြုလုပ်ရ။
- ၅။ ဖော်ပြပါအချက်များ ပြင်ဆင်ဖြည့်စွက်လိုပါက လူဝင်မှုကြီးကြပ်ရေးနှင့် အမျိုးသားမှတ်ပုံတင်ရေးဦးစီးဌာန မြို့နယ်ရုံးများသို့ အိမ်ထောင်ဦးစီးကိုယ်တိုင်လာရောက် လျှောက်ထားရမည်။

**Donate blood**



Sunday, 12 November

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
  - Take the key
  - ... All Saints
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
  - Painter man
  - ... Boney M
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
  - Here and Now
  - ...Steps
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am Music:
  - It's a miracle
  - ... Culture Club
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Children's delight
  - Story for children
  - "A little sparrow & the mighty elephant"
  - Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/Latest hits
  - Let's improve English through songs
  - Four letter world
  - ...Suzi Quatro
  - Love letter in the sand... Pat Boone
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 12 November  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  - 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
  - 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  - 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  - 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  - 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am
  - 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
  - 7. ဗိုလ်မြတ်ထွန်းတံတား
- 8:25 am
  - 8. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
  - 9. International news
- 8:45 am
  - 10. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
  - 1. Martial song

- 11:10 am
  - 2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am
  - 3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:35 am
  - 3. Yan Can Cook
- 11:50 am
  - 4. Myanmar movie: "ဗန်တိုလူလေးနှင့်သူဇာ" (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ ဒေစီကျော်ဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အဝမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး)
- 1:40 pm
  - 6. Musical programme
- 1:55 pm
  - 7. မြေခဲတောင် ရေလှောင်တံ
- 2:00 pm
  - 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:10 pm
  - 9. "ပြေးပြေးလွှားလွှား သွားသွားလာလာ" (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မအေးမြင့်၊ စိန်ဂွက်ထော်၊ မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)
- 2:20 pm
  - 10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:30 pm
  - 11. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား အိပ်မက်တံတား
- 2:45 pm
  - 12. International news
- 4:00 pm
  - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  - 2. Songs for uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  - 3. English for everyday use

- 4:45 pm
  - 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(ရူပဗေဒ၊ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာအထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
  - 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
  - 6. "ညောင်မယ်မျိုး" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဝမ်းပုံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 5:25 pm
  - 7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
  - 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  - 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  - 10. သိရိဓမ္မာ
- 7:00 pm
  - 11. Discovery
- 7:15 pm
  - 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရှက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 8:00 pm
  - 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၃၆)
- 17. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘဝနာ ဖွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 18. The next day's programme

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# With advancing science and technology in the world, only when the country is capable of turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia, will it be able to shape a brighter future with its own strength and resources

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — A ceremony to award outstanding matriculation students, outstanding students in Maths Olympic competitions and schools for their outstanding performance in teaching took place at the Ministry of Education here this afternoon with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Present at the ceremony were ministers, deputy ministers, MEC members, chairmen of social organizations, the director-general of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, school-heads from the schools with the best pass rate from the States and Divisions and teachers and students of the basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said with the advancing science and technology in this world, only when the country is capable of turning out intel-

lectuals and intelligentsia continuously, will it be able to shape a brighter future with its own strength and resources. Looking at the global community, all nations are striving to develop science and technology and train their new generations in order to skillfully employ modern technologies for the development of their own countries. Therefore, the Union of Myanmar, which is trying to develop with the strength of national forces, also has the duty to nurture its new generation youth to be skillful in modern science and technology and become intellectuals and intelligentsia. Such a duty is the most fundamental and the national duty, he said.

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**Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students in matriculation examination for 2005-2006 and Maths Olympic competitions. —MNA**



# Six delegate groups compile proposals on findings from discussions



**Secretariat member U Thaung delivers an address at discussion on organizing and management sector. — MNA**



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Six groups of delegates of the Union Solidarity and Development Association held coordination meetings for compilation of proposals and assigned the duties to those who will submit proposals to the Annual General Meeting of USDA, at the designated places of Univer-

sity of Veterinary Science (Yezin), here, on 6 November.

The Group-1 held the discussion on organizing and management sector at the language lab of the university. Secretariat Member U Thaung presided over the seminar together with members of the panel of patrons CEC members U Thein Aung, U Khin Maung Myint and Thura U Aung Ko. First, Secretariat Member U Thaung delivered an address.

Delegates of States and Divisions participated in the discussion.

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