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## Systematic preservation, protection and promotion required for perpetuation and flourishing of traditional medicine

**All will have to make collective efforts to integrate different branches of traditional medicine into comprehensive national medical science in essence through advanced standardization processes**

YANGON, 25 Nov — *Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message to the Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference held at University of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street here this morning. The following is a translation of the full text of the message.*

First, I would like to hail the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference being held annually in accord with lofty aims for development of Myanmar traditional medicine, a prestigious national heritage, and wish the seventh conference success. At this auspicious moment, I also wish traditional medicine practitioners to be blessed with health and happiness.

Every year traditional medicine practitioners

from all over the nation assemble at the conference, exchanging knowledge and holding discussions with unity for perpetuation and propagation of Myanmar traditional medicine, for the standardized progress of the science and for providing more effective and broader health care services through the profession. Truly, the practice of convening the annual conference will bring good results not only to the field of traditional medicine, but also to the nation and the people.

Traditional medicine is a truly inherited profession whose development has interrelations with the natural and climatic conditions, thoughts and convictions and the social system of Myanmar.

Throughout history and till now, it has been a potent medical science, helping raise health and fitness and intellectual level of Myanmar people.

In this regard, the State Peace and Development Council has been giving priority to promoting and protecting the profession for its perpetuation and systematic progress as a traditional inheritance and a medical science that fully provides public health care.

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## Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to standardize traditional medicines to maintain qualities and to ensure that traditional medicines do not have any adverse effects

**NHC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends opening of 7th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference**



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses 7th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference. — MNA*

YANGON, 25 Nov — The Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference was opened at the hall of University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development

Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message to the conference.

Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of YCDC Mayor, the deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office,

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



# PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 26 November, 2006

## Safeguard national independence and sovereignty

Myanmar has been standing tall in the world as an independent and sovereign nation with its own monarchs, races and culture since yore. The country was subject to the invasion of colonialists and lost its sovereignty. Myanmar regained her independence and sovereignty owing to the united efforts of the patriots who wanted to free themselves from the yoke of colonialists.

Each and every citizen is to constantly remember the hard struggle for independence chronicled in the annals of Myanmar history, and value and safeguard the independence and sovereignty, the legacy of ancestors.

The Central Committee for Observing the 59th Anniversary Independence Day 2007 has laid down the objectives for the Independence Day as follows:

- all the national people to join hands forever for safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty of the State,
- all the national people to collectively safeguard non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity,
- all the national people to make concerted efforts for the emergence of an enduring constitution and building of a new, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, and
- all the national people to work in concert for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and patriotic spirit.

The national objectives of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day 2007 are the national duties each and every citizen has to steadfastly discharge from the present time to the future.

Such being so, all the national brethren are to join hands forever for safeguarding the independence and sovereignty for the perpetuation, realizing the essence of independence that was regained after sacrificing many lives and the value of national solidarity.

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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

## Minister inspects bamboo plantation for Paper and Pulp Factory (Thabaung)

YANGON, 25 Nov —Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Managing Director of Myanmar Paper and Chemicals Industries U Nyunt Aung and officials visited ancient pagodas in Taungnyo Village in Thabaung Township yesterday.

The minister inspected 3,500 acres of bamboo in the township. Managing Director of MPCU Nyunt Aung and factory manager U Thein Win reported on plantations. The minister gave instructions on cultivation of industrial plants such as manjansha and eucalyptus in fallow and virgin lands.

Paper and Pulp Factory (Thabaung), the biggest paper factory in Myanmar, produces bamboo pulp. Bamboo

plantations from Ayeyawady Division and Rakhine State is being transported to the factory daily.



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects the Paper and Pulp Factory (Thabaung).—INDUSTRY-1

The minister and party went to the project site for construction of the newsprint factory on

the bank of Ngawun River. It will produce 50 tons of the newsprint a day.

The minister also in-

spected electrolyte circular tank, production of chlorine dioxide and recovery plant. — MNA

## Third ISD Swimming Championship 2006 commences

YANGON, 25 Nov —Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint opened the Third Inter-State/Division Swimming Championship 2006, jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports

and Myanmar Swimming Federation, at the National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road, here, this afternoon.

Next, the minister delivered an address. In the first day competitions, swimmers took part in 12 events.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, President of MSF Dr Khin Shwe, Chairperson of Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and patrons of the federation, officials of the Ministry of Sports and

the federation presented prizes to the respective winners.

In the women's 400-m freestyle event, Khin Chan Tha of Mandalay set the new record with 6 minutes and 16.49 seconds by breaking the old record 6 minutes and 36.97 seconds of Yin Yin Tun (Yangon) this year.

In the men's 100-m backstroke event, Sa Tun Win Oo (Yangon) set a new record with 1 minute and 10.92 seconds by breaking the old record of Thet Ko Ko Tun (Yangon with 1 minute and 11.46 seconds in 2004.

The championship continues tomorrow.

President Dr Khin Shwe of MSF awards prize to winner in Third ISD Swimming Championship 2006. NLM





## China hopes to see positive results from 10th ASEAN plus Three Summit

BEIJING, 24 Nov — The Chinese Government is to send a high-level delegation to the 10th ASEAN plus Three (China, Japan and South Korea) Summit and the meeting would achieve positive results.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Jiang Yu announced the move on Thursday in a briefing on the summit to be held in Cebu City in the central Philippines.

Jiang said the summit would focus on reviewing cooperation between the 10 ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) countries and China, Japan and South Korea.

The ASEAN, Chinese, Japanese and South Korean leaders would exchange in-depth views on consolidating cooperation and using the ten plus three format as the main channel to build an east Asian community.

ASEAN is a regional organization

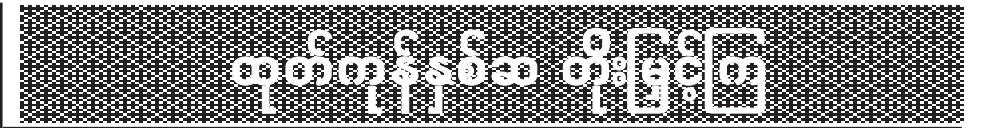
comprising Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam.

The Philippines will host the ASEAN summit, the ASEAN plus Three summit and an east Asian regional summit from 11 to 14 December.

MNA/Xinhua

*Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) shakes hands with his Pakistani counterpart Pervez Musharraf in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, on 24 Nov, 2006.*

XINHUA



*A humanoid robot, part of the 'Computer Robot Band', performs during a media preview of the Asia Robot Dream Exhibition at a shopping centre in Hong Kong on 24 Nov, 2006.*  
INTERNET

## Briton wins libel payout over terrorism plot gaffe

LONDON, 24 Nov — A British woman who was wrongly linked to a suspected plot to blow up US-bound transatlantic airliners, won “substantial” damages on Thursday from British broadcasters and newspapers.

Police announced in August that they had thwarted a plan to blow up passenger planes using liquid explosives smuggled onto flights, and had arrested 25 people, mainly in London.

Pictures of Koser Zaman, who lives in the Walthamstow area of the capital, were used to accompany stories that suspects connected to the alleged plot had been named, London’s High Court was told.

They appeared in news items run by broadcaster ITV, with Zaman described as “a woman from Walthamstow being held in custody with her six-month-old baby”.

The photos were also used by national newspapers the *Daily Mail*, the

*Sun* and the *Daily Mirror*, along with the *London Evening Standard*, her lawyer Korieh Dodu said.

“The photographs were published in error,” he told the court, adding his client had been left “deeply distressed”.

“Whilst the claimant is a resident of Walthamstow and attended Walthamstow Girls’ School, where

it was alleged that the woman in question had gone to school, she has no connection whatsoever with the alleged plot to blow up passenger aeroplanes.”

Zaman took immediate action against ITV News and all the newspapers, securing apologies from all of them.

They had now also agreed to pay her

“substantial”, but undisclosed, damages, Dodu said.

“The defendants accept that the claimant had nothing to do with any terrorist plot, and offer their sincere apologies to her and her family,” said Victoria Joliffe, the lawyer for ITV News and the newspapers’ publishers.

MNA/Reuters

## Rottweilers maul woman to death near Paris

PARIS, 24 Nov — Four rottweilers mauled a young woman to death at a house near Paris on Wednesday, savaging her face and arms, police said.

Police had to shoot dead the dogs to get to the 23-year-old woman’s body in a town near Beauvais, north of Paris, said Beauvais police spokesman Michel Le Ray.

“She had very serious injuries on her face and upper limbs,” Le Ray told *Reuters*, adding that the exact circumstances of her death were unknown.

The French Government announced in June it would tighten laws on dangerous dogs after two small children were mauled to death in the space of three weeks. Rottweilers, a large, powerful breed, are classified in France as

“defence dogs”, which means certain people, such as minors or criminals, cannot own them.

MNA/Reuters

*Dancers from the Republic of Korea (ROK) perform at an evening party during the China (Shaanxi)-ROK Friendly Week in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 20 Nov, 2006. —XINHUA*



## Sony recalls cameras over glitch

LONDON, 24 Nov—Sony has said it will recall eight models of its Cybershot digital cameras after finding a defect in the liquid crystal display screen.

The problem is caused by a glitch with the image sensor, which may mean the screen does not display images correctly, Sony said. The company would not say how many cameras were affected.

The recall applies to models sold worldwide between September 2003 and January 2005.

The electronics giant will repair for free only cameras that show signs of the problems, according to Sony spokesman Chisato Kitsukawa.

This is the second time in just over a year that Tokyo-based Sony has announced defects in its digital cameras. It



*A model displays Sony Corp's new digital camera the Cybershot DSC-T9 in Tokyo.*  
INTERNET

cited similar problems with 20 other models last October and offered free repairs.

It also follows the global recall of about 10 million Sony-made rechargeable batteries, affecting almost every major laptop maker

in the world, because of fears they could overheat and catch fire.

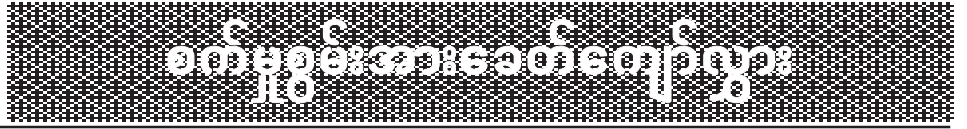
The recall applies to models DSC-F88, DSC-M1, DSC-T1, DSC-T11, DSC-T3, DSC-T33, DSC-U40 and DSC-U50.

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The delegation of Xinhua News Agency to cover the 15th Asian Games leaves Beijing for Doha on the evening of 24 Nov, 2006. Xinhua Vice-President He Ping sends the delegation off.—XINHUA



## Chinese investments of \$6.4b cleared in India

NEW DELHI, 24 Nov — Rejecting Beijing's allegation of discrimination against its companies here, New Delhi Thursday said 90 per cent of Chinese applications for investment have been approved and visas cleared for 1,800 of its technical executives hired by Reliance for a project in west Indian state of Gujarat.

During his talks with President Hu Jintao, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told him that Chinese investments are welcome here.

The two countries will also begin detailed

negotiations on a Regional Trade Agreement, akin to Free Trade Arrangement (FTA), after the Joint Study Group submits its report expectedly by October next year.

As Hu wound up his four-day landmark visit here, officials said Chinese investments in India till September end were to the tune of 1.4 billion US dollars. In addition to this, Chinese investments worth 6.4 billion US dollars have also been approved, they said.

At least 90 per cent of Chinese projects have been cleared, the officials said.

Chinese Ambassador

to India Sun Yuxi has been complaining that his country's companies were being barred from investing here and said that there should be no "discrimination".

However, Hu made no such complaint during his talks with Singh on Tuesday but the Chinese leader sought removal of trade restrictions.

India also has relaxed visa norms, which involves grant of six-month multiple-entry visas to business persons and their families and five-year visas for work contract. But these are not inter-changeable.

MNA/PTI

## Dollar loses ground against euro

LONDON, 24 Nov — The dollar has plunged to its lowest level against the euro since April 2005 amid concerns for the US economy.

The euro surged to \$1.3086 against the dollar, with many other currencies following suit.

Sterling rose almost 1% to \$1.93, the yen hit a two-month high and Russia's rouble rose to a seven-year high.

Analysts have voiced concerns about the US economy after the White House downgraded its growth forecasts amid a sharp slowdown in the housing market.

Meanwhile, expectations that the European Central Bank is once again about to raise interest rates gave a lift to the euro.

Recent figures showing an unexpected rise in German business senti-



Euro banknotes on display. The euro has strengthened against the dollar and neared its peak of the year amid doubts about a rebound in US fourth-quarter economic activity, dealers said. —INTERNET

ment — its seventh quarterly rise in a row — also helped. So did French data showing that business confidence held at five-year highs in November.

However, traders added that thin trade as a result of the US Thanksgiving holiday might have benefited the euro.

"For the time being, the news flow is favouring

the euro. If we close above \$1.30 today, the key will be if we reject all of this as a Thanksgiving phenomenon or not," said Ian Gunner, head of foreign exchange research at Mellon Bank.

Internet

## New Zealand couple put iceberg wedding on ice

WELLINGTON, 24 Nov — A New Zealand couple's hot idea for a cool wedding -- tying the knot on an iceberg — has been put on ice, local media reported on Friday.

Lawyer Bridget Byers and builder Donald Wyatt from the southern city of Dunedin had planned to marry on one of the many icebergs floating off the east coast of the South Island, the *Otago Daily Times* reported.

But helicopter pilot Richard "Hannibal" Hayes, who was due to fly the pair and a marriage celebrant to one of the bergs, said plans were on hold because the job was too risky.

The slow thaw of the icebergs as they moved north meant they were constantly shedding ice, and it was difficult to find a safe haven for the lovebirds to land on.

It seems also that in a legal sense the pair were skating on thin ice.

New Zealand law required that people had to be within 12 nautical miles of the coast to be married legally, and the closest iceberg has been at least twice that distance from the coast. Byers would not discuss the nuptials saying talks were under way with a woman's magazine over rights to cover the ceremony. But it remained unclear whether the couple would proceed with their plans. — MNA/Reuters

## All trapped miners killed in Poland's mine explosion

WARSAW, 24 Nov — All miners trapped in a mine explosion in southern Poland were confirmed dead, the official PAP news agency reported on Thursday.

The confirmation came after the last body of the trapped miners was recovered by rescue teams, the report said. The mine accident, the country's deadliest so far this year, occurred Tuesday night when a methane gas explosion 1,030 metres underground shook the Halemba coal mine in the southern Polish city of Ruda Slaska, some 300 kilometres southwest of Warsaw.

The explosion brought the number of miners killed in 2006 in Poland to 43, according to reports.

There were 31 miners working in the

area when the explosion occurred, and eight of them managed to escape from the scene.

Rescue work was temporarily suspended on Wednesday out of fear that the high concentration of methane gas in the mine could trigger a second explosion.

All bodies were recovered after the rescue work resumed. Some of them were charred beyond recognition.

Polish President Lech Kaczynski said on Wednesday that an inquiry into the cause of the accident will be carried out.

The Halemba coal mine, one of the oldest coal mines in Poland, went into operation in 1957. Nineteen miners were killed in an explosion in 1990, and another five were left dead in a 1991 collapse.

MNA/Xinhua



Rescue workers leave the Halemba mine two days after an explosion in Ruda Slaska near Katowice, southern Poland, on 23 Nov, 2006. All 23 Polish miners caught in the gas explosion underground in a mine in southern Poland were confirmed dead on Thursday, in the country's worst mining disaster since the 1970s.—INTERNET



# China to build world's largest radio telescope

**BEIJING, 24 Nov —** China has officially started the feasibility study on the construction of a 500-metre aperture spherical telescope (FAST), which will be the largest in the world.

Senior officials from the National Development and Reform Commission, the country's top planning body, visited the proposed site of the project, a karst depression

in Pingtang County, Guizhou Province in southwest China last week, the NDRC said on its website.

Officials and experts from NDRC, the Chinese

Academy of Sciences (CAS), the National Astronomical Observatory, the Guizhou Province and other related departments then discussed the projects at a conference in Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou.

FAST is among China's top nine mega facilities for science and technology research, the website says.

According to an earlier report by *Science Times*, a newspaper published by CAS, FAST's main spherical reflector will be composed of 4,600 panels and occupy an area as large as 25 football fields.

MNA/Xinhua



Currently, the world's largest single radio telescope is the Arecibo Observatory (pictured). —INTERNET



A Santa Clause and a Christmas girl gesture with a pair of newlyweds at a Santa Clause hut during the preview of the winter festival 2006 in Hong Kong, on 23 Nov, 2006. The winter festival falls on 24 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

## Russia to help Indonesia build first nuclear power plant

**JAKARTA, 24 Nov —** The Russian Government is keen to assist Indonesia in building its first nuclear reactor as a new energy source, an envoy said here Thursday.

"In the energy sector, Russia is keen to participate in the construction of Indonesia's first nuclear reactor," Russian Ambassador to Indonesia Mikhail Bely was quoted by leading

news website Detikcom as saying. He said cooperation in nuclear power plant will become one of the main agendas during the meeting between President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Moscow scheduled for December 1. "We will conduct a survey and then inform (Indonesia) how to construct a reactor."

Susilo and Putin also will discuss military cooperation, in which Russia offers one-billion-US-dollar credit for arms procurement for Indonesia, he added.

"We are very near to reach a deal on the planned credit disbursement," he said.

Local media reports said earlier Indonesia had ordered five new cargo helicopters, four combat helicopters, two submarines and six fighter jets from Russia using the one-billion-dollar export credit. —MNA/Xinhua

## Bombs kill 160 in Baghdad, curfew imposed

**BAGHDAD, 24 Nov —** Six car bombs killed 160 people in a Shiite stronghold on Thursday in the bloodiest attack in Baghdad since the US

invasion and the authorities imposed an indefinite curfew on a city fearful of a sectarian civil war.

Leaders from all main communities, including

Shiite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and the Sunni Vice-President, made a televised appeal for calm, a step last taken in February when the bombing of a major Shiite shrine, blamed on al-Qaeda, launched a wave of sectarian bloodshed that has not abated.

"We call for people to act responsibly and to stand together to calm the situation," a joint statement read.

A further 257 people were wounded in the series of blasts in the capital's Sadr City slum, police said.

MNA/Reuters

## Mutated gene to increase risk of Parkinson's Disease found in S'pore

**SINGAPORE, 24 Nov —** Singapore researchers have found an abnormal gene which increases the risk of Parkinson's Disease among the Chinese Singaporeans. According to a Channel NewsAsia report on Thursday evening, a study by Singapore researchers showed that the mutated gene is even present in some healthy individuals.

The study, conducted by researchers from the National Neuroscience Institute, Singapore General Hospital and Genome Institute of Singapore, collected blood samples from 1,000 Chinese Singaporeans aged between 21 and 90.

Half of them have Parkinson's, while the others have no history of the disease.

The researchers said an individual carrying this

genetic abnormality has a two-fold risk of developing the disease. In the past, most of the research activities are focused on the Western population, but these results allow the researchers to try and identify more population-specific risk factors for Parkinson's disease, the report said. —MNA/Xinhua



Vintage Citroen 2CVs are seen on their way across Africa in the Toureg Trail rally, in Benin on 24 Nov, 2006. The race started on 27 Oct, 2006 from the Grand Place in Brussels and is aimed at covering 7,000 km (4,350 miles) across Africa, through Africa's biggest desert the Sahara and Sahel and ending on the sandy beaches of Benin. —INTERNET



A man shows his purchases to actors dressed as Star Wars characters after shopping at a K-B Toys store at 5 AM on "Black Friday" in the Newport Centre shopping mall in Jersey City, New Jersey, on 24 Nov, 2006. INTERNET

## Plane diverted after bomb threat in France

**MARSEILLE, 24 Nov —** A plane en route from Paris to the Ivory Coast was diverted to Marseille Airport on Thursday after a bomb threat, the airport said. The airport said 42 passengers were evacuated from the Air Ivoire plane and a bomb detection team was sent in to check the aircraft.

There was no immediate word of whether a device had been found.

The Marseille Airport in the south of France was initially closed to all other traffic but was later reopened, authorities said.

MNA/Reuters



# Open letter to “88” Min Ko Naing from “75” Min Swe

“75” Min Swe

Dear Min Ko Naing,

I do not know where you live now. So, I write this letter through the news media so that you can read it.

You are one of “88” generation students, and I am one of “75” generation students. The “75” generation students got involved in the student movement in “U Thant” unrest and “Hmaing Ya Pyae” (Hmaing Centenary) unrest attempting to topple the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party. You “88” generation students got involved in the “8-8-88” unrest.

After the “Hmaing Ya Pyae” unrest, I left Dagon Hall and Hline University campus. After the “8-8-88” unrest, you were sentenced to prison term, but after the “Hmaing Ya Pyae” unrest, I went into business. I must admit that you made more sacrifice than myself. After the “Hmaing Ya Pyae” unrest, I helped my father with his salterns. Four years after I had helped him, I started to run the salterns at Palaingkee Village in Ye with the capital he gave me. It is 60 miles from my native town Kyaikkhami. At that time the region was under the control of armed insurgents. I cannot speak other national languages except Bamar. So, my mother dissuaded me from doing business there, but my father did otherwise. I thought there was no need for me to be afraid of insurgents because I shared the anti-government attitude with them. So, I decided to do my business there and make friends with them.

My salterns are located in Palaingkee Village on Thanbyuzayat-Ye Railroad, just two miles from the foot of Phalein mountain where the insurgents made their military base. The insurgents often detonated mines to blast the trains and destroyed railroads and bridges. Many of the servicemen who were on duty for security of the railroad near my salterns lost their lives. Many innocent passengers fell victim to the bomb blasts targeted to destroy the trains. I was an eyewitness of those incidents. Then, I had to decide what I should do—to join hands with the insurgents that were rising against the government, or to join hands with the government in crushing the insurgents who were blasting transportation facilities, or to ignore the destructive acts. What decision would you make if you were in my place? I do not think a person like you who are making sacrifices in the interests of the people will not be reluctant to make a correct decision. I believe you will decide to join the servicemen to prevent the insurgents from committing destructive acts.

I hated the Tatmadaw in my school days, but when I stayed in the region of the insurgents, I became part of the Tatmadaw. I participated in ambush patrols at nights together with the

servicemen. Then, I heard of the insurgents saying that the owner of No 4 salt mine was in support of the Tatmadaw. One day, company commander captain Balaing of the insurgent group summoned me for a good lesson for what I had done. They had no jails. A person who would be given their lesson had to dig his own grave. So, it was a life-or-death situation for me. But, U Maung, a senior citizen of Palaingkee Village, a Mon national, pleaded to him that I was innocent, and that I was helping Mon nationals. So, he asked the insurgent leader to kill him first before killing me. About a month after that incident, captain Balaing arrived near my salt mine in an early morning. And he asked me for help to send his daughter seriously suffering from malaria to Ye hospital. I said to him, “Rest assured, Ko Balaing. I will regard your daughter as mine and take care of her as far as I can. I have to go to Ye on foot right now”. He suggested I go there by train in the afternoon. I said to him, “I’m very worried about the situation of your daughter. She is now incoherent with serious illness. We should not go to the hospital by train, it won’t be a safe trip. What will be if we go there by train, and the train is blasted?” Then, he lost face. The group that was detonating bombs to blast the trains was his. Then, he handed me his AK rifle. It implied that he wanted to give up armed insurgency. Later, he returned to the legal fold.

**So, it can be deduced from these events that if necessary in the interests of the nation and people, we have to join hands with the Tatmadaw, the sole force of the State. I am sure, if so, anti-government elements will say that we make friends with the government. But, we do not need to care for the fact in this regard. And we do not need to take into consideration the fact that we may be criticized and that will harm our interests and lives. No one should join hands with the government nominally, shouting the interests of the nation and the people, in his own interest. Such an attitude is unacceptable to me; it will be the same for you.**

In the past, the US and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam fought against each other in a war. Now, Vietnamese people have set up national unity, and the US is thus dealing with it offering special preferences. Vietnam’s economy is on the rise and its standard of living is getting high. There is no enmity between the US and Myanmar people. Due to the disunity among national races, the US is imposing economic sanctions against our nation and Myanmar is on the agenda of the UN Security Council. In addition, certain nations are attempting to isolate our country from the world. That is such a shameful case for Myanmar people, not a case

for a Myanmar citizen to be happy with. It is not the case any Myanmar citizen should support, either.

Myanmar before 1988 was like a very sick patient in need of surgical treatment. Nevertheless, no countries and UN did not care about the country and ignored our country’s condition. The people performed an operation on the nation to cure the disease in 1988, and that cost a lot of lives and property of the people. Since then, the government and the people have been trying for the motherland to recover from the evil consequences of the operation. So, I would like to ask you not to make attempts to perform another operation on the nation. Such unnecessary acts will bring undesirable consequences to the nation.

**The Tatmadaw has fine traditions. For the Tatmadaw to possess such fine traditions, a great number of servicemen had to make supreme sacrifices. Corporal Ngun Kit Kyan, Corporal Myint Tun and Lance-corporal Myint Swe, with whom I joined hands, sacrificed their lives on duty for security of the people. They were three of 10 or 15 servicemen with whom I worked together. There have been tens of thousands of servicemen who have sacrificed their lives for their motherland. The Tatmadaw leaders who are now shouldering the duties of the nation were engaged in the battles at risk to their lives.** They are the ones who survived many battles. Now is an opportune time for the people to work together with such servicemen who are always ready to make supreme sacrifices in the interests of the nation and the people, if necessary. If we do so without taking into consideration what will be beneficial or harmful to our interests but with the aim of serving the interests of the nation and the people, we will receive the warm welcome of the majority of the people.

You served about 15 years in jail and lost touch with the outside world. Our nation saw some changes in 2004. And soon after that, you were released. So, you have to study a lot to keep abreast of the prevailing situations of the nation, the conditions of the nation’s natural resources and how the regions of the nation are using the natural resources, and social standards, morals and characters of the people of different strata. In my opinion, you need to make trips to various regions of the nation, especially to the undeveloped regions and do business there. But, that is just a suggestion, not persuasion to divert your attention away from the politics. Doing business is some way of serving national interests. There are a large number of farmers, agricultural and livestock breeding entrepreneurs, industrialists and traders who are running their businesses encountering various difficulties and hardships in the interests of the nation. But, some entrepreneurs take passenger buses to travel from one place to another. They cannot afford to buy a car because the prices of luxury cars range from 50 million to 100 million kyats. Some entrepreneurs own private cars because they bought them at the time when a car cost 400,000 to 500,000 kyats only. Some sold their cars when a car was worth about 10 million and the money was added to the their investments. When the price of a car reached 50 million to 100 million kyats, the money they had was

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**I hated the Tatmadaw in my school days, but when I stayed in the region of the insurgents, I became part of the Tatmadaw. I participated in ambush patrols at nights together with the servicemen. Then, I heard of the insurgents saying that the owner of No 4 salt mine was in support of the Tatmadaw. One day, company commander captain Balaing of the insurgent group summoned me for a good lesson for what I had done. They had no jails. A person who would be given their lesson had to dig his own grave. So, it was a life-or-death situation for me.**



## Lt-Gen Myint Swe sees off Myanmar Tatmadaw shooting team



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe gives instructions to the shooting team of the Defence Services. — MNA*

YANGON, 25 Nov — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence saw off the shooting team of the Defence Services of the Union of Myanmar at Yangon International Airport this morning before its departure for the 16th ASEAN Army Shooting Championship.

The 42-member shooting team led by Col Than Oo left here by air this morning to take part in the 16th ASEAN

Army Shooting Championship to be held in Vietnam from 25 November to 8 December.

Also present at the airport to see them off were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, Commander

of Mingaladon Airbase Brig-Gen Zin Yaw and senior military officers.

At the lounge of the airport, Lt-Gen Myint Swe instructed the shooters and responsible persons to participate in the championship with the patriotic spirit, preserving the fine tradition of the Tatmadaw and firing on all cylinders.

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## Deputy Minister attends dinner to mark Dipavali

YANGON, 25 Nov — Organized by Myanmar-India Entrepreneurs Association, a dinner to mark the Dipavali was held at Sedona Hotel yesterday evening, attended by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and officials, Chairman of the association Bandoola U

Shwe and members, and guests.

The deputy minister, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and responsible persons lit the lamp in commemoration of the dinner to honour the Dipavali.

Next, the deputy minister and Mr Rajul Goenka extended greetings. General Secretary of the association Mr R K Ananda spoke words of thanks at the dinner.

Later, those present were served with dinner.

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*Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana lights the lamp in commemoration of the dinner to honour the Dipavali. — MNA*

## Open letter to “88” Min Ko Naing...

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not enough to buy a car again. Some owned such amount of money, but they did not buy a car. It is because they knew that investing such a large sum in their businesses instead of buying a car would contribute towards the national interests. So, I want you to carry out a business at such a time when the majority of the people are participating in the rebuilding of the nation amidst many hardships. Being a Yangonite you have got a lot of experiences about Yangon, so you should choose a place in Kayin State, Mon State or Taninthayi Division to work. Some of my branches are located there. If you agree to my positive suggestion, I pledge I will help you with your business. Unless you want to do business there, you should choose a village in Toungoo or Nyaunglebin, or a village in Shwegyin Kyaukkyi region. Then, you can gain a lot of valuable experiences.

I still remember the Law of Archimedes I learnt in my school days. One day, the king asked the goldsmith to make a golden crown for him. The king wanted to know whether the crown the goldsmith had made for him was made of pure gold. So, the king assigned duties to Archimedes to solve the problem. Being in a fix, Archimedes got into the bathtub later one day. Then, he got an idea to find out whether the crown was made of pure gold. Out of joy, he ran out of the bathroom in his birthday suit and took to the street shouting that he had got the answer. It can be deduced from that event that to get a correct answer to a problem calls for good experiences.

Therefore, I suggest that you do business in rural areas to gain experiences about Myanmar. Only then, will you gain good experiences and find out the solution to the problem you are trying to solve. You are always welcome if you do business in border areas.

I am not a member of a political party or an organization. Despite being a fish-breeding entrepreneur, I did not join the Myanmar Fisheries Federation or the Myanmar Fish-Breeding Entrepreneurs Association. A gentlemen persuaded me to join the

Myanmar Fisheries Federation, and presented me an application form, but I did not satisfy his wish. Now, I am writing articles by the pen-name of “Nga Min Swe” and some of my works have been featured in “Yangon Times” and “7 Days” journals. None of my works is created under the influence of others’ views and ideas. I presented my views and ideas freely in the articles. The more I become popular as a writer, the more I realize that I am attracting adverse effects from my writing of articles. In the article “A Termite or A Bee?” featured in Yangon Times, I wrote that a handful of people became rich, whereas the future of the majority of the people was uncertain in a certain nation whose condition was like a termite colony. **We should not harm the nation and people of our own like termites that do a lot of damage. We should not spend our valuable lives, harming the interests of the mother country and the people. A country like a termite colony will ruin and collapse in a short time if the crises and deteriorating situations are not remedied in time.** I write this letter to you of my own accord.

In a nutshell, I would say that I have fish-breeding ponds and salterns. This year, I made no profits due to high prices of feedstuff. But, the benefit was that the people consumed more fish and the country earned an amount of foreign exchange. But, I got a good price in selling salt this year. So, when all the salt is sold, I will make a healthy profit. Now, I am thinking of breeding fish in Kayin State where fish-breeding industry does not thrive yet. But, don’t think highly of me because of my running a fish-breeding industry on a large scale. I do not have a car of my own yet. So, you should have realized that the standard of living of even an entrepreneur like me is still low, let alone the majority of Myanmar people, the basic class. Just leave aside the campaigns and movements for prospects for the development and a high standard of living of the majority of the people, the entire national people are to be cohesive and harmonious. You know that is a must, don’t you?

Translation: MS



**Systematic preservation, protection and promotion ...**

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As health is wealth, only healthy and fit persons will be able to effectively serve the national interest. In accord with the social objective — uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation — the government has been laying down and implementing health projects. In so doing, the government has included the task of raising the standard of traditional medicine and extending public health care through the profession in the national health policy.

Myanmar traditional medicine is a broad, deep and delicate branch of science covering various basic medical knowledge, different treatises, a diverse array of therapies and potent medicines. So, systematic preservation, protection and promotion are required for its perpetuation and flourishing.

All will have to make collective efforts to integrate the different branches of traditional medicine into a comprehensive national medical science in

essence through advanced standardization processes.

In accord with the vision, the government has been providing protection and assistance for the emergence of private firms manufacturing standard and harmless indigenous medicines. In addition, the Medical Research Departments of the government have been running research projects to accelerate scientific development of the traditional medicine. Their research projects include the task of producing standardized and potent drugs and effective traditional drugs to cure common diseases, setting up herbal gardens, preserving medicinal plants, discovering potent drugs and therapies for diseases that cannot be cured by Western medicine yet and treating patients through integration of Western and traditional medicines and therapies.

The government has been providing assistance to the programmes to cater for resurgence of practitioners who are well-versed in traditional medical treatises and science and hold conferences to revive and revitalize the vanishing traditional medical sciences, therapies and medicines through discussions and to uplift the role and prestige of the traditional

medical physicians by applying various means.

Thanks to the government's assistance and encouragement, the sound foundations and results, which are, the rise in the standard and glory of Myanmar traditional medicine, greater public trust in the profession, the consolidated Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, the flourishing advanced traditional medicine industry, and the Myanmar traditional medical hospitals, the Myanmar Traditional Medicine University and medical research programmes, can be witnessed at present.

I believe that at this conference, the practitioners will join hands with one another and will make consolidated efforts for scientific development and propagation of their profession in accord with the international standard while comprehending well the favourable conditions created by the government through all-round assistance.

I wish the Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference success, and development and flourishing of the Myanmar traditional medicine with high dignity and uplift of public health care standard.

**Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to ...**

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departmental heads, diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives of UN agencies, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, members of Traditional Medicine Council, responsible persons of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, delegates to the conference, members of Traditional Medicine Inspection Cen-

tral Committee, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Nurses Association, Myanmar Dental Association, Myanmar Health Assistants Association and guests.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe to the conference.

*(The full text of the message sent by the Senior General is reported separately.)*

Next, the Secretary-1 delivered an address. He said:

The Union of Myanmar is a glorious nation blessed with a potent traditional medicine, Myanmar arts and crafts and traditional cultural



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets the traditional medicine practitioners. — MNA**

**In Myanmar society Myanmar traditional medicine has under the influence of Buddha's Teachings as well as Myanma traditions and customs.**



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views the traditional medicine booths. — MNA**

heritage. That is why we need to preserve and protect such national characteristics from winding up with the passage of time and from being influenced by the alien culture.

The government is encouraging legacies of traditional cultural heritage to flourish and develop systematically.

It was chronicled that Myanmar traditional medicine had been considered to be prestigious in the earliest history of Myanmar periods such as Tagaung, Srikestra and Bagan. Thanks to our traditional medicine practitioners, physicians and medical treatise compilers throughout Myanmar history, Myanmar traditional medicine has developed and flourished as the pride of the entire national people.

In Myanmar society Myanmar traditional medi-

cine has under the influence of Buddha's Teachings as well as Myanma traditions and customs. Various therapies of Myanmar traditional medicine have also been developed in consistency with Myanmar geographical conditions, aquatic and terrestrial resources and animal products.

The onus is upon the traditional medicine practitioners of today and all the citizens to develop Myanmar traditional medicine while preserving it as a good legacy of national cultural heritage or as an asset to promote the fitness and intelligence of the people.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that encouragement should be given to promote Myanmar traditional medicine without harming *(See page 9)*



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its potency, and to conduct research and produce Myanmar traditional medicines of the international standard by employing modern medical equipment. Besides, in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the government is encouraging to revitalize the nearly extinct and already evaporated traditional medical treatises, therapies and valuable herbal plants and medicinal fruits for the development of Myanmar traditional medicine.

Particularly, the State is trying to bring together the traditional medicine practitioners from all parts of the nation and a variety of medical therapies of medical associations or groups

formed to promote the potency and effectiveness of Myanmar traditional medicine. Likewise, as for the production of traditional medicines of set standards applying modern medical equipment, success has been achieved in doing research on medical therapies, producing traditional medicines in accord with modern methods, doing research and producing traditional medicines for common diseases and diseases that cannot be cured by western medicines and giving treatment by combining western medicine and traditional medicine with the use of modern medical equipment. To nurture traditional medicine practitioners of new generation and systematically de-

modern subjects relating to medical field such as Biology, Chemistry and Botany are also prescribed.

The Head of State has given guidance to build an international level herbal plant garden to grow various species of medicinal plants for local and foreign traditional physicians to study it. A modern herbal plant garden of international standard will emerge soon in Nay Pyi Taw. All the traditional medicine practitioners are therefore urged to give your helping hand to the emergence of the herbal plant garden.

Thanks to the guidance of the Head of State, the effective encouragement of the government and harmonious efforts of traditional medicine practitioners, today, Myanmar's traditional medicine is close to the

private sector, there have emerged many successful traditional medicine enterprises with advanced manufacturing methods and modern packing systems.

In view of the world nations, the global people come to rely increasingly on traditional medicines produced traditionally and with biological methods due to side effects and high prices of western medicines manufactured chemically. It is learnt that some neighbouring countries and Asian countries are trying to make their traditional medicine globally popular and they are making a good progress economically in the international medicine market.

The government has created a good condition that with systematic measures to be taken scientifically, potent Myanmar traditional medicines and the Myanmar traditional medicine with fine traditions and vast essence will have a promising future to be popular internationally.

Today, many kinds of Myanmar traditional medicines are being exported for Myanmar people who are residing abroad.

The Myanmar traditional medicine, effectiveness of traditional medicines, and use of geological, biological and botanical resources coincide with the time when



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint reads out the message from Senior General Than Shwe. — MNA

international community puts reliance on potent traditional medicines without any side effects. In addition, now the government and the people are relying on and encouraging the Myanmar traditional medicine and traditional medicines. At such an opportune time, I would like to urge all traditional medicine practitioners to make earnest and harmonious efforts so that the Myanmar traditional medicine will reach the international level.

It is most known to you traditional medicine practitioners that the standard of the Myanmar traditional medicine is high and it is very delicate with firm foundations. Moreover, it is in conformity with the nature and geographical conditions, culture and customs of the nation.

Therefore, good habits of systematic preservation and handing down of such an invaluable and delicate study should be cultivated for durability of Myanmar traditional medicine.

Traditional physicians are to exert goodwill, experience and efforts in order to hand down Myanmar traditional medicine from generation to generation without having any adverse effects on the original of the Myanmar traditional medicine that has been flourishing throughout the history of the nation and that is a source of the experiences and knowledge of previous Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners who compiled a variety of traditional medical treatises.

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**One of the significant points is that the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association has been formed to promote the potency and effectiveness of Myanmar traditional medicine.**

across the country. So, in order to bring together traditional medicine practitioners across the nation, seminars on traditional medicine are held yearly in the cities of states and divisions. And the national level Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference is in process.

One of the significant points is that the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association has been

develop Myanmar traditional medicine, training courses for traditional medicine practitioners and diploma courses on traditional medicine are being conducted. In addition, the University of Traditional Medicine has been opened. In training the practitioners, in addition to the school curriculum and syllabuses on the fundamentals of the four primary elements and the essence of various traditional medical branches,

standard of royal traditional medicine that was thriving in the times of Myanmar kings. And the traditional medicine is now popular again among the people both in rural and urban areas, and the people place a lot of reliance on the traditional medicine.

In addition, the cities of the states and divisions have been facilitated with traditional medicine hospitals the government has established. And in the

## Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference opens

YANGON, 25 Nov — The Seventh Myanmar Traditional Medicine

Practitioners Conference took place at University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe presided over the conference together with members of the panel of chairmen, Chairman of Traditional Medicine Council Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department, members of TMC U Nyan Lwin, U Maung Nyan and U Maung Hein of Shan State.

First, Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe

delivered an address.

Four delegates from states and divisions and ministries concerned tabled four motions to the conference and four delegates seconded the motions.

Also present at the conference were members of the Traditional Medicine Council, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, Central Supervision Committee for Traditional Medicine and traditional medicine producers.

The conference continues tomorrow.

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Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe speaks at the 7th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference. — MNA



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Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are to be well equipped with vision, generosity and willingness to serve national interest in the drive for promotion of the Myanmar traditional medicine without sacrificing its original characters and effectiveness to become a scientific and firm medical study winning trust internationally.

Only through collaborative efforts will it be possible to record the potencies of royal medicines and effective medicines handed down from one generation to the next, and to standardize

the diagnoses, therapies and prescriptions.

Myanmar traditional medicines have just a little side effect, but are originally potent. That is the prestige and value of Myanmar traditional medicines. Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners and traditional medicine entrepreneurs are to collectively preserve Myanmar traditional medicine so that nominal traditional medicines compounded with western drugs and greedy entrepreneurs cannot enter into the traditional medicine world.

I would also like to warn all about exces-

sively recommending the potencies of the medicines because that can harm the public knowledge of health.

Myanmar is endowed with a wide range of species of herbal plants with many vacant lands, on which herbal plants can grow well. It is required to make efforts to manufacture import-substitute medicinal raw materials abundantly to be able to export such raw materials.

I would like to urge you to organize the people and to disseminate knowledge about herbal plants to them so that they grow herbal plants on a small scale because if so, they can increase their income and guarantee sufficiency of herbal raw materials of the nation.

I would also like to urge Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to participate in the drive for doing research on traditional medicine for the development of the Myanmar traditional medicine. Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners are to standardize the traditional medicines to maintain their qualities and to ensure that traditional medicines do not have any adverse effects. And producers are also to observe the code of conduct of producing quality medicines to maintain the potencies of the medicines.

It is a good habit that medical studies, therapies and traditional medicines are registered as intellectual properties in the drive to raise Myanmar traditional medicine to the international level.

At the same time,

Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners have to dutifully carry out primary duties of providing health care to the people, and that is a national duty.

I would like to urge Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to be convinced that the national health policy regarding the Myanmar traditional medicine is to make Myanmar traditional medicine internationally popular and to provide quality health care to the people, and to make earnest efforts in concert to revitalize the Myanmar traditional medicine.

In conclusion, I would like to exert the Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners at the conference—

- to make efforts to raise the standard of the Myanmar traditional medicine

and to provide better health care to the people,

- to make an effective contribution towards the drive to manufacture Myanmar traditional medicines that meet international level, and
- to combine Myanmar traditional medical studies, therapies, treatises on traditional medicine, and fine traditions of Myanmar traditional medicines into a national heritage.

After the opening ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted the delegates to the conference and visited the traditional medicine booth of the traditional medicine producers.

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## Myanmar delegation arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here by air today after attending the 4th East Asia Forum held in Siam Reap, Cambodia from 21 to 22 November 2006.

They were welcomed back at the airport by responsible persons of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Together with the deputy minister, Director-General U Pe Than

Oo of the Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Director U Wynn Thein of ASEAN Affairs Department, Lecturer Dr Chaw Chaw Sein of International Relations Department of the University of Yangon, Joint Secretary 2 U Tun Aung of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Assistant Director U Kyaw Thi Wa of the Minister's Office also arrived back.

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## Worksite safety and health workshop opens

YANGON, 25 Nov — Co-organized by the Worksite Health Branch of the Ministry of Health and Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour, the worksite safety and health workshop was opened at the central medical depot of SSB on the Strand Road in Ahlon Township this morning.

Chairman of the SSB U Tin Aung Win delivered a speech.

The workshop was held with the aim of implementing the decisions

made at the 7th ASEAN OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting hosted by Myanmar on 5 April 2006.

It was attended by medical superintendents of Workers' Hospitals, those in-charge of dispensaries of Social Security Board and officials of the Labour Department and the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department.

The workshop will last up to 27 November.

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Chairman of SSB U Tin Aung Win delivers a speech.—H

## 73-mile Wshaung-Sadon-Kanpaikti Road...

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A cornerstone laying ceremony for combined office in Sadon Myothit was held.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Secretary of Kachin State Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung Win and Sadon Township Officer U Kyaw Thu laid the cornerstones and sprayed scented water on them.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected road sections in Lumyan and Lagyoung Villages.

They met departmental personnel, members of social organizations, townsenders and local people at the hall of Sadon Township Basic Education High School (Branch).

Township Officer U Kyaw Thu and officials

concerned reported on regional development. Lt-Gen Ye Myint fulfilled the requirements.

In his discussions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said transport plays an important role in regional development. Better transport contributes towards the agricultural, economic, education and health sectors. The government built roads and bridges in states and divisions for development, he said.

The 73-mile W a s h a u n g - S a d o n - Kanpaikti Road is being built and it will contribute much towards regional development and commerce. Local people, departmental officials, members of social organizations with the Union Spirit are to make endeavours for the development, he added.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented medicines to Township Health Officer Dr Nay Win Hlaing.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented a computer for the school and uniforms for USDA members and teachers to officials.

He then cordially greeted the teachers and students.

He also presented cash assistance to teachers. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party paid respects to Sayadaw Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Jevata and presented offerings to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected local development activities and construction of primary school in Manaw Village.

They spent the night in Myitkyina.

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## Gifts for Insein Central Jail

YANGON, 25 Nov—A medical team led by Surgical Specialist Dr Htay Naing of Insein General Hospital on 21 November gave

medical treatment to 16 patient inmates including one foreigner of the Insein Central Jail.

Likewise, 17 members of social or-

ganizations led by U Aung Myint on 21 November donated 11 different kinds of medicines worth K 300,000 to the jail. — MNA



## Electric Power No 1 Minister inspects Shwegyin Hydel Power Project



Minister Col Zaw Min inspects Shwegyin Hydel Power Project.—MNA

YANGON, 25 Nov — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min and Deputy Minister U Myo Myint together with officials inspected Shwegyin Hydel Power Project being built by No 4 Construction of Hydroelectric Power Implementation Department on Shwegyin Creek near Kyauknga Village, 6-mile north-east of Shwegyin in Bago Division yesterday.

The minister heard progress of the project and future tasks by officials and attended to the needs. The

deputy minister then made supplementary report.

Next, the minister looked into progress of building emergency spillway, construction of diversion channel and earth works for building main spillway and gave necessary instructions.

Shwegyin Hydel Power Project to be installed with four 18.75 megawatt generators will produce 262 million kwh yearly.

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## Molecular science products introduced



Mr James Poo of Pandaing Thit Co Ltd answers questions of those present.

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YANGON, 25 Nov — A ceremony to demonstrate molecular science products (MSP) of Pandaing Thit Co Ltd took place at Grand Meeyahta Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street here this afternoon.

Managing Director of the company Daw Yin Yin Nwe extended greetings and the technical adviser Mr Vass Avarm explained facts about the molecular science products and demonstrated how they worked. Next, he and Mr James Poo of the company replied to the queries raised by those present.

MSP engine treatment is being used in space shuttles of NASA, military vehicles, vessels and trains

and other vehicles for public transport services as it can prevent engine erosion by 95 per cent. If MSP engine treatment is used, the engine's lifespan will increase three times.

MSP PL engine formulation oil and other five kinds of MSP products are being distributed across the nation by Pandaing Thit Co Ltd. Contact MCP, No 677, Pyay Road, Sawbwagyigon, Insein Township (Ph: 09-5004519, 4411042, 703259, 09-5109386) and Pandaing Thit Co Ltd, No 17-C, Parami Road, Mayangon Township (Ph: 707525).

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## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects development...

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with executives of Mongphyat District and Township USDAs at Bayintnaung Hall.

While in Mongphyat, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected Township Hospital and comforted patients. Afterwrds, they visited Basic Education High School and gave necessary instructions.

On his trip, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win viewed construction of the bailey bridge on Yankha Creek on Tachilek-Kengtung-Taunggyi-Meiktila Union Highway.

At Border Area Youth Development School in Kengtung, Deputy Principal Daw May Thi Aung reported on academic and management matters of the school. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented cash assistance, exercise books and stationery to the deputy principal. Next, they inspected hostels of the trainees.

The school has accepted orphanage from eight to 18 years old. In the 2006-07 academic year, 173 trainees are learning the courses of the third to the tenth standards at the school. The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs provides rations and cash assistance to the trainees. They have the opportunity to join universities and colleges.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party viewed progress of Kengtung in a motorcade. — MNA

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Joint-Secretary-2 U Win Naing of Myanmar Agro-Based Food Processor and Exporters Association seen with the officials at the airport before his departure for Thailand on 19 November to attend Training Course on Supply Chain Management for Agribusiness SMEs in the Mekong Region. — UMFCI



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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**Drug "submarine" off Costa Rica was disguised boat**

**SAN JOSE (Costa Rica), 24 Nov — A vessel carrying 3.5 tons of cocaine that was seized by the US Coast Guard off Costa Rica last week was not a submarine as first thought but a speedboat camouflaged to avoid detection, Costa Rican officials said on Wednesday.**

The 45-foot (14-metre) craft was "a cigarette boat", a sleek, fast vessel typically used by drug traffickers, that had an ocean-coloured fibreglass covering intended as camouflage, said Costa Rican Coast Guard commander Rodrigo Peralta.

The Costa Rican Coast Guard had told reporters on Sunday the craft, found near the remote Coco Island, was a makeshift submarine that travelled 6 feet (2 metres) under the surface.

The boat rode low in the water because of the weight of the cocaine but did not actually submerge, said Peralta. It had travelled from Colombia and was on its way to the United States with the cocaine.

"It was covered with lead lamination to conceal

it from radar," said Peralta. Tubes protruding from the boat, which initially gave officials the impression it was a submarine, turned out to be exhaust pipes.

Two Colombians, a

Guatemalan and a Sri Lankan were arrested aboard the craft and taken along with the cocaine to the United States, Costa Rican officials said.

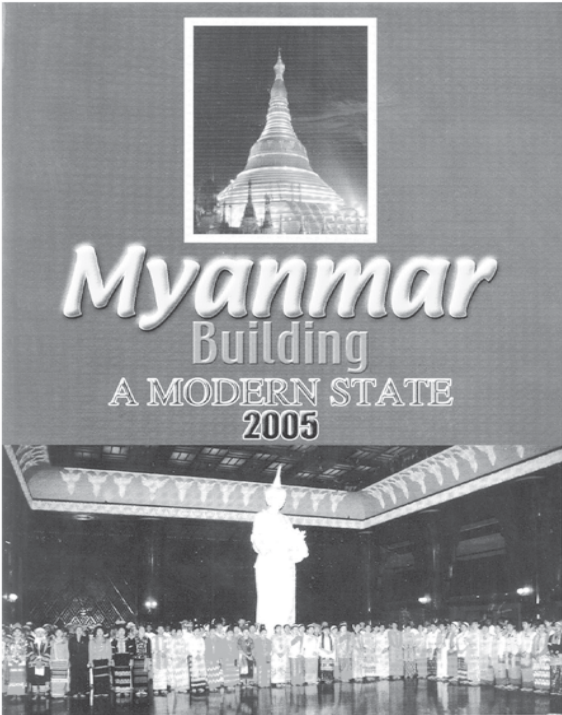
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**Philippines Bicameral body approves biofuels bill**

**MANILA, 24 Nov —** Philippines bicameral conference committee on energy approved early Thursday morning a bill that makes the use of biofuels mandatory, Senator Aquilino Pimentel Jr said.

"This is the most exciting piece of legislation for this Congress because we'll be hitting two birds with one stone, cutting our umbilical cord of dependence on fossil fuel from the Middle East and at the same time cleaning the air that we breathe in this country," said Pimentel, who was assigned to chair the committee.

The bill, certified urgent by the administration, provides that "at least 5 per cent bioethanol shall comprise the total volume of gasoline fuel actually sold and distributed in the country" and "a minimum of 1 per cent biodiesel by volume shall be blended into all diesel engine fuels sold in the country". — MNA/Xinhua



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**Red Cross calls for more cooperation in Asia-Pacific region**

**SINGAPORE, 24 Nov — The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement on Thursday called on national societies in Asia and the Pacific Region to strengthen cooperation to serve humanity effectively.**

At the end of a four-day conference in Singapore, the secretary general of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Markku Niskala, said that "scaling up our work and strategic partnership" was

necessary to reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by disease and disasters.

"The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is usually the first to respond to any emergency," he said. "But we also need to find new and better ways of working together, building strong partnerships and mobilizing resources in order

to tackle vulnerability, especially in a disaster-prone area like Asia and the Pacific."

The 7th Asia and Pacific Regional Conference brought together more than 200 representatives from 60 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies from the region, as well as other areas in the world, to discuss ways of making

communities stronger and healthier.

Held once every four years, the conference resulted in the Singapore Declaration and outlined the Movement's agenda for the region until 2010.

The Singapore Declaration called for developing further regional cooperation mechanism in disaster management, preparedness, contingency planning and response.

On the topic of health and care, the Declaration said that it is timely and prudent for national societies to expand their response capacities to the challenges, such as avian flu, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and dengue.

It called for boosting volunteer network, noting that the future of the Movement lies in enthusing youth and volunteers to contribute to the wide spectrum of services that meet the needs of the most vulnerable people.

It also deeply awared the importance of the role of national societies as auxiliaries to the governments, and call on the societies to scale up governance and accountability.

**Indonesia, Malaysia to increase cooperation in anti-terrorism war**

**JAKARTA, 24 Nov — The Indonesian Defence Forces (TNI) and its Malaysian counterpart agreed here on Thursday to increase cooperation in the war on terrorism, disaster handling and humanitarian operations beginning in 2007.**

The agreement was reached during the Second Malaysia-Indonesia (Malindo) Summit co-chaired by TNI Commander Marshal Djoko Suyanto and his Malaysian counterpart Admiral Tan Sri Datok Sri Mohammad Anwar bin Haji Mohammad Noor.

"The focus of our cooperation so far has been on military operations but we have changed it into non-war military operations such as disaster handling, humanitarian and anti-terror operations," Djoko Suyanto was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying.

He said although there would be a change in the focus of their cooperation, both countries agreed to continue holding joint military exercises, joint border patrols and building joint security posts along the land borders between Indonesia and Malaysia.

On the occasion, Malaysia proposed that joint military exercises be held once every three years (previously once every five years).

MNA/Xinhua

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A visitor test out a Olympus digital camera at the opening day of the Madrid Fotoventas Digital 2006 Fair on 23 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

## Fish oils, vitamins, herbs helpful for depression

NEW YORK, 24 Nov — Diet and nutrition may play a key role in helping people fight depression, Australian researchers report.

A number of nutrients, including polyunsaturated fatty acids, St John's Wort and several B vitamins, have the potential to influence mood by increasing the absorption of chemical messengers in the brain, Dr Dianne Volker of the University of Sydney in Chippendale and Jade Ng of Goodman Fielder Commercial in North Ryde, New South Wales note in the journal *Nutrition and Dietetics*.

There is a wealth of epidemiological, experimental and circumstantial evidence to suggest that fish and the oils they contain, in particular omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid, are protective against depression, Volker and Ng write. They point out that the balance between omega-3 and omega-6 may also be important, given that the latter can prevent the body from absorbing the former.

Another candidate for dietary prevention of depression is the amino acid tryptophan, which is found in foods, including turkey, and is responsible for the drowsiness people feel after eating a hearty Thanksgiving dinner. The body converts tryptophan to the neurotransmitter serotonin, suggesting the amino acid may have modest effects on mood.

But studies investigating whether the B vitamin folate, vitamins B6 and B12, and S-adenosylmethionine (SAME) play a role in depression have had conflicting results, the researchers write.

MNA/Reuters

## Large DNA segments found to differ from person to person

LONDON, 24 Nov — Scientists have identified surprisingly large chunks of the human genome that can differ dramatically from one person to the next.

Scientists from Britain and Canada reported their new study, which aims to find how chemical letters are scattered across the whole human genome, in the latest issue of *Natural* published on Thursday.

According to the team led by Matthew Hurles at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in Cambridge, UK, and Stephen Scherer of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada, one person's DNA is probably 99.5 per cent similar to others or a bit less, instead of 99.9 per cent as previously assumed by geneticists after the sequence of the human genome was sketched out about six

years ago. The differences in question — made up of strands of DNA that span from tens to hundreds of thousands of chemical letters — are called "copy-number variants", or CNVs. Within a given stretch of DNA, one person may carry one copy of a DNA segment, another may have two, three or more. The region might be completely absent from a third person's genome. And sometimes the segments are shuffled up in different ways.

In the new study, the research team compared genome chunks from 270 people of European, African or Asian ancestry and found nearly 1,500

such regions, taking up some 12 per cent of the human genome.

CNVs have already been linked with susceptibility to Alzheimer's disease, kidney disease and HIV, among others, and the new map will help researchers to make connections to other conditions.

MNA/Xinhua



An engineer takes measurements inside the metal body of a Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS) satellite at the NPO PM applied mechanics institute in the Siberian city of Zheleznogorsk near Krasnoyarsk on 23 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET

## China to encourage microcredit development to boost employment

BEIJING, 24 Nov — China's central bank is to encourage the development of microcredit in a bid to boost employment, said a deputy governor of the People's Bank of China on Wednesday.

Wu Xiaoling said at a meeting that the bank would establish a long-term re-employment system through facilitating microcredit.

Wu said: "The PBOC always attaches great importance to boosting employment, and it will continue to make efforts to provide the people in need with more support."

In a meeting previously with Dr. Muhammad Yunus, who won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for first developing microcredit, Wu admitted that there were many challenges for microcredit in China.

"Serious financial risks in rural areas had led the regulator to stop issuing banking licences in recent years, for example," she said.

Statistics shows that only 27.3 per cent of China's rural households have benefitted from microcredit provided by rural credit cooperatives.—MNA/Xinhua

## Diabetes linked to lower prostate cancer risk

NEW YORK, 24 Nov — Men with long-term diabetes may have a reduced risk of prostate cancer, according to the results of a study published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

"Recent studies have suggested an association between Type 2 diabetes mellitus and lower risk of prostate cancer," Dr Mona Saraiya and colleagues from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, write. "It has been hypothesized that men with long-term diabetes have a lower risk of prostate cancer than non-diabetic men, and recently diagnosed men have a higher risk."

In the current study, the researchers used data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2001 to 2002 to investigate the association between diabetes and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels, a biological marker for prostate cancer. Higher PSA levels indicate an increased risk of cancer.

The researchers adjusted the findings for the effect

of known potential risk factors. For subjects without a diagnosis of diabetes, the researchers used fasting blood sugar measurements to determine the presence of undiagnosed diabetes.

The average PSA levels were 21.6 per cent lower among men with a self-reported diagnosis of diabetes compared with men without diabetes.

This difference increased with years since the diabetes diagnosis was made. Men diagnosed more than 10 years ago had a 27.5-per-cent lower average PSA level. Overweight men who had been diagnosed with diabetes more than 10 years ago had a PSA level that was 40.8 per cent lower than normal-weight men without diabetes.

MNA/Reuters



Two-month-old North American puma cub Baron (R) plays with coeval puppy Basya in a zoo in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk on 24 Nov, 2006. —INTERNET



# SPORTS

## Rose rebounds to take Australian Masters lead

MELBOURNE, 25 Nov— England's Justin Rose made up for a late first-round collapse by firing a six-under-par 66 to claim the second-round clubhouse lead in the Australian Masters on Friday.

The 26-year-old, who ended his first round bogey-bogey-bogey to lie five shots behind overnight leader Aaron Pike, fired eight birdies and two bogeys to finish at nine-under, one shot clear of Australia's Kurt Barnes in the event co-sanctioned by the European and Australasian Tours. "It was tough conditions yesterday and I was very happy with a 69 and then obviously to back that up today in slightly easier conditions with 66 is exciting," Rose told reporters.

Rose, who has not won a European Tour event since 2002, opened in style with two birdies in his first three holes at the 10th and 12th. He followed with another stroke picked up at the 15th before going out in 34 with a bogey at the 18th.—MNA/Reuters

## Wie bombs out of men's event at 17 over par

KOCHI (Japan), 25 Nov— Michelle Wie missed the cut for the 11th time in 12 professional men's events after a nervous 80 left her at 17 over par at the Casio World Open on Friday.



Michelle Wie of the US reacts on the 14th hole during the second round of the men's Casio World Open Tournament in Geisei, western Japan on 24 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET

The Honolulu schoolgirl had faced a near impossible task after equalling her worst score in a men's event with a nine-over 81 in freezing rain on Japan's Shikoku Island on Thursday.

"It was pretty tragic -- that's how I'd put it," Wie told reporters after bowing out second last out of 102 players and 27 shots behind half-way leader Tetsuya Haraguchi of Japan.

"I know in the last two tournaments I did not play well at all. I'm going to see (swing guru) David Leadbetter for Christmas and I definitely have a lot to work on."

Wie began her second round in bright sunshine but her mood darkened after a par putt on the par-three second lipped out and two more

front-nine bogeys left her at 12 over. The 17-year-old carded an embarrassing double-bogey five at the short 11th and dropped a further three shots on the inward nine, finishing without a single birdie in 36 holes.

Wie's Japanese nightmare followed her meltdown at the 84 Lumber Classic in September when she carded 77 and 81 at Mystic Rock.

"The last couple of tournaments are not a very good measurement of how I can play," said Wie, who finished one shot ahead of Japanese university student Tomomichi Oto.

"But it hasn't dropped my confidence at all. Good golf and bad golf comes in tides and it's time for some good golf."—MNA/Reuters

## AFC hopeful Iran will follow "roadmap" to lift ban

SINGAPORE, 25 Nov— The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) expressed hope on Friday that Iran would follow a "roadmap" drawn up by soccer's world governing body to lift its ban for state meddling in its national game.

FIFA suspended Iran from "all international activities" on Wednesday because of government interference in running the game, just five months after it took part in the World Cup finals and a week after qualifying for next

year's Asian Cup.

A FIFA Emergency Committee laid down a "roadmap" for the Islamic Republic of Iran Football Federation (IRIFF) to follow in order to see the suspension lifted.

AFC President

Mohamed Bin Hammam said he was optimistic Iran would agree to FIFA's demands and keep its place in the Asian Cup—Asia's equivalent of the European Championships—for which Iran are one of the favourites. "We hope that they (IRIFF) accept the terms for the betterment of football so that the relevant teams can participate in the top competitions in Asia," he said in a statement on the AFC website.—MNA/Reuters

## Katayama claims Japanese tour title hat-trick

KOCHI (Japan), 25 Nov— Japan's Shingo Katayama secured his third straight money title

on the Japanese tour after making the cut at the Casio World Open on Friday. Katayama, instantly

recognizable with his trademark cowboy hat, won three tournaments on the men's JGTO Tour this year and has earned 169 million yen (1.45 million US dollars).

"It's amazing to win it again," the 33-year-old told reporters. "It's been a difficult season with a knee injury and what with a bit of a slump in the summer."

Katayama fired a 68 in Friday's second round on Japan's Shikoku Island to go into the weekend four off the lead at six under par.—MNA/Reuters

## Arsenal's Hleb voted Belarus player of the year

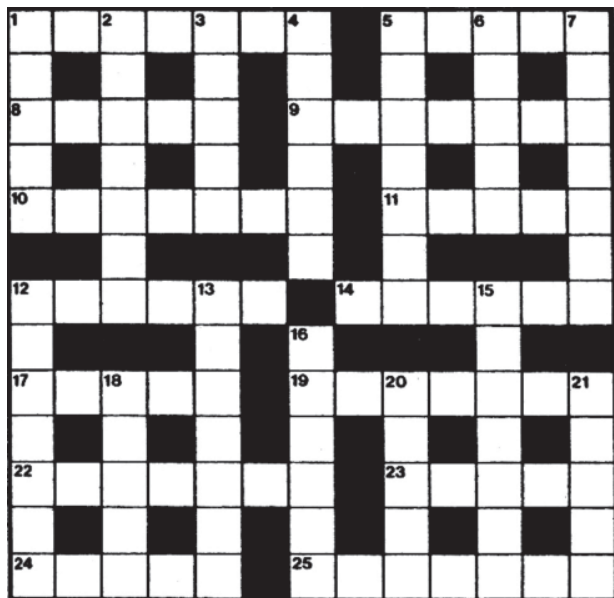
MINSK, 25 Nov— Arsenal midfielder Alexander Hleb has been voted Belarus' top player for the fourth time in the last five years.

In a nationwide poll of the country's soccer experts, conducted by the sports daily *Pressbol*, the 25-year-old playmaker was the overwhelming winner, ahead of Dnipro striker Sergei Kornilenko and Tom Tomsk midfielder Alexander Kulchiy.

Hleb also won the honour in 2002, 2003 and 2005 and finished second behind Dynamo Moscow striker Maxim Romashchenko in 2004.

MNA/Reuters

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Starter
- 5 Newly married woman
- 8 Leg joint
- 9 Tyre burst (4-3)
- 10 Estate in land
- 11 Fashion
- 12 Character
- 14 Drink in
- 17 Digit
- 19 Showed amusement
- 22 Sprawling
- 23 Pointed at
- 24 Holland's people
- 25 One who is nominated

### DOWN

- 1 Deceptive trick
- 2 Unpolished
- 3 Put on clothes
- 4 Eraser
- 5 Be in flower
- 6 Tusk dentine
- 7 Most remote
- 12 Stung with annoyance
- 13 Trash
- 15 Unfeeling
- 16 Large bottle
- 18 Without light
- 20 Remove weapons
- 21 Trick

## Valencia's Silva cleared to play against Real Madrid

MADRID, 25 Nov— Valencia forward David Silva has been cleared to play against Real Madrid in the Primera Liga on Sunday after the Spanish Football Federation's appeals committee overturned his one-match ban.

The Spain international was shown a direct red card in the 17th minute of his side's 3-0 defeat at Sevilla last weekend, after catching Dani Alves in the face with his arm.

The red card was reduced to a yellow, but although he had already earned a yellow card in the fourth minute of the same game, his suspension has been lifted.

The news will be a boost to Valencia coach Quique Sanchez Flores who has mounting injury problems in his forward line.

David Villa is struggling with a thigh strain collected in the 2-0 win over Olympiakos in the Champions League on Wednesday, but is reportedly keen to play against his medical staff's recommendations.

On Friday morning, strikers Fernando Morientes and Francesco Tavano both left training early with a thigh strain and an ankle injury respectively, and are doubts for Sunday.

Valencia are suffering an epidemic of injuries and

are already without players such as Edu, Carlos Marchena, David Albelda, Emiliano Moretti, Jaime Gavilan, and Asier del Horno. Valencia are eighth in the Primera Liga. Real are third.—MNA/Reuters



Austrian skier Herman Maier in action during training for the first men's World Cup alpine skiing downhill race of the season on 23 Nov, 2006 in Lake Louise, Canada.—INTERNET



# Over 10,000 NGOs working for women's rights in China

BEIJING, 25 Nov — A Chinese human rights researcher said here Thursday that there are more than 10,000 non-governmental organizations in China working to protect the rights of women.

"Their influence on policy making and legislation is increasing steadily," said Zhang Xiaoling, director of the human rights research centre of the Party School of the Communist Party of China Central Committee.

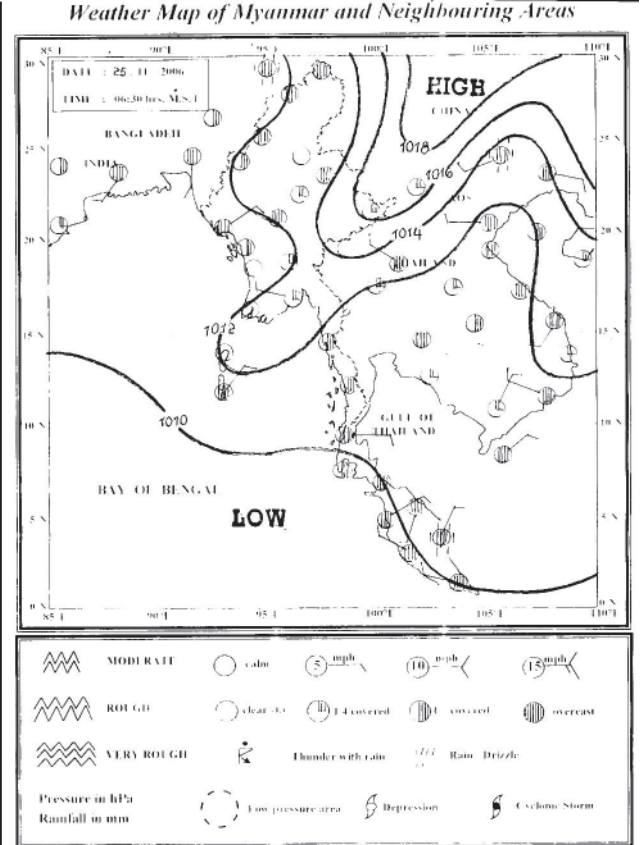
Speaking at an international symposium on human rights, Zhang said non-governmental women's organizations have made big efforts to protect women's rights.

The symposium, a three-day event sponsored by the China Society for Human Rights Studies, has drawn more than 70 human rights experts, scholars and officials from 19 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and America.

Zhang said the women's federation, the largest non-governmental women's organization in China, has opened hotlines in most parts of the country to handle women's petitions and complaints. Women's federations at various levels have designated more than 2,300 people to monitor the working conditions of women, she said. — MNA/Xinhua



The iconic photograph of China's most prestigious charity programme- Project Hope - was the most expensive picture sold at China's first photography auction held in Beijing on Thursday 23 Nov, 2006. The 1991 photograph, popularly known as Big Eyes, captures the innocent eyes of a girl and is credited with persuading millions of Chinese to donate to Project Hope which helps school drop-outs in rural areas to return to class. Su Mingjuan, the girl in the photo, stands in front of the photo.—XINHUA



## WEATHER

**Saturday, 25 November, 2006**  
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, except for the isolated light rain in Kachin State, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Bago and Magway Divisions, Kayah and Kayin States, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant night temperatures were Haka (2°C) and Pinlaung (6°C).

Maximum temperature on 24-11-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 25-11-2006 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-11-2006 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 24-11-2006 was (8.1) hours approx.  
 Rainfalls on 25-11-2006 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 (4) mph from Northeast at 07:30 hours MST on 25-11-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of the 26-11-2006:** Isolated light rain or thundershowers are possible in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 26-11-2006:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-11-2006:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-11-2006:** Generally fair weather.



Sunday, 26 November  
View on today

- 7:00 am**  
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌ ဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**  
 2. To be healthy exercises.
- 7:30 am**  
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**  
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**  
 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ
- 8:00 am**  
 6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**  
 7. ခရမ်းချောင်းတံတား
- 8:15 am**  
 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 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 inter national news
- 11:35 am**  
 4. Yan Can Cook
- 11:50 am**  
 5. Teleplay: "ဆည်းဆာ၏အရက်ဦး" (သတ္တိ၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ မေထွဋ်ခေါင်း၊ ဦးစောနိုင် (ရမ်းပြည်)၊ ဒေါ်အိအိစိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးအေး)
- 1:30 pm**  
 6. စိဝဒီဇယ့်ထုတ်လုပ်မှု သရုပ်ပြ ရှင်းလင်း ဆွေးနွေးပွဲ
- 1:45 pm**  
 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:00 pm**  
 8. ဗြူလှတပ်ကုန်း ရေလှောင်တံ
- 2:10 pm**  
 9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:20 pm**  
 10. "အလံလေးတော့ ကိုင်ပြပါ" (ဇွန်နိုင်ဝင်း၊ ဇရာ၊ ဝေါ်လေး၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ရတနာခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 2:30 pm**  
 11. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:45 pm**  
 12. International news

- 4:00 pm**  
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**  
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**  
 3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm**  
 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:05 pm**  
 5. Dance of National Races
- 5:15 pm**  
 6. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm**  
 7. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**  
 8. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**  
 9. သိရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm**  
 10. Discovery
- 7:15 pm**  
 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
- 8:00 pm**  
 12. News
- 8:05 pm**  
 13. International news
- 8:10 pm**  
 14. Weather report
- 8:15 pm**  
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လှပသော နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:20 pm**  
 16. The next day's programme



Sunday, 26 November  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Who will be there
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -Feeling this
- 8:50 am** National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: -Eye to eye
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am** Music -Move over
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40pm** Children's delight -Story for children "The wood cutter &elephantmaker" -Songs for children
- 9:00pm** Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Music/Let's improve English through songs -If we hold on together -I love you Daddy
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

73-mile Washaung-Sadon-Kanpaikti Road will contribute much towards regional development and commerce

Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets officials in Sadon, Kachin State



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects harvest in Wuyan village, Waingmaw Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office inspected the road section at the junction of Luhtaung-Sagapa-Sadon on 22 November.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected two 200 KV hydel power stations in Sadon and paddy fields in Sagapa and Luhtaung Villages.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects development of Mongphyat District and Township, Kengtung Township



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win donates cash and kind to the Border Area National Races Youth Development School in Kengtung.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, met with local authorities, departmental personnel, local authorities and local people at Bayintnaung Hall of Mongphyat District PDC on 23 November.

After hearing the reports by officials, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win stressed the need to extend the growing of quality strains of 10 major crops for meeting the target applying modern techniques.

It is necessary to extend rubber, tea and physic nut plantations.

Local authorities are to strive for enhancement of education and health sector of the region. Furthermore, local authorities, departmental personnel, social organizations and local people are to join hands in building a peaceful, stable, modern and developed nation and in realizing the seven-step Road Map of the State with Union Spirit.

Accompanied by the commander, Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central)

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