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## Bulgarian President sends felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

**YANGON 7 Jan** — *The following is a message of felicitations from Mr Georgi Parvanov, President of the Republic of Bulgaria, sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

**Your Excellency,**

On the occasion of the National Holiday of the Union of Myanmar, the Independence Day, please accept on behalf of the Bulgarian people and myself most sincere congratulations and good wishes for prosperity and further advancement of the people of Myanmar. —MNA

- \* In the battle field, we, the soldiers, are always ready to sacrifice life for our comrades-in-arms, because of esprit de corps.
- \* You will have to nurse a wounded soldier and save his life under enemy fire during the battle.
- \* First aid is the most important work of a nurse in every battle, and deep in your soul is the fact that mental treatment is more effective than the medical treatment in rehabilitating a patient in the base medical hospital.
- \* Must have the ability to protect and safeguard the air, land and water territory of the nation together with the members of the Army, Navy and Air Force.



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye takes the salute of trainee companies at graduation parade of 2nd Intake of Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science.—MNA*

**Essence of democracy will be deeper if people have greater sense to abide by rules, principles, laws  
Courage, sacrificing spirit make soldiers dare discharge combat duties**

**YANGON, 7 Jan** — The Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science held the graduation parade of its 2nd Intake at the parade ground of Defence Services Medical Academy, here, at 7.30 am today, with an address by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address. He said: The graduation day of DSINPS is a pride for the Defence Services Medical Services, for, new forces will join the DSMS on the day. As you are going to discharge duties in the medical corps, I would like to impart to you what you should know

in all seriousness.

The aims of the DSINPS is to produce medical professionals possessing physical and mental ability, needed for safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes, and nursing and paramedical skills.

You have already been trained to become qualified nurses endowed with physical and mental might. As you have already completed your studies BSc (Nursing) degree will be conferred on you.

As you have studied military science, I will now explain the nature of military duty and the responsibilities of a nurse.

In the battle field, we, the soldiers, are always

ready to sacrifice life for our comrades-in-arms, because of the esprit de corps. Besides, you will have to nurse a wounded soldier and save his life under enemy fire during the battle. You will be able to discharge such a daring duty only if you have the camaraderie spirit. And it is also the courage and the sacrificing spirit to face danger that make you dare discharge the combat duty. First aid is the most important work of a nurse in every battle, and deep in your soul is the fact that mental treatment is more effective than the medical treatment in rehabilitating a patient in the base medical hospital.

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Work hard in studies in interests of the nation and the people**

The enabling of the Union of Myanmar to stand tall among the global community as long as the world exists, mainly rests on transforming the new generations into well-rounded intellectuals and intelligentsia, who are fully imbued with nationalistic fervour and patriotism.

The government is therefore nurturing and training new generation youths effectively to become well-educated persons capable of tackling current and future challenges.

Accordingly, it has placed emphasis on the producing of human resources on a large scale who are well-versed in advanced technologies, who can preserve and promote own culture, customs and traditions, and are equipped with patriotism and nationalist spirit, while putting into operation the national education promotion plan step by step.

Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe addressed the fourth-day session of the USDA Annual General Meeting (2004).

The Senior General in his speech underscored the education sector, saying that high education standard is key to national progress, so the government has taken measures for creating opportunities for the people to pursue basic as well as higher education, promotion of the education standard, and introducing more subjects. Stability, peace, strong national economy and high education level are the main factors to turn the nation into a state with flourishing democracy, he noted.

Now, the government is doing its utmost to produce reliable youths through the education sphere for national development and to maintain and accelerate the development momentum for a long time. And it has successfully transformed the teacher-centred and subject-centred system into the student-centred one with a view to enhancing innovative skills, creative power and imaginative ideas of the students and enabling them to combine the knowledge gained from the schools with that from their socio-economic life.

Moreover, it has changed the high school education system into a new one, in which the students can specialize coordinated science or coordinated arts they wish, and has been opening new educational institutions in various parts of the nation, resulting in constant emergence of a large number of outstanding new generation youths in diversified sectors.

Thus, at a time when the government is raising the education standard, the students are urged to work hard in their studies with full sense of national vigour in the interests of the nation and the people.

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**People's Desire**

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

**Foreign Heads of Government send felicitations to Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win**

YANGON, 6 Jan — *The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of Government sent to Lt-Gen Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.*

**From Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia Excellency,**

On the auspicious occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, on behalf of the Royal Government and People of Cambodia, I have the great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulation to Your Excellency and best wishes of happiness and prosperity to the people of Myanmar.

I am fully confident that the excellent bonds of friendship and productive cooperation between our two countries will be further strengthened and developed for the common interest of our two peoples and of the ASEAN family as well.

May I take this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency my best wishes of good health, happiness and greater success in fulfillment of your noble task.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait**

I have the pleasure to extend my heartiest greetings to Your Excellency as your friendly country celebrates its National Day.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my sincere wishes for the continued progress and growth of the distinguished relations of our two countries and their friendly peoples.

With my sincere wishes for Your Excellency's sound health and happiness and for your country and its people continued progress and prosperity.

Please accept, the assurances of my highest considerations.

**From Mr Symeon Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria Your Excellency,**

On the occasion of the National Holiday of the Union of Myanmar, the Independence Day, I would like to express on behalf of the Bulgarian government and myself most sincere congratulations and good wishes for prosperity and further advancement of the people of Myanmar.

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MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe meets with members of Taninthayi Division Organization for Women's Affairs in the group discussions in Myeik, Taninthayi Division on 5-1-2005. (News reported)— MNA



UMFCCI OFFICIALS MEET GUESTS: President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing met Singaporean Ambassador Mr T Jasudasan on 7-1-2005 at the UMFCCI office. They discuss matters on promoting investment and trade and enhancing friendly ties between the two countries.— MNA

**First Air Bagan Open Golf Championship 20-23 Jan**

YANGON, 7 Jan — The First Air Bagan Open Golf Championship, to be organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, will be held at Bagan Golf Course in NyaungU from 20 to 23 January.

The professional golfers division and the amateur golfers division from 0 to 12 handicap will be categorized. Officials concerned will manage transport and accommodation services for Bagan-bound golfers.

The players are to enlist at the office of Bagan Golf Course at 4 pm on 18 January. Deserving prizes will be presented to the winners.

The championship will be organized by Han Event management.

MNA



# India calls for developing Asian oil market

**NEW DELHI, 7 Jan—** Launching its biggest ever oil diplomacy blitzkrieg, India goaded Thursday major Gulf oil producers and consuming nations to develop an Asian oil market and bring about long term and possibly cheaper oil supplies as a means to stabilize the volatile markets.

While total consumption in Asia almost equals the production, the region, unlike North America and Europe, lacks a developed oil market.

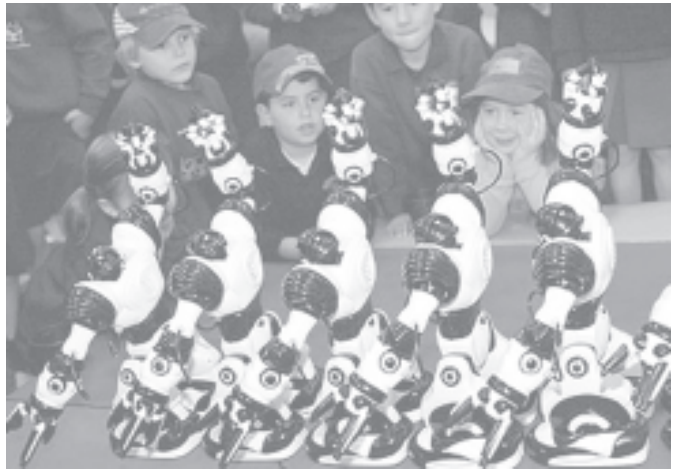
“For us in Asia to convert that underlying stability in production (and the prognosis for production) into stability in oil markets, it is essential that we develop a sophisticated Asian market for petroleum and petroleum products,” the *Press Trust of India* quoted Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar as saying at the first ever roundtable of Asian ministers on regional cooperation in the oil economy here.

Bringing together major oil producers—Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait, United

Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar—and major consuming countries—China, Japan, Korea and Malaysia—New Delhi pitched for long-term crude oil supply contract and mutual investments in upstream by consuming countries and downstream by producing countries to enhance stability and security.

Energy-hungry India, which is hosting the roundtable to discuss stability, security and sustainability of oil supplies, also sought mutual cooperation in developing emergency response mechanism by building storage in large-demand countries to ensure that there is no shortage of fuel even during disruptions.

MNA/Xinhua



The Hong Kong company behind Robosapien, the toy robot seen here that shifted more than a million units in 2004, will unveil a new model of the popular robot at this week's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

## Nine GIs die in Iraq, deadliest day in month

**BAGHDAD, 6 Jan—** A roadside bomb killed seven US soldiers in northwest Baghdad and two Marines were killed in western Iraq on Thursday, the deadliest day for American forces since a suicide attack on a US base last month.

The bombing came as Iraq extended a state of emergency by 30 days to battle militants whose attacks have surged ahead of this month's elections. The Prime Minister warned the number of assaults would only rise as voting day draws closer. Just three weeks before the January 30 elections, the commander of US ground forces in Iraq acknowledged that security is poor in four of 18 Iraqi provinces. But Lt General Thomas Metz told a briefing in the capital that delaying the vote would only increase the danger. The soldiers with Task Force Baghdad were on patrol Thursday evening when their Bradley fighting vehicle hit the explosive, the military said in a statement. Everyone inside the Bradley was killed.

No other details were immediately available about the latest attack. But Iraq's guerrillas have frequently targeted American troops with crude explosives planted in roads and detonated remotely as patrols pass.

The two other US Marines killed in action Thursday were both members of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and lost their lives in Anbar province, which is home to the volatile city of Fallujah.

The previous four days had seen a string of assassinations, suicide car bombings and other assaults that killed 90 people.—Internet



Iraqis are seen through the bullet riddled windscreen of a vehicle that was carrying some of the bodyguards of the governor of the Baghdad province, Ali al-Haidari in Baghdad's northern neighbourhood of Hurriyah, on 4 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

## Pakistan, Iran agree to enhance cooperation in oil, gas sector

**ISLAMABAD, 7 Jan—** Pakistan and Iran have agreed to promote the existing level of bilateral cooperation in various fields particularly oil and gas for the mutual advantage of both countries, the official *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported on Wednesday.

This consensus was reached in a meeting of Pakistani Petroleum and Natural Resources Minister Amanullah Khan Jadoon with a six-member Iranian delegation headed by Minister for Oil Bijan Namdar Zangeneh here on Wednesday. The delegation, on a one-day visit to Pakistan, discussed bilateral issues to enhance cooperation between the two countries with specific reference to export of Iranian gas to Pakistan, the report said.

The two sides agreed to take steps to initiate without further delay as Iran wants a market for its gas and Pakistan needs gas to meet its shortfall in the coming years, it said. The Iranian Oil Minister also called on Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz and discussed various

options for supply of gas from Iran.

“We have to further improve our relations and need to build economic linkages by increasing trade and investment,” Aziz said. Shaukat Aziz said Pakistan economy is growing fast and with the rising growth rate the need for hydrocarbons is increasing. In order to meet the energy requirements, Pakistan are planning to import gas or liquefied natural gas at competitive rates, he said. The Prime Minister said during his visit to India last month he had discussed with Indian leaders about the joint pipeline for supply of gas to India through Pakistan. This joint venture could be durable confidence building measures as it would create economic linkage and a strong business partnership, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

## 1,341 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

**WASHINGTON, 6 Jan—** As of Thursday, 6 January, 2005, at least 1,341 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,054

died as a result of hostile action, the Defence Department said. The figures include three military civilians. The AP count is one higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10.00 am Thursday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand

and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,203 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 945 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

## Seven US soldiers killed by roadside bomb in Baghdad

**WASHINGTON, 7 Jan—** Seven US soldiers were killed Thursday night when a roadside bomb hit their patrol vehicle in northwest Baghdad, the US military said. Everyone inside the Bradley fighting vehicle was killed when it struck the powerful roadside bomb at about 6 pm local time, the US military said. This was the deadliest attack against US forces since a suicide bombing killed 14 US soldiers and three American contractors at a mess tent in northern Iraqi city of Mosul.

A US Marine was also killed in a separate incident Thursday in western Anbar Province, the military said.

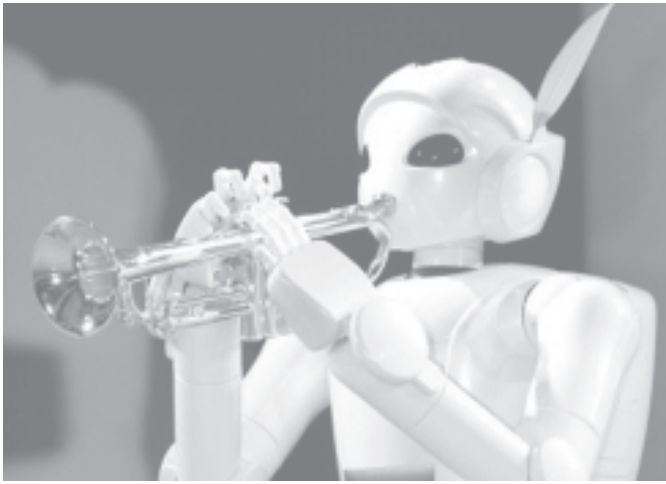
MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal entrepreneurs praise Nepal-China ties

**KATHMANDU, 7 Jan—** The Nepali business circle Wednesday spoke highly of the Nepal-China friendship and cooperation while celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two neighbours.

Speaking at the reception held by the Nepal-China Executives Council, chairman of the council Anoop Bhattarai said “The generous support provided by the Chinese Government has contributed greatly to the development of Nepal.”

“Following the all-out globalization of market economy, China is modernizing its economy in exceptionally grand scale. Nepali people rejoice this development,” Bhattarai said.—MNA/Xinhua



A Toyota robot. Toyota Motor will introduce robots which can work as well or better than humans at all 12 of its factories in Japan to cut costs and deal with a looming labour shortage as the country ages, according to a press report.—INTERNET

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**Vietnam reports one more fatal human case of bird flu**

**HANOI, 7 Jan—** Samples from a six-year-old child in Vietnam's southern Dong Thap Province who died last month, were tested positive to bird flu virus H5N1, local health official told *Xinhua* Thursday.

"Our testing on Wednesday showed that the patient was infected with H5N1. The child died in pneumonia and respiratory failure at the Dong Thap Hospital on 30 December, 2004," said Tran Tinh Hien, deputy director of the Hospital of Tropical Diseases in Ho Chi Minh City.

The patient did not have close contact with poultry but went to school passing by an area with bird flu-infected fowls.

The city-based hospital is treating a case of H5N1 infection. A 16-year-old girl from southern Tay Ninh Province is in critical condition. She slaughtered sick chickens for meals. According to Vietnam's Department of Animal Health, the relapse of bird flu has so far been seen in 25 communes in 11 localities, one in the north and 10 in the south, killing and leading to the forced culling of some 28,700 fowls. — *MNA/Xinhua*

**Two more meningococemia suspects found in Manila**

**MANILA, 7 Jan—** Two more patients were suspected of contracting meningococemia in Metro Manila after three have died of the disease, a doctor said on Thursday.

The doctor, who refused to be identified, from the Lung Centre of the Philippines, admitted in a radio interview that the patients, who were brought to the hospital Tuesday afternoon from Baguio City, have been placed under observation in the isolation room of the hospital.

The hospital employees, meanwhile, were worried about the possibility of contracting the dreaded disease, the doctor said.

According to some employees, the hospital does not have the proper facilities to isolate the patients unlike in government hospitals in Manila.

A third victim died of Meningococemia Wednesday when health authorities noted a rise in the incidence of the respiratory disease in recent weeks.

The National Epidemiology Centre earlier confirmed that two recent fatalities, a two-year-old child and a 34-year-old engineer, were suspected to have contracted meningococemia near the Baguio Public Market or may have come in contact with market vendors.

Statistics from the Department of Health showed that 27 meningococemia cases were admitted from January to November 2004, compared to 83 cases recorded nationwide for the year 2003. — *MNA/Xinhua*

**Struggling Iraq forces need more help, says US**

**WASHINGTON, 6 Jan—** Iraq's struggling security forces have had mixed results against a mounting insurgency and the United States is examining if more funds are needed for this nascent force, the US government said on Thursday.

The Bush administration's quarterly update to Congress on Iraq said attacks against Iraqi security forces had increased at all levels in recent months and intimidation made retention of military and police tough in many areas.

"While Iraq's security forces have shown considerable progress during this last quarter, the overall performance of these forces has been mixed when put to the test," said the report, obtained by Reuters.

Guerillas have targeted the US-backed interim government and its emergent security services. On Wednesday, suicide bombers killed 21 people in attacks on an Iraqi police academy in the town of Hilla, south of Baghdad.

A review by the US government last July and August assumed Iraq would have several years to build its military capabilities to conduct its own operations and anticipated this would be done largely with Iraqi resources, said the report. — *Internet*

**HK investment promotion reaches all-time high in 2004**

**HONG KONG, 7 Jan—** Invest Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Government's investment promotion department, announced here on Thursday that in 2004 it assisted 205 foreign companies to set up or expand operations in Hong Kong, the record high for the department, representing a substantial increase of 44 per cent over 2003.

At a Press briefing Thursday morning, Invest Hong Kong's Director-General of Investment Promotion Mike Rowse said these 205 companies immediately created more than 3,000 jobs and planned to create another 4,600 jobs in the next two years.

"These companies have given their vote of confidence in our city and are committed to developing their business with our community," Rowse said.

In the first three quarters of 2004, Hong Kong attracted more than 24.8 billion US dollars in foreign direct investment. "That's about twice as much as the whole of 2003," he said.

The number of regional headquarters and regional offices in Hong Kong reached record highs in 2004. As of 1 June, 2004, there were 1,098 companies with regional headquarters and 2,511 companies with

regional offices here.

"These encouraging figures show that investors still regard Hong Kong as the ideal location to operate their businesses in the region. Hong Kong's fundamental advantages including the free flow of information and low tax regime remain major attractions for foreign companies. We are confident that we will continue to attract more foreign investment in Hong Kong in 2005," Rowse said.

The department has raised its target for 2005 by 10 per cent, to 220 investment projects.

Invest HK helped six companies from the Mainland set up in Hong Kong in 2002, 17 in 2003 and 35 last year, that represented about 17 per cent of completed projects, according to Rowse.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**One US soldier killed in north Iraq**

**BAGHDAD, 6 Jan—** A US soldier was killed and two others wounded when their patrol came under fire in northern Iraq, the US military said on Wednesday.

The attack, by guerillas with guns and rocket-propelled grenades, happened about 2:00 pm (1100 GMT) in Tal Afar near the city of Mosul. The wounded soldiers were immediately sent to the military hospital in Mosul. On Tuesday, Baghdad governor Ali-al-Haidri was shot dead by gunmen in the capital city of Baghdad. Also on Tuesday a suspected suicided car bomb detonated outside the command post of special Iraqi forces in western Baghdad, killing at least ten people and wounding 50 others. — *MNA/Xinhua*

**Foreign tourists rush to Vietnam**

**HANOI, 7 Jan —** Vietnam, which is not hit by disaster last month, has received more foreign tourists in the first days of 2005, according to the Vietnam National Administration for Tourism on Thursday.

After the disaster hit some regional countries, many foreigners, mainly from Europe, considered Vietnam, which has many beach resorts like Indonesia and Thailand, their safe destination for the time being.

Tourists spent their winter holidays here also for warm weather. Over 10,000 foreign visitors came to Vietnam in the first four days of this year. — *MNA/Xinhua*



An Iraqi boy reacts after seeing his sister and both of his parents killed in the car, in Ramadi, 100 kilometres (60 miles) west of Baghdad, on 5 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

Donate blood





Samsung phones, South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co, has developed the world's first mobile phone with the capability to convert spoken words into text messages.—INTERNET

## Chinese scientists break through in bone marrow transplant

**BEIJING, 7 Jan—** The World Health Organization has named a new allele identified by Chinese scientists that will hopefully enhance the success rates of bone marrow transplants for leukaemia patients.

The allele, HLA-A\*110104, was identified recently by immunologists with the Beijing-based No. 307 Hospital of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, while matching haematogenic stem cells for a leukaemia patient from the northern Shanxi Province.

The team of experts, headed by Xi Yongzhi, found an unknown gene in the patient's younger brother who was the potential bone marrow donor. Seeing that the gene did not exist in the inter-

national gene bank, Xi and his colleagues paid a visit to the patient's hometown to take blood samples from his father, and detected the same gene.

Shortly after their Shanxi tour, the immunologists found the newly discovered gene again in a patient from the eastern Anhui Province. Laboratory work later found the same gene in blood samples from the patient's parents and grandparents, too, said Xi.

WHO's HLA naming committee has named the

allele and published the discovery in several academic journals, according to Xi.

The new allele will match more adequate types of bone marrow for leukaemia and other fatal blood disease sufferers, for whom the best therapy available so far is bone marrow transplant, said Xi.

HLA, or human leucocyte antigen, is a kind of antigen of the white blood cells. There are three types of HLA — A, B and C.—MNA/Xinhua

## China faces up to aging population

**BEIJING, 7 Jan—** The birth of a baby boy in Beijing early Thursday marks the day of 1.3 billion people in China, which might have come four years earlier, and it shows that China has achieved favourable results in its efforts toward a low birth rate.

But, population officials and demographers still have much to worry about, such as the country's increasing aging population.

It is estimated that the proportion of people aged 60 or older in China will rise from 7 per cent now to 11.8 per cent in 2020. And there will be more than 400 million people aged 65 and older and more than 100 million aged 80 and older by the middle of this century.

In 2000, the national capital Beijing had 1.7 million people aged 60 or older, who took up 12.54 per cent of the city's total population.

The aging population poses a serious challenge to the support for the elderly, social security, social welfare and services, Chen Yi, vice-chairman of the Beijing Municipal Old-age Association, told a recent forum on population and development in Beijing.

Chen said that in 2000 every 100 working persons supported 28 people, including 17 children and 11 aged people in Beijing. In comparison with 1990, the number of children supported by every 100 working persons dropped by 12 but the number of the aged being supported rose by two.—MNA/Xinhua

## UAE garment exports to US get rid of quota

**ABU DHABI, 7 Jan—** The Ministry of Economy and Planning of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) began issuing certificates of origin for garment exports to the United States, *Gulf News* daily reported on Thursday.

The report said that in doing so, the UAE had finally been removed from the necessity of sticking to pre-set quotas on shipments to the US.

There was some uncertainty over the last two weeks among local garment manufacturers as they awaited a clear signal on policy related to exports to the US.

These concerns have now been laid to rest.

Earlier, the UAE ministry received the annual quota for garment exports from its counterpart in the US.

These would then be broken up into individual quotas to the various garment factories in the UAE that were exporting to the US market.

The removal of the quota regime for imports of textile and clothing on January 1 will certainly have a qualitative impact on the seesawing fortunes of the UAE's garment sector, which has supplied such US retail giants as GAP and others in the past.

But it lost much of its edge in the last few

years as other Gulf suppliers and those in quota-free countries such as Kenya and Madagascar were able to break into the lucrative US market. From the hundreds in the mid-1990s, the number of economically viable garment factories in the UAE has dropped to less than 20. —MNA/Xinhua

## GM says sales in China up 27% in 2004

**Washington, 7 Jan—** General Motors Corp said on Thursday that its sales in China increased by 27.2 per cent last year and it plans to introduce 10 new or upgraded models in 2005.

"For GM and our domestic joint ventures in China, 2004 represented a solid year," Chairman and Chief Executive of GM's China Group Phil Murtaugh said in Detroit.

"Despite an overall slowdown in the growth

of the vehicle market in mid-2004, we maintained our momentum by introducing new and upgraded products and services," he said.

GM reported that its Asia Pacific operations earned 101 million US dollars in the third quarter

of 2004, one quarter of the company's overall earnings.

But that was down from 162 million dollars in the year-ago period.

GM also said its share of the world's fastest-growing

automotive market rose to 9.3 per cent in 2004, up from 8.5 per cent in 2003.

GM's share ranks second behind Volkswagen which had a share of 26.4 per cent in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

## One drowned as US troops throw two Iraqis into Tigris River

**FORTHOOD (Texas), 7 Jan—** US troops threw two Iraqi civilians into the Tigris River and laughed as one of them drowned, the survivor said on Wednesday.

Army Sergeant 1st Class Tracy Perkins faces more than 25 years of confinement on charges of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault and obstruction of justice. He is accused of killing the Iraqi by having subordinates force him off a ledge about 10 feet to 12 feet above the Tigris.

Marwan Fadil, who was forced off the bridge along with his cousin Hassoun, testified that US soldiers tossed the two at gunpoint

off a bridge and laughed as his relative drowned, after the two had begged for mercy.

"We started to beg them not to throw us in the water. We said in English, 'please, please', but it was in vain," Fadil said, speaking through a translator.

A pathologist who examined a videotape of the body reported to be Hassoun said it could not have been in the water for two weeks. Hassoun's relatives said they had found

the young man's body floating face-down in the Tigris 12 days after the pair was forced from the bridge.

"After two weeks there would be almost complete skeletonization of the facial features," said Dr. Elizabeth Peacock, who works in Austin, Texas.

Army crime scene investigator Irene Cintron told the panel on Tuesday that no body was recovered or exhumed after Hassoun's family said it buried him.

MNA/Reuters



US Military Police secure the scene of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad on 5 Jan, 2005. — INTERNET

## Venezuelan Govt considering to buy satellite

CARACAS, 7 Jan — The Venezuelan Government is evaluating offers from Argentina, China, India, Russia and Ukraine for the purchase of a communication satellite, Venezuelan Science and Technology Minister Marlene Cordova said recently.

At a news conference here, Cordova said both technical and business conditions are considered, including the trajectory of these countries' satellites.

She added that by March the authorities expect to conclude the evaluation of the offers and present a report to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez who will make a final decision.

If the purchase is made, the satellite would be exclusively used by Venezuela, but not for commercial companies, she said.

Costs, security and information sovereignty are also under consideration, she added.

The minister said the government is also considering to acquire a territorial observation camera, which would be placed in a state-owned aircraft.

She explained that this equipment would allow the Venezuelan authorities to monitor the national territory in terms of development and environmental protection.

MNA/Xinhua



Traditional Japanese firefighters display their balancing skills atop bamboo ladders during a New Year demonstration by the fire brigade in Tokyo on 6 Jan, 2005. — INTERNET

## Chirac makes new call on "international tax"

PARIS, 7 Jan — President Jacques Chirac made a new call on Thursday for an "international tax", saying such a levy would help generate funds to help poor countries and those hit by disasters.

"These events stress the need to increase public aid towards development and to find innovative financing mechanisms such as an international taxation," Chirac said in a New Year speech to the Paris diplomatic corps.

He said France would press the international tax idea this year at meetings of the Group of Eight — the G-7 rich countries plus Russia — and at the United Nations, but gave no details of his proposals.

France has also supported Britain's proposal for an International Finance Facility to double Third World aid, but continues to push its "international tax" as an additional idea.

Chirac made the tax proposal at a meeting of the Group of Eight — the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Canada and Russia — last year but won little support from the other powers for the idea.

A working group appointed by Chirac suggested in a report last year that such taxes could be levied on arms sales, financial transactions, company profits and fares for air and sea travel.

MNA/Reuters



## Property prices rise 32.1% in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Jan — South Africa's property prices rose 32.1 per cent in 2004, South African banking group Absa (ASA) said on Wednesday.

In December 2004, the monthly Absa house price index rose by 32.6 per cent in nominal year-on-year terms and the November increase in the index was revised to 34.6 per cent.

The Absa house price index is based on the total purchase price of houses in the 80 square metres to 400 square metres category, valued at about 350,000 US dollars or less

in 2004.

In real terms, year-on-year growth of 29.7 per cent was recorded in November 2004 compared with a revised growth rate of 32.3 per cent in October.

Turning to the outlook for property prices, Absa said the trade-weighted exchange rate of the rand was expected to remain relatively strong during

the course of 2005, with consumer price index (headline consumer price inflation excluding the effect of mortgage interest rates) forecast to remain within the target range of 3 per cent to 6 per cent in 2005.

"Against this background, the mortgage rate is projected to drop somewhat further in February.

MNA/Xinhua

## Zimbabweans urged to consume diversified food to fight malnutrition

HARARE, 7 Jan — Zimbabwean Minister of Science and Technology Olivia Muchena has called on local people to consume diversified food in order to fight nutritious problems the country is currently facing, local media reported on Wednesday.

She said this Tuesday at a Press conference to announce the inaugural annual Zimbabwe Food Fair to be held on January 27-29 this year.

"This is a key strategy in the ongoing battle against Zimbabwe's food and nutrition problems," Muchena said.

"We are more likely to meet nutritional requirements and be a healthier nation if we consume a diversified diet."

Muchena said the country had three main categories of nutritional problems and these were

protein energy malnutrition especially among young children, vitamins and mineral deficiencies.

The minister reiterated the need for a diversified diet for both rural and urban communities as a way of increasing food options.

She appealed to Zimbabweans to desist from shunning traditional foods in favour of Western foods. "The limited consumption of traditional diet has been linked to the perception that traditional foods are inferior to Western diet, yet the West is

now adopting traditional diets as they have been shown to be healthy," she said.

The fair has been organized by the Food and Nutrition Council, a department within the Scientific Industrial Research and Development Centre under the theme "Promoting a Diversified Diet for Better Nutrition and Health." Meanwhile, preparations for the fair have reached an advanced stage with over 70 exhibitors having already confirmed their participation.

MNA/Xinhua

## BA reports better-than-expected December passenger numbers

LONDON, 7 Jan — British Airways Plc reported better-than-expected December passenger numbers and a robust first and business class market on Thursday, pushing its shares up more than 5 per cent.

BA, Europe's second-largest airline, said passenger numbers in the month rose 3.2 per cent year-on-year, with growth in lucrative premium traffic outstripping rises in economy class travellers.

"There is an encouraging trend in the passenger mix with premium rising higher than non-premium," BNP Paribas analyst Geoff van Klaveren said. BA shares rose 5.1 per cent to 242-3/4 pence by 1547 GMT, their highest level since July last year.

Analysts said the pickup in premium travel was a rare piece of good news for the carrier which has been dogged by high fuel

prices, lower fares due to stiff competition, and flight disruptions.

BA said market conditions remained "broadly unchanged" but said the December traffic figures now made it impossible to reaffirm earlier forecasts for 2-3 per cent annual revenue growth.

"These numbers in terms of the volumes and mix in December may have been a bit better than we anticipated, and we will see what actually comes through when we get what the revenue numbers actually are," George Stinnes, BA's head of investor relations told reporters.

Passengers in Decem-

ber, one of the airline industry's busiest months, rose 3.2 per cent year-on-year to 8.747 million. Premium traffic rose 6.8 per cent and non-premium 2.7 per cent.

Higher passenger numbers on routes in Europe, Africa and the Middle East offset a decline in the Americas, although BA attributed this fall to a record comparable month in 2003 due to fare cuts at the time.

The carrier's December passenger load factor — an indication of how successful it was in filling its planes — declined 0.6 percentage points to 72.7 per cent. — MNA/Reuters



Chinese students in Beijing surfing the Internet. Chinese authorities have called for greater surveillance of Internet content, warning the English language's current domination of the medium poses a serious danger to Chinese people and culture. — INTERNET



# CNG, a popular fuel of future

*Swe Thant Ko*

Thanks to the article "Let us use CNG that is cheap and environmental friendly" I read in the dailies issued on 19 December 2004, the urge in my mind made me visit Hlinethaya and Shwepyitha industrial zones, where installation of CNGs or compressed natural gas engines in motor vehicles was under way, the other day.

I spent the whole morning watching CNG-installed vehicles and test driving of the cars at the two industrial zones. The CNG cars were converted from diesel or petrol-powered automobiles. At the initial stage, 1,467 petrol cars and 3,533 diesel cars totalling 5,000 will be transformed into CNG vehicles.

**Depending on the use of natural gas, there are four methods of CNG installation. The first is the bi-fuel system, which can be used in both the petrol- and natural gas run cars in turn. A switch is fixed for the purpose. The second is the dual-fuel system, which can run an engine with diesel and natural gas at the same time.**

During the visit, an official who was conducting me around the industrial zones, said, "The 2000 CC kit will be the single system for all the petrol-run cars. A total of 1,377 under 6000 CC diesel cars will be transformed into CNG-run cars. Another 2,156 diesel cars of over 6000 CC will also be installed with CNG engines.

"Depending on the use of natural gas, there are four methods of CNG installation. The first is the bi-fuel system, which can be used in both the petrol- and natural gas run cars in turn. A switch is fixed for the purpose. The second is the dual-fuel system, which can run an engine with diesel and natural gas at the same time. However, the system-installed car can run only with diesel fuel when the gas runs out; and it cannot run on gas when diesel runs out. The remaining two systems — the dedicated conversion system, and the original built-in CNG vehicle system — can run a car only with CNG.

"What is the reason behind the CNG substitution?", I inquired.

"Ah, nowadays, the largest volume of passengers or goods are being carried by cars. Thus, we are facing the danger of carbon monoxide and

nitrogen oxide, which are the exhausts of cars. These gases are the culprits of the greenhouse-effect, and if inhaled, they can cause respiratory problems or other ailments. Hence, both the industrialized nations and the developing countries alike are turning to natural gas or the clean fuel to reduce emission of dangerous gases from cars."

"Are there any other benefits?"

"The world nations are finding ways to use the natural resources more effectively. As for Myanmar, she has an abundant supply of gas reserves both onshore and offshore, although her production of petrol and diesel does not meet the local demand. And it is the reason behind the programme to substitute petrol and diesel with gas. The locally produced gas will be more cost effective than petrol and diesel. Besides, the use of natural gas will help improve the environmental situation, as there will be dramatic reduction in emission of dangerous gases polluting the atmosphere."

He continued to say, "the Head of State himself has given guidance on converting cars into CNG vehicles. Now we are trying to materialize the guidance to increase the use of natural gas as substitution to imported petrol and diesel."

"By the way, what about the engine life for using the CNG?"

"As natural gas is a clean fuel, it has less adverse effects on the engine. Engine oil can be used longer in CNG cars than in petrol and diesel cars. Thus, the engine life of a CNG car is two or three times longer than that of a petrol and diesel car. The gas cylinders are being manufactured in accord with the required safety standards. During test run, the process of gas refilling and release has been conducted again and again to ascertain the safety of cylinders. The cylinders do not explode even if they are put into fire, and their valves are extra safe. They can withstand highly intensified pressures. But the cylinders should be checked every three or five years. In some countries the life span of a cylinder is guaranteed up to 15 years."

All in all, the use of CNG will reduce cost, lengthen the life span of car engines, reduce nation's expenditure on diesel and petrol imports and help improve the environment.

**(Translation: TMT)**  
*Myanma Alin: 7.1.2005.*  
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# Independence Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 7 Jan — The 7th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition organized by the 57th Anniversary Independence Day Information Organizing Subcommittee and the Exhibition Staging Subcommittee continued for the fifth day today at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township. It attracted 3,579 people including students, teachers and monks. Displayed at the exhibition were the booths of various ministries and other interesting booths. Today's sales of books on various subjects

from the News and Periodicals Enterprise Book Shop, Sarpay Beikman Book Shop and other two private book shops amounted to K 53,000. Students of township basic education schools took part in the computer quiz organized by Yangon University of Computer Studies and the teaching contest with audio language lab conducted by Soft Guide Co. BEHS No 1, Yankin Township, won the contests. The exhibition is kept open free of charge till 11 January from 9 am to 5 pm daily. — MNA



**Myanmar ICT Week, 2005**  
 Organized by  
**Myanmar ICT Development Corporation**  
 21-27 January 2005  
 MICT Park  
 Yangon, Myanmar.

## Essence of democracy will be deeper if people have greater sense to abide by rules, principles, laws

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And it signifies the nobility of the nursing profession. Hence, I

would like to urge you to discharge your duties in accord with the motto — skilled and helpful medi-

cal soldiers.

Our Tatmadaw is a patriotic armed forces. You must have the abil-

tics. In this context, arrangements are under way to train every military personnel to be skilled in infantry warfare. So, you should have the skill to serve as junior infantry leaders. A patriotic soldier must be dutiful in every sector he is assigned to in the State as well as in the Armed Forces. Because it is a must for all of you. You will continue to attend infantry platoon commander course, infantry company commander course and infantry battalion commander course according to your rank.

Every endeavour of the Tatmadaw members is for non-disinte-

gration with the formulation of basic principles and detailed basic principles, given every approach to the equal portion of rights which the national people have never enjoyed before. Putting their own interest first rather than that of the country, a handful of people holding pessimistic attitude

tant requirement for every race, because it will help raise the education level. Based on the intellectual level of the entire people, an enduring democratic state will emerge stage by stage. The essence of democracy will be deeper if people have greater sense to obey the rules, princi-



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers an address at graduation parade of 2nd Intake of Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science. — MNA

**Health and longevity is the most important requirement for every race, because it will help raise the education level. Based on the intellectual level of the entire people, an enduring democratic state will emerge stage by stage. The essence of democracy will be deeper if people have greater sense to obey the rules, principles, and laws.**



**Every endeavour of the Tatmadaw members is for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty. With goodwill and national outlook, you will have to serve the health care services of the villages covered by the five rural development tasks at every place you are assigned to.**

ity to protect and safeguard the air, land and water territory of the nation together with the members of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The Tatmadaw has the power to launch a conventional war with its four aspects of military operation, and if required, it can employ people's militia strategy including guerrilla tac-

tion of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty. With goodwill and national outlook, you will have to serve the health care services of the villages covered by the five rural development tasks at every place you are assigned to. Health and longevity is the most impor-

ples, and laws. Thus, I would like to urge you all to collectively take part in the drive to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, while keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes.

As you all know, our country had suffered the impact of the 'divide and rule' policy of the colonialists for many years. In consequence of it, the danger of Union disintegration still casts a shadow on our country.

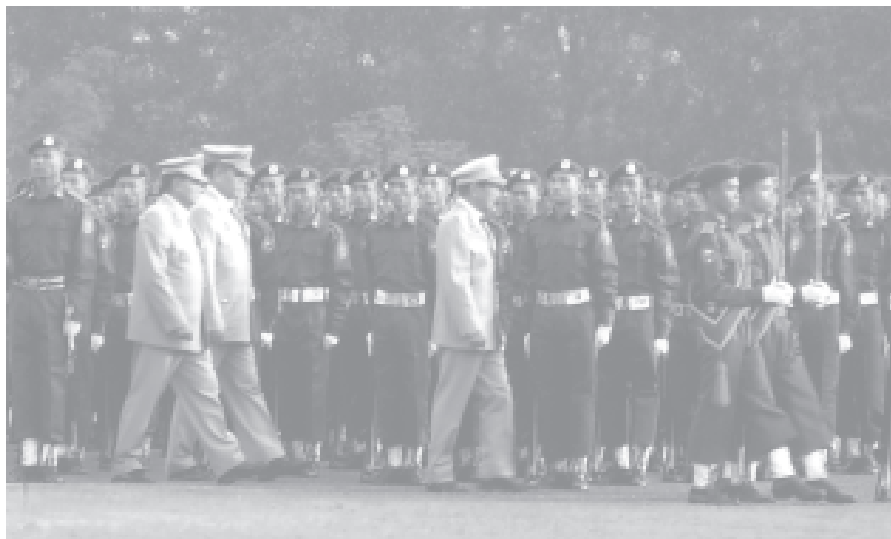
Since yore, our ethnic groups numbering over one hundred have been living in unity and amity at every corner of the country. To this day, the national ethnic groups are living in solidarity in all the states and divisions. This being the case, the State Peace and Development Council is holding the National Convention after laying down the seven-point Road Map. Now, the delegates to the National Convention are holding discussions in coordination in connec-

towards the National Convention are plotting wicked schemes and committing misconduct to bring a halt to the ongoing National Convention. Therefore, you all will have to acquire four outlooks, political, economic, administrative and defence, while joining hands with the entire mass of national people for the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

Besides B.Sc. Nursing, such degrees as B.Sc. Pharmacy, B.Sc. Pharmacology (Diagnosis), B.Sc. Pharmacology (Radiology), and B.Sc. Pharmacology (Physical treatment) will be taught at the Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science in future.

Brilliant students will be granted scholarship for post-graduate courses at home and abroad. Therefore, you will have to work hard to set a shining example of good male nurses.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects graduating companies of 2nd Intake of Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science.— MNA



**Essence of democracy will be deeper if people have greater sense to abide by rules, principles, laws**



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets with outstanding trainees of 2nd Intake of DSINPS and their parents.—MNA*

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Since you are all military male nurses, you are responsible to uphold the 12 fine traditions and the prestige of the Tatmadaw. Our Tatmadaw is patriotic one. It was formed with the offspring of the people. Therefore, it is always ready to sacrifice itself for the people. The members of the Tatmadaw will take great pains in defence of the country, when

it comes to personal interest, whether they get their salaries and food rations. Only then will you be able to establish a significant life of Tatmadawman.

So noble and exemplary is your profession, for you all are the ones who will engage in disease control and prevention, health promotion, medical treatment and rehabilitation. Moreover, you all are to work hard to become ones who can be of great

help to the drive for the health and fitness of the entire national people.

You all are to take care of the health of national people living respective regions in conducting health care on a national scale. You will thus acquire the knowledge of health management.

To sum up, you all are to:  
— safeguard Our Three Main National Causes, which



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents Best Trainee Award to Trainee Khin Aung Kyaw.  
MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents Excellent Performance in Study Award to Trainee Aung Myint Naing.— MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents Excellent Performance in Training Award to Trainee Khin Aung Kyaw.— MNA*



*General Thura Shwe Mann and party attend graduation parade of 2nd Intake of DSINPS.—MNA*

- is the national policy with Union Spirit
- preserve the 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw as an inherent duty,
- try your utmost to become kind-hearted male nurses,
- act according to the motto of the Defence Services medical unit,
- be a helping hand for the people while taking care of public health in line with five rural development plans, and
- cooperate with the people in the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map for the establishment of a discipline-flourishing democracy.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces  
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Dignitaries at the graduation parade of the 2nd Intake of the Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science. — MNA

### Essence of democracy...

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Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen

Thein Htaik, senior military officers and directors of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, Rector of the Institute Brig-Gen Aung Khin Soe and military officers of the station, guests and relatives and parents of the trainees.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected the trainee companies. Next, the trainee companies marched past Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye pre-

sented Best Trainee Award and Excellent Performance in Training Award to Khin Aung Kyaw and Excellent Performance in Study Award to Aung Myint Naing.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left the parade ground.

After the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with two outstanding trainees and their parents at the parlour of the main lecture hall of the institute.

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Director-General Col Soe Win and Dr Khin Shwe open Myanmar Cooperatives Centenary Commemorative Products Show and Festival.—MNA

### Myanmar Cooperatives Centenary...

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social organization members.

Director-General Col Soe Win of Cooperative Department and Saya San Plaza Construction Committee Managing Director Dr Khin Shwe formally opened the show and festival.

Vice-Chairman of Central Cooperative Society Vice-Chairman of Cooperative Bank U Khin Maung Aye read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Managing Director of Central CB Society U Kyi Tint read out the message sent by CCB and Mr Takahiro Sasaki, the message sent by Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA.

Next, Minister Col Zaw Min delivered an address.

Afterwards, Minister U Than Shwe and Minister Col Zaw Min presented certificates of honour and medals to officials of 17 cooperative societies.

Officials presented prizes to winners in the photo and essay contests. After the ceremony, the ministers and guests viewed round the booths and showrooms at the plaza.

A total of 250 booths — four State-owned booths, 96 booths of cooperative societies and 150 of private and entrepreneurs—are accommodated at the show and festival which will be kept open from 9 am to 9 pm daily up to 13 January.

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## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To work in concert with the people to achieve success in implementation of the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- To exert energetic efforts in carrying out the five rural development tasks
- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the twelve State Objectives while upholding Our Three Main National Causes
- To build a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw



Dignitaries at the graduation parade of the 2nd Intake of the Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science. — MNA

### Roads, bridge, tubewell opened in honour of Independence Day

YANGON, 7 Jan — The concrete road in new Myoma Ward in Mongtung Township was opened in honour of the 57th Anniversary Independence Day on 20 December.

Director of Shan State (East) Development Affairs Committee U Tin

Soe and Mongtung Township USDA Secretary U Sai Aung Kyi formally opened the road.

Similarly, the Kalaw railway station road was put back into service in Kalaw.

On 30 December, a tube-well was launched in Saikpyo Village of

Nyaungshwe Township. On 27 December, Shukhintha concrete road and the wooden bridge in Phayagyi Road were commissioned in Loilem.

Local authorities and departmental officials formally cut the ribbon to open the respective roads and bridges. — MNA

### Measures for observance of 58th Anniversary Union Day coordinated

YANGON, 7 Jan—The Information Subcommittee and the Exhibition Subcommittee held a meeting for observance of the 58th Anniversary Union Day (2005) at the Information and Public Relations Department on Pansodan Street here this morning.

Chairman of the subcommittee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein delivered an introductory speech.

Members of the subcommittees and officials of the work groups reported on matters related to information and staging booths sector-wise;

and departmental officials and representatives of district Peace and Development Councils, on arrangements for pavilions of respective ministries and four districts.

The chairman of the subcommittees assessed the reports and gave concluding remarks. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein addresses the meeting. — MNA





Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets members of the scrutinizing committee for promotion of Myanmar motion picture standard and the Motion Picture and Video Censor Board. — MNA

### More room should be given to film industry to make new creations without harming national culture and traditions

#### Information Minister meets officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion Scrutinization Committee, Motion Picture and Video Censor Board

YANGON, 7 Jan—With the aim of promoting the standard of Myanmar Motion Picture, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion Scrutinization Committee and Motion Picture and Video Censor Board at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information at 2 pm yesterday and gave necessary instructions.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Brig-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, members of Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion Scrutinization Committee and Motion Picture and Video Censor Board and others.

In his address, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that some countries have been running film industry as a lucrative industry; that although Myanmar film industry has passed its golden jubilee period, it is required to reach its deserving standard.

At present, there has been an influx of foreign films and videos into Myanmar because of few production of local films and lack of the required standards. Accordingly, the nation has to use foreign exchange for the entertainment and it has been subject to the constant penetration of foreign culture. As a result, the nation has to suffer losses in all aspects.

Therefore, the production of Myanmar films of higher standard amounts to promoting and safeguarding

of the national culture and traditions, thereby contributing to lessening the influx of foreign films into the country. Moreover, only when Myanmar films of high standard can penetrate deep into foreign countries will the use of foreign exchange drop and can the nation earn foreign exchange.

Nowadays, if systematic measures for promotion of Myanmar films are not taken the world of Myanmar film industry will lag behind those of the global community with the influx of foreign entertainment, films, videos and CDs into the nation through satellite channels. Thus, the Head of State has given guidance on promoting the standard of Myanmar film industry.

He added that he met those from the film industry world on 5 December and urged them to make efforts for promotion of film standard and technology and constant penetration of Myanmar films into foreign countries. To be able to do so, he said, he has given 12 suggestions and those suggestions were given again at the academy awards presenting ceremony held on 26 December. Today's meeting is to suggest and discuss matters for production of Myanmar films of high standard. Scrutinization of stories and films already made are to be conducted in accord with Myanmar culture and traditions, he stressed.

Next, those present on the occasion presented their suggestions on promotion of Myanmar films.

In response to the presentation, the minister gave instructions, saying that the scrutinization of stories will be conducted as ever before and remedial measures will have to be taken on a gradual basis for successful realization of the objective.

The Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and the Censor Board are to hold a meeting to make the producers know the opportunity to create the stories of higher standard. Creativity has been permitted to a certain degree for the films to have an artistic value. More room should be given to the film industry to make new creations without harming the traditions and culture of the nation, he reiterated. The minister said that the officials concerned are to make those from the world of film industry know the censor policies already laid down and, efforts for promotion of Myanmar film standard will make progress if the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and the Film and Video Censor Board hold a discussion with those from the film world.—MNA

### Prize-presentation ceremony of Dagon BEMS-1

YANGON, 7 Jan—The Basic Education Middle School No 1 in Dagon Township held its prize-distribution ceremony for the year 2003-2004 at the school this morning.

Kathy Soe Thein, Township Assistant Education Officer U Myint Soe and officials presented prizes to outstanding teachers and students.

Headmistress Daw

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Principal Daw Kathy Soe Thein presents prize to an outstanding schoolgirl. — MNA

### Participants arrive to take part in ASEAN Archery Championship

YANGON, 7 Jan — ASEAN Archery Federation President Mr Sanguan Kosavinta, who heads a three-member delegation, arrived here by air this evening. Myanmar is due to host the first ASEAN Archery Championship to be held from 9 to 14 January 2005. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department, President of Myanmar Archery

Federation Dr Khin Shwe and General Secretary U Kyaw Oo and officials.

Similarly, Mr Baharuddin Jamil, four members of panel of judges, a manager/coach and 13 participants from Malaysia and Mr Hoong Saumui and a member of the Board of Referees from Singapore also arrived here by air this morning, and they were welcomed at the airport by officials concerned.

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### Tasks for all-round development of mothers and children briefed



Daw Khin Thet Htay hands over a bicycle to Daw Saw Shwe. — YANGON COMMAND

YANGON, 7 Jan—The Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee made clarifications to its functions at Kanaung Hall in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District, this morning.

President of the committee Daw Khin Thet Htay briefed those present on sector-wise implementation of tasks for all-round development of mothers and children, and future work programmes. She presented 13 bicycles supplied by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) to Yangon North District MCWSC through President of the committee Daw Saw Shwe, who then presented 800 membership applications.

Secretary of Yangon Division MCW Supervisory Committee Dr Hla Myint presented constitutions of the association; and Joint-Secretary Dr Daw Nwe Ni Ohn, future tasks.—MNA

### Working groups of MWF hold educative talks

YANGON, 7 Jan — The Working Group on Environment of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held the educative talks on environment at Kamayut BEHS No 1 this morning.

Headmistress Daw Shwe Mya made an opening address. Deputy Leader of the Working Group Daw Yin Yin Lay explained world environmental problems and importance of protecting the environment. Similary, the Working Group on Health held the talks on health educative on AIDS at Sangyoung BEHS No 2.

Deputy Leader of the working group Prof Daw Htoo Htoo Aung and officials attended the ceremony. AIDS Control Project Manager Deputy Director Daw Min Thwe of Health Department and Assistant Director Dr Aye Myat Lwin AIDS gave lectures on facts about AIDS and control and women's sector.

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#### သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

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**"M.V. BAGO VOY: NO. (4)"**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BAGO Voy: No (4) arrived on 8.1.05 are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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.

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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER**  
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**US military launches investigation into FBI agents' allegations**

MIAMI, 6 Jan— The US military's regional command in Miami launched an investigation on Wednesday into FBI agents' allegations that interrogators tortured prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

The military's Southern Command, which has jurisdiction over the US base in eastern Cuba, ordered two officers to investigate the abuse allegations contained in FBI e-mails made public last month.

The FBI e-mails described Guantanamo prisoners being shackled hand and foot in a foetal position on the floor for 18 to 24 hours, and left to urinate and defecate on themselves.

One FBI agent reported seeing a barely conscious prisoner who had torn out his hair after being left overnight in a sweltering room. Another told of an interrogation in which a prisoner was wrapped in an Israeli flag and bombarded with loud music and strobe lights.

SouthCom officials said an Army General and a Navy Captain would travel to Guantanamo this week to begin investigating the allegations.

*MNA/Reuters*

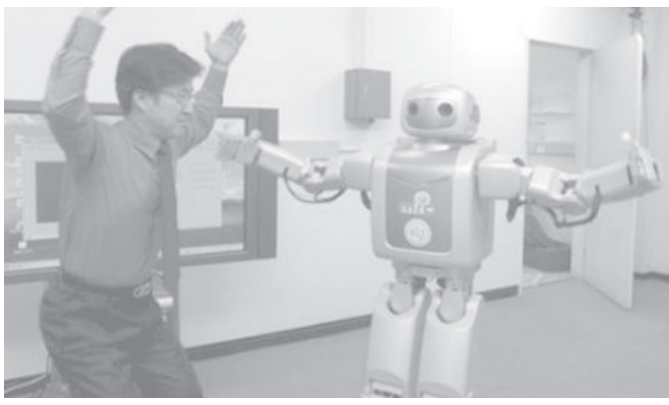
**Mandela's only surviving son dies at 54**

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Jan — Former South African president Nelson Mandela's only surviving son Makgatho, 54, has died, Highveld stereo radio news reported on Thursday.

Makgatho had been in a critical condition in the Linksfield Hospital for the past few weeks, said Zindzi Mandela, Makgatho's half-sister.

Makgatho, an attorney, was admitted to hospital late in November. He was part of Standard Bank's legal team and worked as a consultant for the group. He was Mandela's eldest child and only surviving son from his first marriage to Evelyn Ntoko Mase who died some time ago. Last year Makgatho Mandela's wife Zondi died of pneumonia.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Humanoid robot NBH-1 reacts to Dr Yoo Bum-jae, a leader of a South Korean scientist team at the Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) in Seoul in this photo taken on 6 Jan, 2005.—INTERNET

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South Korea's Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) Co is set to deliver the world's first vessel constructed on land instead of in a dry dock in what it claimed was a technical breakthrough. — INTERNET

### Australian tortured for 6 months before transfer to Guantanamo

WASHINGTON, 7 Jan—An Australian terror suspect says US authorities sent him to Egypt in late 2001 where he was tortured for six months before being transferred to the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, *The Washington Post* reported on Thursday, citing newly released court documents.

In a petition seeking to keep the United States from returning him to Egypt, Mamdouh Habib alleges that while under Egyptian detention he was hung by his arms from hooks, repeatedly shocked, nearly drowned and brutally beaten, the newspaper said.

The Egyptian-born Habib contends that US and international law prohibit sending him back in the petition filed in November in US District Court in Washington. It was made public on Wednesday after a judge ruled that it did not

contain classified information, the *Post* said.

According to the newspaper, Habib's case is only the second to describe the secret Central Intelligence Agency practice of "rendition" and the first to challenge the legality of the practice.

Under the practice, the CIA has turned over suspected terrorists to be interrogated in some countries that are known to torture prisoners, the newspaper said.

It was not clear which US agency transferred

Habib to Egypt, *The Washington Post* said, adding that the US Justice Department had not addressed the allegation that he was sent there.

A Justice Department spokesman was not immediately available for comment.

Habib, a father of four, was arrested crossing from Pakistan into Afghanistan three weeks after the September 11, 2001, airliner attacks on the United States. He was detained as a suspected al-Qaeda trainer, the *Post* said. —MNA/Xinhua

### Women who use HRT may increase risk of stroke

LONDON, 7 Jan—Women who use hormone replacement therapy (HRT) to relieve symptoms of the menopause are at increased risk of stroke, according to a review of 28 HRT trials.

Researchers at Nottingham University in England, who looked at the findings of trials involving nearly 40,000 women, said HRT was associated with an overall 29 per cent raised possibility of stroke. The results support previous studies that have suggested a link. "Hormone replacement therapy was associated with an increased risk of stroke," said Philip Bath, a professor at the university.

"This systematic review supports the results of individual trials and

previous reviews finding that hormone replacement therapy does not reduce the risk of stroke in post-menopausal women," he added. HRT was associated with a raised risk of ischaemic stroke, which is caused by an insufficient blood supply to the brain. The report, published online by the *British Medical Journal*, found that women who were taking the drug and suffered a stroke seemed to have a worse outcome.

"The severity of stroke was increased with hormone replacement

therapy," Bath added.

The researchers do not know why the drugs used in the trials, in which women were treated with oestrogen-only therapy or combined oestrogen and progestogen therapy, raised the risk of stroke.

Last year the National Institutes of Health in the United States stopped a trial of women taking oestrogen replacement therapy after they discovered the pills increased the stroke possibility. Swedish researchers also halted a study examining the impact of HRT in women

with a history of breast cancer because of an unacceptably high risk of recurrence of the disease.

Millions of women have used HRT to relieve hot flushes, mood swings and sexual problems linked to the menopause and to stave off osteoporosis, or brittle bone disease. The Swedish decision followed moves by American and British scientists who also stopped trials after learning HRT may increase the risk of breast cancer, stroke and blood clots.

MNA/Reuters



Worker pours fresh shrimp at a processing factory in Vietnam on 7 Jan, 2005. — INTERNET

### New York State University plans tuition hike

NEW YORK, 7 Jan—State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor Robert King proposed on Thursday a 600-US-dollar tuition hike for all students beginning in the fall.

The tuition would increase for undergraduate state residents from the current 4,350 US dollars a year to 4,950 US dollars and stay at that level for those students of four years. The proposed tuition increase, pending approval by the legislature and governor, would raise 95 million US dollars for

SUNY, King's aides said.

King also proposed to the SUNY Board a system of annual tuition increases based on the national higher education cost index. Those increases would begin in the fall of 2006. That index has averaged 4.2 per cent over the last five years. The increase would be about 200

to 300 US dollars for most students and frozen for four years for each incoming class.

The average tuition at SUNY, including state and campus fees, is 5,250 US dollars while the national average is 5,132 US dollars. King said the system would make sure tuition increases went to

improving academic programmes. It would also use state budget increases for the basic operation of SUNY, including instructors salaries and energy costs. King said the 600-US-dollar increase beginning in the fall was forced by energy costs and union contract raises.

MNA/Xinhua



A Beijing couple shop for baby gear. With over 40 million more men than women in the general population, China is seeking to beef up laws on prohibiting the selective abortion of female fetuses. —INTERNET

### Poles oppose transfer of US military bases to Poland

WARSAW, 6 Jan—More than half of the Polish people oppose the transfer of large US military bases from Germany to Poland, an opinion poll issued Wednesday said.

According to the poll, 54 per cent of Poles are against the transfer of large US military bases to Poland and 50 per cent oppose establishing air bases for the deployment

of US Air Force personnel.

They mainly fear that Poland may become the target of terrorist attacks.

But some Poles are not against the establish-

ment of small bases with special equipment, such as radar stations, because they believe such bases can help strengthen the security of Poland's territorial space.

The United States plans to transfer part of its military forces in Germany to eastern Europe, which has caused great concerns in Poland.

MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

## Valencia defender Pellegrino joins Liverpool

LONDON, 7 Jan — Liverpool have signed with Valencia defender Mauricio Pellegrino on a free transfer, the English Premier League club confirmed on Wednesday.

The Argentine international, 33, signed a six-month contract with the option of extending the deal for a further year after passing a medical at Anfield on Wednesday.

"At my age it's a great satisfaction that this opportunity comes along. I have always wanted to play in English football," Pellegrino told the club's web site.

Pellegrino had been with Valencia for five years, helping them win two league titles and a UEFA Cup as well as make it through to Champions League final in 2000 and 2001.

Liverpool's current manager Rafael Benitez had been in charge at Valencia, and their Swiss international defender Stephane Henchoz is now expected to leave. — MNA/Xinhua

## Brazil's Santos to sign Colombian goalkeeper Juan Henao

BOGOTA, 7 Jan — Goalkeeper Juan Henao will be transferred from Colombia's Once Caldas to Brazilian champions Santos, local radio station Caracol reported here on Thursday.

The report said that the goalie told local media that this switch would be "an important opportunity" to him.

Henao, 33, was one of the key players in Once Caldas' campaign to win the Liberators Cup 2004. He also helped win the Inter-Continental Cup as the Colombian side beat UEFA champions Porto of Portugal in the final.

MNA/Xinhua

## Stuttgart defender Lahm sidelined for six weeks

BERLIN, 7 Jan — VfB Stuttgart defender Philipp Lahm will be out of action for six weeks due to a stress fracture in his right foot suffered in training.

The German international full-back will be absent for the first four rounds of matches in the second half of the Bundesliga season, which resumes on January 22 for third-placed Stuttgart with an away game against FSV Mainz.

Lahm will also miss Germany's friendly international against Argentina on February 9, as well as the January 25 match between Juergen Klinsmann's team and an all-star Bundesliga side to raise money for the Asian tsunami relief effort.

MNA/Xinhua



Liverpool have secured the services of Argentinian defender Mauricio Pellegrino, seen here in 2004, on a free transfer from manager Rafael Benitez's former club Valencia.—INTERNET

## United States' title hopes fade in Hopman Cup tennis tourney

CANBERRA, 7 Jan — The United States' hopes of winning a third consecutive Hopman Cup tournament title faded away on Thursday after they suffered a surprising defeat by Slovakia.

The tournament is being held in Burswood Dome, Western Australia.

Daniela Hantuchova beat Meghann Shaughnessy 6-4, 6-2 and Dominik Hrbaty held off James Blake 7-6, 6-4 to give the Slovaks an unassailable 2-0 lead. Slovakia lost to the Americans in last year's final.

With one win and one defeat from their respective Group B matches, the United States, Slovakia and the Netherlands can all qualify for Saturday's final.

The future of the group competitions was left open after the withdrawal of Mark Philippoussis because of an adductor injury. It crushed Australia's chance of qualifying. World number 324 Paul Baccanello will replace Philippoussis but Australia's results in their final match against the United States will not help themselves, but the Americans.

Hantuchova, now ranked 31st in the world, produced a confident performance to see off Shaughnessy.

Hrbaty, who beat Philippoussis in his opening match on Monday, then fought off a tough challenge from Blake to give the Slovaks an upset win.

Later on Thursday, Group A sees action between Argentina and Germany to decide the group winner.

Russia and Italy, both already eliminated from the event, play each other in the other group game.

MNA/Xinhua

## Maradona returns to Cuba for treatment after Christmas break

BUENOS AIRES, 7 Jan — Former Argentine national soccer team captain Diego Maradona returned to Cuba to resume treatment for his drug addiction on Wednesday after taking a month-long Christmas break with his family in Argentina.

"He went this morning," said Maradona's lawyer Roberto Damboriana. "He's going to resume the treatment and study some offers he's received from Spanish television."

Maradona has been undergoing treatment for his addiction to cocaine since September. Last April the soccer great spent 10 days in the intensive care unit of a Buenos Aires hospital with heart and breathing problems.

MNA/Xinhua

## Lazio crush AS Roma 3-1

ROME, 7 Jan — Lazio striker Paolo Di Canio made a fairytale return to the Rome derby when he scored one goal and set up another in a 3-1 win over rivals AS Roma on Thursday.

The result ended a run of 10 derbies without success for Lazio and lifted them to 12th place in Serie A on 20 points, three fewer than eighth-placed Roma.

"I didn't think it would be this great. I didn't believe we could control the match in that way," said Di Canio.

"I was worried but my team mates kept me calm. With this shirt on, you don't need to be frightened of anything.

"It's a double pleasure, because people kept telling me: 'You're old, you won't be able to stay on your feet.'"

The 36-year-old, who took a 75 percent pay cut to return to the club he supported as a boy in the close season, put Lazio ahead just before the half-hour mark.

But Roma equalized midway through the second period when poor defending allowed Antonio Cassano to nod home a Panucci cross at the near post.

Lazio were soon back in front, however, as Di Canio chipped a loose ball out of Roma's area to winger Cesar and the Brazilian rifled a low shot into the bottom corner of the net.

Striker Tommaso Rocchi bagged Lazio's third five minutes from time when he broke the offside trap, rounded the goalkeeper and steered the ball home.

Di Canio, who played for Lazio for two seasons between 1988 and 1990, had troubled Roma's defence early on when he curled a dangerous cross to the far post that Panucci did well to cut out before it reached Cesar.

But the striker, who left English Premier League club Charlton Athletic to return to Rome, soon put his team in front when he sprinted between defenders Philippe Mexes and Christian

Panucci to volley Fabio Liverani's long ball into the net.

Roma struggled to find their rhythm and their best effort before the break came when midfielder Simone Perrotta headed weakly at goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi. Roma came out in more determined mood after the interval. Lazio's defence fended off a couple of half-chances but were nowhere to be seen when Cassano headed home after 69 minutes.

Five minutes later, however, Lazio regained the lead through Cesar before Rocchi bagged their third in the 85th minute to wrap up their first derby victory since March 2000 when goals by Pavel Nedved and Juan Sebastian Veron gave them a 2-1 win. — MNA/Reuters



A S Roma's Francesco Totti (L) challenges Lazio's Giuliano Giannichedda during their Serie A match at the Olympic Stadium in Rome, on 6 Jan, 2005. Lazio won the Italian capital derby 3-1. — INTERNET

## Philippines trying to include 18 sports in next SEA Games

MANILA, 7 Jan — The Philippines may have already lost 99 gold medals in the 11th Southeast Asian Games even before it starts in November 2005, according to a study released Thursday.

The study by the Philippine Olympic Committee showed that there are 18 sports, accounting for 99 gold medals in the current SEA Games calendar, have not been included in the next Games due to a lack of fund.

Go Teng Kok, head of the committee, told Philippine Daily Inquirer that they are looking for areas where the country can save money and at the same time boost its chances for the overall championship.

"Imagine the total of gold medals we are likely to give away to our opponents," said Go. "It would be a double-edged process because we can slash a big chunk

of the SEA Games budget while we strengthen our chances for the overall championships."

"We understand the rules that the list of events must be finalized one year before the Games, but this is a different situation altogether because the host country is in dire need of funds," said Go.

Former Philippine Sports Commissioner Richie Garcia and Red Dumuk also noted that at least three member countries have made appeals for revisions, particularly Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, well after the deadline expired.

These countries wanted to increase the number of wushu events from 18 to 24 and increase those of muay thai from four to six, they said.

The 18 sports under question are baseball, muay thai, triathlon, rowing, sepak takraw, pencak silat, traditional boat race, volleyball, weightlifting, body building, table tennis, squash, badminton, lawn tennis, sailing, canoe-kayak, petanque and lawn bowls.

MNA/Xinhua



### China, Botswana exchange greetings on anniversary of dip.ties

BEIJING, 7 Jan — Presidents of China and Botswana exchanged congratulatory messages on Thursday on the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

China and Botswana enjoy long-term friendship, and relations between the two countries have developed smoothly and understanding between the two peoples has increasingly deepened in the past three decades, said Chinese President Hu Jintao.

The two countries have cooperated fruitfully in trade, culture, education, health and other fields, and supported each other in international affairs, said Hu.

The Chinese Government and the Chinese people treasure their traditional friendship with Botswana, and will join hands with the Botswana Government and people to bring their cooperation to a new height, Hu added.

Botswana President Festus Mogae said that friendship between Botswana and China has a solid base and bilateral exchanges at various levels have helped further enhance the mutually-beneficial cooperation between the two peoples.

Mogae thanked China for its long-time support to Botswana's development, and reiterated support for "One China Policy" and Taiwan's early return to its motherland.— MNA/Xinhua

### S Korea's "IT" exports rise 29% in 2004

SEOUL, 7 Jan — South Korea's exports of information-technology goods rocketed 29 per cent to 74.34 billion US dollars in 2004, said South Korean Ministry of Information and Communication (MIC) on Thursday.

The growth rate of IT exports of 2004 is the fastest one in the recent five years, the ministry said in a news advisory on its website.

IT exports accounts nearly 30 per cent of South Korea's overall exports in 2004 last year. South Korea's exports in 2004 were 254. 22 billion dollars, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

In 2004, semiconductor and other chip-related products continued to lead South Korea's IT exports higher, rising 30.6 per cent to 33.8 billion dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

### India, Japan to step up economic diplomacy

NEW DELHI, 7 Jan — India and Japan are going to step up economic diplomacy in 2005, the *Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)* reported on Thursday.

Three Japanese ministers are set to visit New Delhi in January, which will be followed by the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi sometime early in the year, IANS quoted Japanese Ambassador Yasukuni Enoki as saying.

Shoichi Nakagawa, Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Sadakazu Tanigaki, the Minister of Finance, and Heizo Takenaka, the Minister for Economic and Fiscal policy, will visit New Delhi this month.

The bilateral trade between India and Japan was estimated to be 4.5 billion US dollars in 2004.

"Although trade bal-

ance is more or less even, the current volume of trade is much lower than expected," Enoki said. "Certainly there was more scope," he added.

A slew of high-profile events are also scheduled this year which will help crystalize the burgeoning business ties between the two countries.

A Japan-India symposium will be organized by the Japanese Embassy and the Confederation of Indian Industry on March 16. A conference centered round the theme of "Destination India" will be held in April.

Besides, if guest countries are invited at the G-8 summit to be held in Britain in July, Japan would like India to be invited, the envoy said, underlining the emergence of India and Japan as reliable allies.— MNA/Xinhua

### Earthquake report

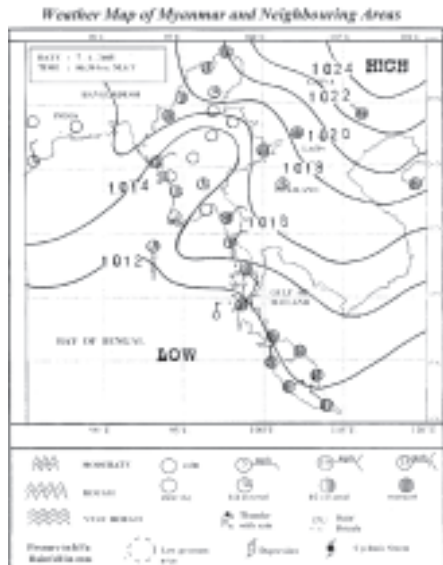
(Issued at 09:00 hours MST on today)

An earthquake of slight intensity (4.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside of Myanmar about (240) miles North of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (20) hrs (51) min (26) sec MST on 6 January 2005.



Saturday, 8 January  
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: Power of love
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -I specialize in love
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am Music: Story of love
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.15 am Music:
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Request
- More than words
- My love is real
- Stick on you
- 9.00 pm ASEAN Review
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- Songs
- 9.30 pm Souvenirs
- The sweetest sounds
- A taste of honey
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



### WEATHER

Friday, 7 January, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin, Shan and Kayah States and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were (4°C) in Lashio, (5°C) in PyinOoLwin and (6°C) in Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 6-1-2005 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 7-1-2005 was 59°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-1-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 6-1-2005 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 6-1-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 7-1-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 8-1-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States, Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining areas. **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Slight increase of Night temperatures are likely in southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-1-2005:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-1-2005:** Fair weather.

**Weather outlook for second weekend of January 2005:** During the coming weekend weather will be fair in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

### Daw Khin Khin Aye (Grace) Age 78

Daw Khin Khin Aye, beloved daughter of (Sithu U Ba Kya-Daw Khin Khin), beloved daughter in law of (U Ba Thaw-Daw Ohn Khin), beloved wife of U Than Tu, beloved mother of Daw Win May Tu-Dr. Min Thaw Kyi, U Min Tu-Daw Sandar Myint, Dr. Aye Khin Tu-Dr. Zan Mra, Dr. Tun Tu, U Win Tu-Dr. Martina Than Tu, Daw Hla May Tu-Dr. Tha Dun, U Ohn Khin Tu-Nadi Than Tu, Daw May Thin Tu-Dr. Steven Chang and Daw Hla Yin Tu, beloved grandmother of Hagen Tu Kyi, Chrisann Kyi, Kaitlin Kyi, Melanie Thantu, Mindy Me Thantu, Spencer Raymond Thantu, Andrew Tu Mra, Hilary Tu Mra, Madison Grace Thantu, Ashley Aye Aye Dun and Hayden Dun, passed away peacefully in Los Angeles, California, USA at 10:04 am, Pacific standard time on December 31th, 2004. Cremation on January 7th, 2005 .



Saturday, 8 January  
View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. အတမြင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am 6. Musical programme
- 8:15 am 7. မြန်မာ့အသံတေး
- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am 3. News
- 11:40 am 4. Games for Children

- 12:05 pm 5. Round-up of the Week's TV Local News
- 1:05 pm 6. မိုးနိုင်ခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သန္တာရခရီး" (အပိုင်း-၅၀) ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း
- 1:30 pm 7. ဝေဖန်မှုပြုတိုးတက်ရေးသဘာဝ ဖြန့်ဖြူးမှုနှင့် သူတော်အဖွဲ့တစ်ဖွဲ့တစ်ဖွဲ့
- 1:50 pm 8. "ဟုတ်ပန်းတစ်ခိုင်" မင်းမော်ကျွန်း၊ မြသုဉ္ဇာတီ ခါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မောင်မောင်
- 2:00 pm 9. "မြန်မာ့တေးဂီတ" ပျူတေးဂီတ "တိုက်ကန်ရွှေ၊ မလိုင်သန်းလွန်း" ဣန္ဒာရေသံတုံး ဖွဲ့နွဲ့သည်
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 pm 4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm 5. အစေးသင် တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ဖွဲ့စည်းသင်ကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဝေအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဝေ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Musical programme
- 5:20 pm 7. မြန်မာ့အသံ မြန်မာ့တေး

- 5:35 pm 8. သမဝါယမရာဇသံဃာတော် (မင်းလှလှခင်မျိုးအေး)
- 5:35 pm 9. Games for Children
- 5:50 pm 10. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားစာအုပ်ကဏ္ဍ နှိုင်းယှဉ်ပွဲနှင့် မိုးပိုမိုစေခင်း
- 6:15 pm 11. ဒုတိယနှစ် ဒေသအလိုက် အဖွဲ့သား တာဝန်ယူထားတိုက်ရဲ ဖျားအကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ
- 6:30 pm 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 14. မိုးနိုင်ခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်ကြိုးသွယ်တိုက်လင်းပိုင်ငယ်" (အပိုင်း-၄၅)
- 7:35 pm 15. အချစ်အခြားအာသာ ဖွဲ့နွဲ့ရည်ကြံ နိုင်မခဲမှု နှိုင်းယှဉ်ပွဲ "အညိုမြောင်းတောင်မပြည့် အားမရှိ" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. မိုးနိုင်ခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 20. Tiger Cup ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်အစီအစဉ် (ပထမပွဲစဉ်) (အင်ဒိုနီးရှား နှင့် ဟာင်ဂေရီ) (ဗိုလ်လှပွဲ)
- 21. The next day's programme

**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

**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend graduation dinner of 2nd Intake of DSINPS**

YANGON, 7 Jan — The graduation dinner of the 2nd Intake of Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science was held at the Convocation Hall of Defence Services Medical Academy, here, this evening, attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Also present at the dinner were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen



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Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence,

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers of Mingaladon Station, departmental heads, Rec-

tors of the Institute Brig-Gen Aung Khin Soe and DSMA, advisers, faculty members, trainees and their relatives and parents. After the dinner, artistes of Myawady music troupe and Myanmar

Music Asiayon and Myawady Anyeint troupe entertained those present with dances and songs to the accompaniment of Myawady music troupe.

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**Myanma Cooperatives Centenary Commemorative Products Show and Festival commence**



Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min views booths of Myanma Cooperative Centenary Commemorative Products Show and Festival.—COOPERATIVE

YANGON, 7 Jan — The Myanma Cooperatives Centenary Commemorative Products Show and Festival were opened at Cooperative Commercial Centre (Saya San Plaza) at the corner of Saya San Road and University Avenue, here, this morning.

Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min unveiled the signboard of the festival.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, diplomats and officials, departmental officials and

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**INSIDE**

As natural gas is a clean fuel, it has less adverse effects on the engine. Engine oil can be used longer in CNG cars than in petrol and diesel cars.

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