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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## National Convention continues at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp Delegates' proposals to lay down detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power to be included in framing of Constitution clarified

YANGON, 18 Feb—The National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

Members of the panel of alternate chairmen made clarifications to the delegates' proposals to lay down detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power to be included in the framing of the State Constitution.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of the NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of the NCC Management

Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, delegates of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, and independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin,

Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party

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The Plenary Meeting of the National Convention in progress at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.—MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive for emergence of an enduring Constitution

A part of the National Convention was successfully held from 17 May to 9 July 2004 and it adjourned. The plenary session of the National Convention resumed on 17 February at the Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunhnabin Camp, Yangon Division.

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said at the opening of the plenary meeting of the National Convention that now is the time to make combined efforts far-sightedly and broadmindedly to address the dissension and distrust stemming from the personal attachment, sectarianism and foreign provocative acts.

The State Peace and Development Council has laid down political, economic and social objectives and is implementing them for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Nowadays, significant progress has been made in political and economic sectors of the State. In particular, national reconsolidation, the prerequisite for ensuring stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, has been restored.

With better political situation, arrangements for convening the National Convention were made since June 1992 to ensure the emergence of an enduring State constitution.

Fundamental principles and detailed basic principles were discussed and adopted by the plenary session of the National Convention held from 9 January 1993 to 30 March 1996.

The Work Committee will clarify matters related to the sharing of executive power and judicial power in different sectors like those concerning the Union, those concerning the Region or the State, and those concerning self-administered Area.

The delegate groups are to hold discussions on the clarification and compile proposed papers. The delegates are to make discussions and coordinations within the framework of the six objectives of the NC for formulating the basic principles of an enduring State Constitution.

As the National Convention is now in progress, it is necessary to draw lessons from the previous constitutions and care should be taken to avoid similar fates in the constitution now being formulated.

The NC delegates are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts far-sightedly and broadmindedly for the emergence of an enduring State constitution in the interest of the State and the people, free from personal attachment, sectarianism and localism.

### Monywa Open Golf tournament to be held

YANGON, 18 Feb — Organized by Monywa Golf Club, a ceremony to open the First Monywa Open Golf Tournament will be held on a grand scale at Monywa Golf Course, Monywa Township, Sagaing Division on 5 and 6 February and handsome prizes will be presented.

Those with handicap 0-9 and 10-18 are allowed to take part in the tournament.

Golfers can contact Monywa Golf Club (Tel: 071-21550 and 071-22622) not later than 2nd March.

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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

### Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looks into development tasks in Bago Division

YANGON, 17 Feb — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and departmental officials, arrived at Zayatkyi Station on 16 February morning and met with families of regiment and unit.

During his tour, he called for engaging in agriculture, livestock breeding and production and cordially greeted them. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected Zayatkyi Station Hospital and gave instructions on keeping the hospital clean and arrangements for treatment of patients in comfort. Afterwards, Station Hospital Dr Nay Win Thwin received K 300,000 presented by Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than,



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents cash assistance to the headmistress. — MNA

K 100,000 by Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, and K 100,000 by Chairman of Taungoo District PDC Lt-Col Ye Myint.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Kinmonchon Village and met with members of Village PDC, teachers, members of social organization and local people. Afterwards, Chairman of Kinmonchon PDC U Win Shwe reported on social affairs,

economy, health and transportation. After that, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party viewed vegetable plantation in Nyaunglaybin Township and Chairman of Nyaunglaybin Township PDC U Thein Htay reported on cultivation and production of various crops. In response to the report Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged local growers to sell their products in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

On arrival at Phayagyi Village, he heard reports on cultivation of summer paddy and water supply presented by officials.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party gave instructions on meeting the target cultivation of summer paddy and other crops and inspected summer paddy plantation. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived back Yangon in the evening. — MNA

### USDA members of Kayin national race visit USDA Headquarters



Secretary-General Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets members of USDAs of nine village-tracts, east of Pyinmana Township. — MNA

YANGON, 18 Feb — A 56-USDA member of Kayin national race from nine hill village-tracts in the east of Pyinmana Township, Mandalay Division, who are currently here on study tour visited the Headquarters of Union Solidarity and Development Association this evening.

Secretary-General of the USDA Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and CEC Member Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe cordially greeted them on their arrival. Next, Secretary-General Maj-Gen Htay Oo extended greetings and presented souvenirs to the delegation members. — MNA

### Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw receives Korean Ambassador

YANGON, 18 Feb — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw received Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Kyung Woo, who completed his tour of duty, at the ministry on Pyay Road in Sangyoung Township at 11.30 am today.

Also present at the call were officials of the Directorate of Telecommunication and Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications. — MNA



# China-ASEAN integration to offer more business opportunities

SINGAPORE, 17 Feb—The economic growth and integration of China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) will help make Asia the most dynamic region in the next 20 years, said Singapore's Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong on Wednesday.

"China-ASEAN trade has more than quadrupled since 1997 and could increase by more than 11 times by 2010 when both sides establish their Free Trade Area," Goh said at a business event held here on Wednesday.

Citing China's target of quadrupling its gross domestic product (GDP) by 2020, Goh said that there is still much room for China to grow as reforms in the state-owned enterprises, agriculture and the banking sector help improve productivity and the allocation of resources.

On the other side, according to Goh,

ASEAN members have already agreed to become an economic community by 2020 with free flow of goods, services and investment, which will boost the region's GDP by 10 per cent and cut operational costs by one fifth.

He also estimated that the combined GDP of Asian nations could rise from under a quarter to one-third of the global GDP in the next 20 years.

"Opportunities for enterprise are therefore immense. And I believe they are set to increase, as Asian nations integrate their economies even more deeply," said Goh.—MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia eyes benefit from Kyoto Protocol

JAKARTA, 17 Feb — Indonesia is in talks with a number of industrialized countries regarding environmentally friendly projects that take advantage of opportunities in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).

The CDM is a ramification of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol that takes effect internationally on Wednesday. The long-awaited protocol commits developed countries grouped in Annex 1 to slash their carbon dioxide (CO2) emission levels by 5.2 per cent from their 1990 levels, and Indonesia is offering projects to help them beat the 2012 deadline, *The Jakarta Post* newspaper reported Wednesday.

Among countries that have shown interest in Indonesia's offers - - mostly in the energy and forestry sectors — are the Netherlands, Japan, Denmark, Austria and Canada, it said.

"The Netherlands wants to 'buy' carbon by investing in power plants that already have plans and resources to switch into new technology that reduce carbon emissions, like from coal to geothermal," Sudaryono, the deputy for environmental conservation at the Office of the State Minister of Environment, was quoted as saying. Japan, on the other hand, also wanted to fund technology change. They also have more varied interests, such as in the forestry, transportation and waste management sectors, he added.

The CDM is basically a carbon trading scheme in which industrialized nations invest in environmental projects in developing countries that reduce greenhouse gases (GHG). —MAA/Xinhua



## Indonesia mulls visa privilege for Chinese tourists

JAKARTA, 18 Feb— Indonesia has received an informal request from neighbouring Singapore to offer visa privilege for tourists from China who visited Singapore and are willing to extend trip to Indonesia, an official has said.

Thamrin Bachri, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Culture in charge of international cooperation, was quoted Thursday by *Bisnis Indonesia* newspaper as saying that visa privilege will help boost arrivals from China.

According to the government figure, the number of Chinese tourists

in Indonesia remains below 100,000. "Whereas Chinese tourists account for more than 20 per cent of foreign arrivals in the ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations)," he said.

He said the Singapore Tourism Board has asked the ministry to consider the request but formal talks

between Indonesia and Singapore have not been scheduled.

"If 10 per cent of some 800,000 Chinese tourists visiting Singapore also make stop in Indonesia on transit visa facility, the national tourism industry will develop further," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers check shampoo bottles on a production line at a Gaungzhou factory in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong. —INTERNET

## Indonesian GDP grows 5.13% in 2004

JAKARTA, 17 Feb— Indonesia's gross domestic product grew by 5.13 per cent last year with consumption and investment becoming the main drive, the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) said Wednesday.

"Investment started to contribute more to the GDP in 2004 when compared to the previous years," BPS deputy head Rustam Heriawan said at a Press conference here.

According to BPS, private consumption grew by 4.94 per cent, government consumption 1.95 per cent, investment 15.71 per cent, export 8.47 per cent and import 24.95 per cent. The government forecast has put the 2004 growth at 5 per cent. The country's economy grew by 3.8 per cent and 4.1 per cent in 2002 and 2003 respectively.—MNA/Xinhua

## 1,471 US soldiers killed in Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 17 Feb—As of Thursday, 17 Feb, 2005, at least 1,471 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 1,113 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is 12 higher than the

Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EST Thursday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Internet



US Marines check the identity of an Iraqi national who was found with an AK-47 assault rifle in his car at a checkpoint on the highway between Haditha and the border with Syria and Jordan, 250 kms northwest of Baghdad.—INTERNET

## Indonesian TV reporters missing in Iraq

JAKARTA, 17 Feb—Two reporters working for an Indonesian television station are missing in Iraq, a foreign ministry spokesman said Friday.

The reporters, working for Indonesia's Metro TV, went missing Tuesday, and a witness said he saw their car stopped near the Iraqi town of Ramadi by armed men in military uniforms, spokesman Marty Natalegawa said. Indonesia's government plans to send a team to Iraq to seek additional information, he said.

Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad, has been a centre of guerilla activity in Iraq and the scene of frequent clashes between US forces, their Iraqi allies and militants.

"We are trying to ascertain the whereabouts of these two reporters and estab-

lish contact with them," Natalegawa said. "It was reported that the people who stopped them were wearing Iraqi military uniforms."

The Al-Arabiya television station, the Arabic-language satellite network, reported that the two journalists were kidnapped but did not provide any further details.

Sasha Yusharyahya, a spokeswoman for Metro TV, identified the reporter as Meutya Hafid and the cameraman as Budianto. She said the station last had contact with the pair on Tuesday afternoon and that they have been in Iraq since 31 January.—Internet

## Indonesia adopts triple track strategy to boost economy

**SINGAPORE, 17 Feb** — Indonesia is adopting a triple track strategy to maintain its economic stability and improve people's living standard, visiting Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said here Wednesday.

Being part of his two-day state visit to Singapore, Susilo made a speech on "the challenge of change for Indonesia" on Wednesday, which was chaired by Singapore's Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong.

"The triple track strategy is in essence pro-growth, pro-jobs, pro-poor," said Susilo, adding that his government is "to promote growth through exports and investment, to promote employment by stimulating the real sector and to reduce poverty by promoting agriculture and rural

development".

He noted that the government was aiming to achieve an average annual growth of 6.6 per cent and cut both poverty and unemployment by half in the next five years.

Apart from boosting economic development, to ensure the national growth as a whole and to maintain the essential values of being Indonesian were also among the top priorities for the country, he said.

Thanking the international community for its relief efforts in Aceh after the December 26

tsunami disaster last year, Susilo vowed that the Indonesian Government would make sure that all the assistance, including funds, resources and manpower, "is deployed in a coordinated, transparent and coherent manner". As for Indonesia-Singapore relationship, Susilo said that leaders of the two countries had agreed to develop a new framework for bilateral cooperation, especially in areas of investment, tourism and air services as well as anti-terrorism and anti-corruption.

MNA/Xinhua

## စက်မှုဦးအား ခေတ်တော်လွှား

*A sculpture at the entrance of the Munich Re headquarters in Munich. The world's biggest reinsurer said it was back in the black last year, when it ran up net profit of around 1.8 billion euros (2.3 billion dollars) compared with a bottom-line loss of 400 million euros the previous year.*

INTERNET



## Vietnam to have two more international airports

**HANOI, 17 Feb**— Vietnam, which now houses three international airports, will upgrade two local airports in the southern Mekong delta into international ones in the next few years.

The country will make the Tra Noc Airport in Can Tho City the delta's principal airport featuring domestic and international flights to North-east Asian and Southeast Asian countries, and the Phu Quoc Airport in Kien Giang a favourite selection of local and foreign tourists, according to local newspaper *Young People* on Wednesday.

With total investment of some 127.4 million US dollars, the two-phase project on upgrading the Tra Noc Airport will kick off in April with construction of

new terminals and runways. When the first phase completes in late 2007, the airport can receive medium-haul aircraft such as A321, A320 and B737.

Vietnam will start construction of a new international airport to replace the existing Phu Quoc Airport in 2007 with investment for the first phase totaling around 127.4 million US dollars. The airport is scheduled to become operational in 2010, capable of receiving such planes as A320, A321 and B767. It will be upgraded after the year.— MNA/Xinhua

## Accelerating growth in China priority of Standard Chartered Plc

**HONG KONG, 17 Feb** — Standard Chartered Plc Chief Executive Mervyn Davies said Wednesday that accelerating growth in China will be one of the 2005 priorities of the group.

He said at a Press conference that the other priority tasks include the expansion of consumer banking customer segments and products, continuing wholesale banking transformation, delivering further technology benefits and some other tasks.

He admitted that "China and India are our two biggest long-term opportunities. We are well on track in both these markets."

Davies said that in China, the group's strategy has three strands, organic growth, strategic investments and taking advantage of opportunities in the Pearl River Delta.

"We are growing revenues at over 30 per cent per annum and we have strengthened our network with additional Renminbi (RMB) licences in Xiamen, Beijing and Nanjing."

He said the group now has five RMB licences and is allowed to conduct RMB business with local corporates in 13 cities. The group also added a branch license in Guangzhou.

Davies emphasized that "our ambition is to remain a leading bank in China".

He said that in parallel with this organic growth, the group has signed a framework agreement to take a 19.99 per cent stake in Bohai Bank — the first bank with a national licence for many years.

This will be the first time that a foreign bank has been allowed to participate and take a management role in the establishment of a national bank.

The chief executive said 2004 has been a good year. Profit before tax was 2.15 billion US dollars, a 39 per cent increase.

MNA/Xinhua

## Families of British soldiers call for public inquiry into deaths

**LONDON, 18 Feb**— The families of six British Royal Military Police soldiers killed at a remote town in Iraq in 2003 called on Thursday for a public inquiry into the deaths.

They described as a "whitewash and a cover-up" a Defence Ministry investigation that concluded the deaths of their loved ones could not reasonably have been prevented.

At a news conference in a central London church, Tony Hamilton-Jewell, whose brother Simon was among those killed, said the families were not satisfied with the results of the official investigation, adding: "We are now looking for an independent inquiry into the deaths of our boys." Reg Keys, the father of Corporal Thomas Keys, said the town of Majjar in eastern Iraq where the men died was a

"powder keg waiting to explode".

Reading a statement on behalf of all six families, Keys said the men were poorly equipped, although the Army had been warned that the area was dangerous.

Senior officers involved in the incident had been exonerated and promoted, he added. "The findings by the Army that no officers are to be made accountable following a catalogue of blunders is an insult to the families of these six men," Keys continued.

Last week, the Army said it had decided not to discipline anyone in connection with the incident. — MNA/Reuters

## Changi Airport's passenger, cargo volumes up in January

**SINGAPORE, 17 Feb**— Singapore Changi Airport received 2.53 million passengers in the first month of 2005, an increase of 0.7 per cent over the same period of last year.

According to a statement by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) on Tuesday, air cargo volume at the airport jumped 14.3 per cent to reach 141,661 tons in January this year from a year ago.

In 2004, Changi Airport hosted 30.35 million passengers and handled 1.78 million tons of cargo, up 23.1 per cent and 10.2 per cent over the previous year. Both volumes were record-breaking.— MNA/Xinhua



Tourists dressed as Maikos, Japanese traditional dancing girls, walk in Kyoto in western Japan, on 17 Feb, 2005. They can rent the Maiko costumes and have photographs taken in them from about 10,000 yen (\$95).—INTERNET

## Two US soldiers die in vehicle accident in southern Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 18 Feb**— Two US soldiers were killed in a vehicle accident on Wednesday in southern Iraq, the military said Thursday.

"Two soldiers assigned to the First Marine Expeditionary Force were killed in a non-hostile vehicle accident on 16 February, while conducting security and stability op-

erations in an area located in Babil Province, south of Baghdad," the military said in a statement. The names of the victims are being withheld pending next of kin

notification, the statement said.

Some 1,460 US service members have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003. — MNA/Xinhua



## Singapore eco rebounds in 2004, but growth to moderate in 2005

**SINGAPORE, 18 Feb** — The Singapore economy registered a robust rebound of 8.4 per cent in 2004, and the growth rate is expected to remain healthy but moderate in 2005, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) said on Thursday.

According to a statement by the MTI on Thursday, the good economic performance in 2004 was attributed to the strong external demand and domestic demand, which climbed 19.6 per cent and 11.6 per cent respectively.

All the economic sectors registered higher growth rate in 2004 as compared with a year ago except for the construction sector, which still declined but at a smaller contraction rate of 6.5 per cent.

The wholesale and retail sector and the manufacturing sector expanded by 14.6 per cent and 13.9 per cent respec-

tively last year while sectors of business services and hotels and restaurants reversed the SARS-affected contractions in 2003.

The labour market rebounded as well in the past year with a lower unemployment rate of 4 per cent and 66,200 more people getting jobs.

External trade volume reached a historic high of 580 billion Singapore dollars (about 354 billion US dollars) in 2004, a 22.5-per-cent growth over the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian steel giant Tata Steel has completed its 486.4 million Singapore dollar (297 million US) purchase of Singapore's NatStell Asia, paving the way for a major expansion throughout the Asia Pacific managing director B Muthuraman said.—INTERNET

## Vietnam to combat corruption more fiercely

**HANOI, 18 Feb** — Vietnam will intensify fight against corruption, mainly by taking preventive measures, local newspaper *Labor* said on Thursday.

Under a draft law on anti-corruption to be submitted to the country's National Assembly at its mid-year session for consideration, different state cadres will, in rotation, take the same post in sensitive fields, which are easy for corruption to emerge, for several years.

Medium- and high-ranking cadres will be subject to declare their own assets as well as their relatives'. Besides, they will have to make reports on their spouses and children's going abroad for study.

The draft law, which is being compiled by the Government Inspection Agency, is expected to be approved by the assembly by late 2005.

Statistics from the Ministry of Public Security indicated that Vietnam detected 9,454 corruption cases causing total losses of more than 10 trillion Vietnamese dong (636.9 million US dollars) in the 1994-2004 period. — MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese President vows to further Sino-African ties

**BEIJING, 18 Feb** — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Thursday that China will enhance exchange and cooperation with northeast African country Eritrea to contribute to the Sino-African new partnership and substantial cooperation.

Hu made the remarks while holding talks with President Issayas Aferwerki, who was here for a state visit, in the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing.

China and Eritrea share traditional friendship and the two countries established diplomatic ties upon Eritrea's announcement of independence, Hu said.

The two sides have continued to enhance political exchange, mutual understanding and mutual trust for years, he said, noting they have had fruitful cooperation in the fields of economy and trade, culture, education and sanitation, as well as sound contact and coordination in international affairs.

China appreciates that Eritrea attaches importance on the bilateral ties, adheres to the one-China policy and offered valuable support to China on issues such as Taiwan question and human rights, Hu said.

The Chinese Government and people value the traditional Sino-Eritrean friendship and will, on the basis of the five principles of peaceful co-existence, further bilateral cooperation, he said.

Issayas said that Eritrean-Chinese ties were developing well and have become a positive example of cooperation between big and small countries.

He spoke highly of China's

efforts in helping developing countries' economic development and maintaining world peace.

"Eritrea and China share same views in maintaining world stability and promoting common prosperity," Issayas said.

Meanwhile, China and Eritrea share huge potential in economic and trade cooperation, as well as in other fields, Hu said.

"The Chinese Government supports concerned sides of the two countries to expand economic and trade cooperation, and will discuss with Eritrea on new methods to enhance cooperation in infrastructure construction, mining industry, fishery and agriculture," Hu said.—MNA/Xinhua

## China's urban residents majority of college degree holders

**BEIJING, 17 Feb** — A recent survey, conducted by the Ministry of Education, found that urban residents were 280 times more likely to have a college degree than people from rural areas.

The results highlight the growing issue of China's widening gap of higher education opportunities between the city and the countryside.

The survey was intended to find out whether rural and urban population have the equal chance of access to higher education.

People holding a bachelor degree in cities and towns accounted for 5.63 per cent of the urban population, while this percentage in countryside was as low as 0.02 per cent, according to the survey.

MNA/Xinhua

## Philippines criticizes US, Australia, Britain on travel advice

**MANILA, 18 Feb** — Philippine Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo Wednesday criticized the United States, Australia, Canada and Britain for advising their nationals not to visit the Philippines in the wake of bombing attacks on three Philippine cities Monday evening.

Calling the advices unfair and detrimental to the Philippines economy, Romulo urged the governments of these countries to revise their advices.

"It should be reversed in effect saying it's safe to come here," said Romulo in a brief statement to the Press.

He said incidents of terrorism do not only hap-

pen in the Philippines but in other parts of the world.

"If the travel advisory continues, it will be unfair to us and therefore it should be corrected," he said.—MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi detainee embraces his son at the end of an hour of visitation inside the Abu Ghraib Prison west of Baghdad on 17 Feb, 2005.—INTERNET

## Fatal US military accidents up in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 18 Feb** — US troops in Iraq have suffered a rash of fatal vehicle accidents and other non-combat deaths in recent weeks.

Although details of recent accidents have not been made public, some officials believe the jump in their number can be explained in part by turbulence from the troop rotation that is now approaching its peak, with tens of thousands of troops arriving and like numbers going home.

"The sheer volume of soldiers on the ground and high volume of vehicular traffic may reflect a higher rate of individual accidents or non-battle injuries," said Maj Richard Goldenberg, spokesman for the 42nd Infantry Division of the New York Army National Guard, which is commanding a mixed Guard/regular Army task force responsible for an area of north-central Iraq.

In the first 16 days of February, there were 14 non-combat deaths, compared with 16 combat

deaths. January had the highest number of accidental or other non-hostile deaths for any month of the war, with 51. That included 30 Marines and one Navy corpsman killed in a single helicopter crash, on Jan. 26. Even setting that accident aside, the Army alone had 18 non-combat deaths in January — the most for any month of the war except August 2003, when it reported 22. The spike in non-hostile deaths in January and February coincides with the troop rotation, which began in small stages last fall but reached its peak over the past two months. The last time there was a notable increase in non-combat deaths was during the previous troop rotation — in February and March of 2004, according to Pentagon casualty statistics.

Internet

## Shanghai port reports two-digit trade growth in January

SHANGHAI, 17 Feb— Shanghai port registered 24.9 billion US dollars of foreign trade in January, up 23.8 per cent over the same period of 2003.

Shanghai Customs said the port, China's largest, did 15.09 billion US dollars of exports and 9.87 billion US dollars of imports, up 23.5 per cent and 24.4 per cent respectively over the previous year. Foreign-invested companies contributed 60 per cent to the port's total foreign trade, while private firms reported at least an 80-per-cent rise in two-way trade, the fastest growth rate among all

businesses. The European Union remained the largest trade partner of the Shanghai Port, with January's trade volume totalling 5.23 billion US dollars.

Shanghai Port's exports to the United States, its number one destination market, totalled 3.67 billion US dollars in January, while imports from its largest exporter, Japan, totalled 1.8 billion US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

## WHO to ensure safe childbirth services in South Asia

NEW YORK, 17 Feb— The United Nations Health Agency is working with national authorities, including in India, to ensure safe childbirth services in the coming weeks to an estimated 40,000 pregnant women left homeless as a result of the Indian Ocean tsunami in South Asia.

"We need to provide skilled care to these 40,000 mothers-to-be, and pay special attention to the thousands of new lives coming into the world in the coming weeks," World Health Organization (WHO) Assistant Director-General for Family and Community Health Joy Phumaphi said.

"We must do everything we can to save the health and future of the affected communities. Timely access to health facilities and services for mothers and babies must be a priority," she added of the programme directed principally to India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

WHO's Southeast Asia Region director, Samlee Plianbangchang, noted that in a disaster where entire families and neighbourhoods have been lost,

mothers, newborns and young children are the most vulnerable.

"Even under normal circumstances, maternal and child health is a matter of major concern in the region," he said. "Maternal deaths in this region account for one third of the total number of global deaths and over three million children die below the age of five in this region annually, mostly from preventable causes. The tsunami has further added to the pressure."

WHO, in its role as technical coordinator for all health assistance in affected countries, is emphasizing the need for providing treatment for diarrhoea, measles, malaria and malnutrition.

MNA/PTI



Chinese shoppers check the features of a wide-screen television set at a shopping mall in Shanghai on 18 Feb, 2005.— INTERNET

## Ancient cultivated rice kernel discovered in central China

CHANGSHA, 17 Feb— The rice kernel discovered in the Yuchanyan cultural relics in Central China's Hunan Province may be the earliest cultivated rice specimen yet discovered, said archaeologists.

During the excavation at the Yuchanyan cultural relics in Daoxian County at the end of 2004, six rice kernels were discovered. The age of one was confirmed at 12,000 years ago, a transitional period from the Paleolithic Age to the Neolithic Age (10,000 years ago), or even earlier, said Yuan Jiarong, director of the provincial

archaeological research institute. The ages of other five grains, which were found nearer to the earth's surface, are still unidentified, said Yuan.

"As the oldest cultivated rice specimen ever discovered in the world, the discovery marks the significance of central China in the origin of the world rice cultivation cul-

ture," said Yuan.

The discovery was regarded as a significant achievement of the research topic on the origin of rice in China, which has seen the participation of experts from the School of Archaeology and Museology of Beijing University, the Department of Anthropology of Harvard University, the Boston University, China Agricultural University, the Weizmann Institute of Science of Israel as well as the Hunan Provincial archaeological research institute, said Yuan.

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## Thailand alerted of dengue outbreaks

BANGKOK, 17 Feb— Thailand has been on high alert of outbreak of dengue with more cases reported in the country's south.

About 1,500 cases of dengue have been reported since the beginning of the year, mostly in the southern provinces, newspaper *Nation* on Wednesday quoted disease control official as saying.

The figure is 30 per cent higher than reported cases over the same period of last year, said Kittti Pramattthol, chief of the Disease Control Department's dengue control section.

There has only been one death in Thailand so far. Though the situation is not severe, the authorities thought the number was alarming, for the raining season is yet to come, when it is best season for the disease to spread.

The way of how dengue spreads is the other concern of authorities. The main factor in the outbreak's spread could be the disease's epidemiological circle.

"This year it is at the

peak of its circle," said Kittti.

Public health authorities also suspected a foreign type of dengue virus, or Stereotype-4, probably spread from neighbouring Malaysia, said *The Nation* report.

"We are gathering further information to confirm the hypothesis that the virus could have been carried in from Malaysia," Kittti said.

The doctor stressed that the tsunami had nothing to do with the dengue outbreak in the South.

In the worst tsunami-hit southern province of Pangnga, no case of dengue has been found, he said.

Hospitals now have been alerted about the situation so that they could screen patients, and disease control units and equipment have also been dispatched to deal with severe cases.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cambodian seaweed exports grow rapidly

PHNOM PENH, 17 Feb— Cambodia's seaweed exports have grown rapidly in the past few years, jumping from 6,000 tons in 2003 to 16,000 tons in 2004, local media reported on Wednesday.

They are expected to increase to 20,000 tons this year, according to Nao Thouk, director of the Ministry of Agriculture's fisheries department.

The price of dry seaweed has increased from 1,050 riel (one US dollar's about 4,030 riel) per kilogramme in 2003 to 1,500 riel per kilogramme today.

With Cambodian seaweed selling for 300 US dollars per ton on the international market, a gross profit of about six million US dollars is expected this year.

Three firms in Kampot harvest seaweed on 9,000 hectares of sea. They

employ about 1,500 families.

Cambodian seaweed is currently being exported to Malaysia, South Korea and European countries. *The Cambodia Daily* quoted Nao Thouk as saying.

From raw seaweed, companies are able to make more than 100 products, including cosmetics, shampoos, and desserts.

The first company to plant seaweed in Cambodia was Korean-owned Star Private, which was established in 1999.

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A man cycles past cooling towers of the coal powered Fuxin Electricity Plant in Fuxin, in China's northeast Liaoning province on 17 Feb, 2005.

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## UAE signs contract for eight new generation helicopters

ABU DHABI, 17 Feb— The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Army has awarded a 84.15-million-US-dollar contract for eight new generation AB 139 helicopters to Bell Agusta Aerospace Company of Italy, the official WAM news agency reported Tuesday.

The deal was the biggest of contracts announced Tuesday, Obaid Al Kitbi, head of the Military Committee and spokesman of the ongoing 7th International Defence Exhibition (IDEX2005) in Abu Dhabi, told reporters.

The two companies, Bell Agusta Aerospace and Eurocopter of France with the EC 155 helicopter, were in the fray for the contract. Bell Augusta won the contract.

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# National Convention continues at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnabin Camp

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 Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited delegates, delegates of 17 armed groups who exchanged arms for peace, and representatives of other organizations.

NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, NCC Management Committee Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of

the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

U Mya Aye of the group of the delegates of peasants chaired the plenary session together with NCC Work Committee U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), U Tun Yin Law of the group of the delegates of political parties, U Yaw Aye Hla of the group of representatives-elect, U Maung Hla of the group of the delegates of national races, Dr Myo Thant Tin of the group of the delegates of workers, Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of the group of the delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the group of the delegates of State service personnel and U Tun Aung Chein of the group of other invited



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs in the attendance book. — MNA

rector U Aung Kyi. The emcee announced the validity of the meeting as 1,074 out of 1,081 delegates were present, accounting for 99.35 per cent. Alternative Chairman U Mya Aye of the

session went into recess. The plenary session resumed at 10 am. Member of the panel of alternative chairmen Dr Myo Thant Tin of the group of the delegates of workers presented

group of the delegates of State service personnel presented matters relating to the industrial sector and transport and communication sectors. (The presentation will be stated later) Then, the session

Member of the panel of alternative chairmen member of the NCC Work Committee U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) presented matters relating to the social sector. (The presentation will be stated later)



National Convention delegates sign in the attendance book. — MNA



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intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel, and other invited delegates signed the attendance registers at Pyidaungsu Hall and

Delegates. Director of the NCC Work Committee Office (Meeting) U Than Aung emceed the plenary session together with Deputy Di-

group of the delegates of peasants presented matters relating to the economic sector. (The presentation will be stated later) Next, the plenary

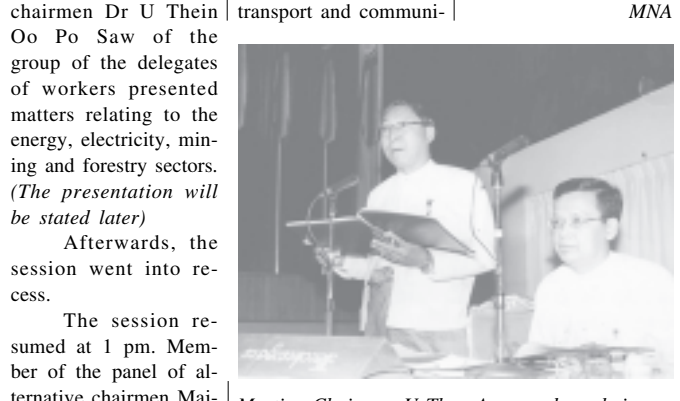
matters relating to the agriculture and livestock breeding sectors. (The presentation will be stated later) Member of the panel of alternative chairmen Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of the group of the delegates of workers presented matters relating to the energy, electricity, mining and forestry sectors. (The presentation will be stated later)

went into recess. Member of the panel of alternative chairmen U Tun Aung Chein of the group of other invited delegates presented matters relating to the transport and communi-

presented matters relating to the social sector. (The presentation will be stated later) The National Convention continues on 21 February. MNA



National Convention delegates sign in the attendance book. — MNA



Meeting Chairman U Than Aung and co-chairman U Aung Kyi. — MNA



NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, chairmen of Work Committee and Management Committee and members, and delegates at the National Convention. — MNA

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foreign affairs sector of our country. They are as follows:

1. diplomats, consular officials and trade representatives;
2. the United Nations;
3. participation in international, regional and bilateral conferences, seminars, meetings, associations and other organizations and the implementation of their resolutions;
4. the realization and materialization of international and regional treaties, agreements, conventions, bilateral agreements and other contracts;
5. passports, entry visas and certificates of identity;

delegate groups to the National Convention, discussed that the practice to embody the foreign affairs sector in the Union Legislative List was proper as it was the practice a majority of nations adopted.

Union PaO National Organization, which is a member of the delegate group of political parties, said that the Union of Myanmar, in her exercise of foreign policy, played an active part in such campaigns as world peace and security, anti-colonialism, anti-neocolonialists, anti-apartheid, and non-interference in one another's international affairs and non-aggression. The country also respects and maintains the international relations,

national meetings, seminars and conferences, and took the initiatives in the country. It helped promulgate and participate in the promulgation of necessary laws for the conventions through the contacts with regional organizations of various countries. According to the Immigration Laws, passports and visas will be issued to travelers who want to go abroad and who want to come in. When it comes to the extradition of criminals to the country concerned or from the country concerned, the countries involved have the right to ask for the extradition of the culprit of their country. However, they can do so only when they are signatory countries of the Extra-

regards the foreign policy realistic and proper. They also agreed that all the points should be included as detailed basic principles in the Union Legislative List when the State constitution is to be drawn.

Lahu National De-

The Kokang Democracy and Unity Party agreed the seven-point foreign policy clarified by the Chairman of the Work Committee to be included as detailed basic principle in the Union Legislative List.

the active and independent foreign policy and maintaining the world peace and good-neighbourly relations among nations in the region.

The delegate group of the representatives-elect submitted five proposed



Member of the panel of chairmen. — MNA

**The Union of Myanmar's foreign policy is aimed at world peace and security, opposed to colonialism, neo-colonialists, racial discrimination, and apartheid, but in support of non-interference in the affairs of one country by the other, and non-aggression.**

6. the entry into the Union of Myanmar, the departure from the country, immigration control and deportation order; and
7. the extradition of criminals to the home country and request made therefrom."

As regards the NCCWC Chairman's clarification, the National Unity Party, which is one of seven political parties and one of

the relations with regional as well as neighbouring countries, and exercises the five principles for peaceful co-existence.

They also said as a member nation of the United Nations, the Union of Myanmar allows the presence of ambassadors, consuls, and commercial attachés from numerous countries on its soil. Myanmar attended interna-

dition Treaty. The seven points NCCWC Chairman clarified should be embodied as detailed basic principles in the Union Legislative List so that law can be enacted in connection with the foreign policy.

Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization discussed that they found the clarification made by the Chairman of the Work Committee as re-

development Party discussed that (1) the defence and security, (2) foreign policy, and (3) judicial sector are what matters most for the whole country and that the seven-point defence and security sector, the seven-point foreign policy sector, and the 11-point judicial sector are proper to be included in the Union Legislative List so as to enact laws when necessary.

The Union Kayin League agreed that the seven points of the clarification made by the Chairman of the Work Committee are worth including as detailed basic principles in the Union Legislative List.

The Wa National Development Party showed their approval for the seven-point foreign policy clarified by the Chairman of the Work Committee, saying that the Union of Myanmar's foreign policy is aimed at world peace and security, opposed to colonialism, neo-colonialists, racial discrimination, and apartheid, but in support of non-interference in the affairs of one country by the other, and non-aggression. They also continued that the country holds fast to equal footing as well as to the five principles of peaceful co-existence; that the country is now exercising

papers.

Of them, the National Unity Party and the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization have submitted the suggestions of their respective parties.

Likewise, a member of the delegate group of political parties, Dr Hmu Htan, who is the independent representative-elect from the constituency of Thantlan township in Chin State, and U Aung Thein, the independent representative-elect from the constituency of Ywangan township in Shan State gave their consent that the

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Delegates attend the National Convention. — MNA



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# To raise living standard of people and to accumulate capital, undertakings of finance and planning are essential for not only Union but also region or states



Delegates enter Pyidaungsu Hall to attend the NC.—MNA



Delegates enter Pyidaungsu Hall to attend the NC.—MNA

YANGON, 18 Feb— On behalf of the Panel of Chairmen, Alternate Chairman U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of the Delegates of National Races presented notes from the reports of the National Convention del-

I will present the excerpts of the presentation of the delegate groups and some delegates concerning the finance and planning sector compiled by the panel of chairmen. **Esteemed delegates,** At the plenary ses-

adopted are as follows: — the State shall prioritize the higher living standard of the people and accumulation of general investments; — the State shall render assistance to socio-economic development

tionalize business undertakings; and — the State shall not demonetize the legal tender currency in circulation. "To raise the living standard of the people and to accumulate capital, the

tailed basic principles which have been laid down. Therefore, legislative powers are to be vested in legislative bodies at union level as well as in those at region or state level in an appropriate way.

- other means
- (16) Disbursement of loans from the Union funds
- (17) Investment with the Union funds
- (18) Loans borrowed from inside and outside the country



Maj-Gen Aung Thein.—MNA



U Tun Aung Chein.—MNA



Dr Myo Thant Tin.—MNA



Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw.—MNA

egates on laying down basic detailed principles concerning the sharing the legislative power to be included in the State Constitution at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday.

The following is a translation of U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint.

sion, held on 18 May 2004, the Work Committee Chairman said, "The National Convention, with an eye to a higher living standard of the people and the improvement of national economy, has also laid down some fundamental principles relevant to the finance and planning sector. The principles to be

covering education, health, economy and transportation of less developed national races;— the State shall provide such assistance as technology, capital, machinery and raw material for development of national economy; — the State shall not na-

undertakings of the finance and planning are essential for not only the Union but also the region or the states.

"A glance at the development trends of the world nations will indicate that modern plans consistent with their countries are practised after being drawn. As necessary, the highest legislative bodies of the State enact laws relevant to the finance and planning undertakings concerning with the whole country. However, it is found that in some countries appropriate legislative powers are vested in the states that have their own legislative bodies. Also in our country, there will be seven regions and seven states in addition to union territories under the direct rule of the President in accordance with the de-

He continued to say, "I would like to present matters under the Finance and Planning Sector that should be included in the Union Legislative list. They are:

- (1) The Union budget
- (2) The Union Fund
- (3) Currency and coinage
- (4) The Central Bank of Myanmar and financial institutions
- (5) Foreign Exchange control
- (6) Capital and money market
- (7) Insurance
- (8) Income tax
- (9) Commercial tax
- (10) Stamp duty
- (11) Customs
- (12) State lottery
- (13) Tax appeal
- (14) Service enterprises of the Union
- (15) Disposal of Union-owned property through sale or rent or

- (19) Acquisitions of the Union
- (20) External financial assistance and aid
- (21) National Plan
- (22) Data collection
- (23) National Archives
- (24) Investment, and
- (25) Inspection of statistics"

He said "The points I have just clarified are those covered by the finance and planning sector that should be included in the Region or State Legislative list to enact laws. They may be put together as follows:

- (1) The Region or State Budget
- (2) The Regional or State Fund
- (3) Land revenue
- (4) Excise duties (excluding narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances)

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Delegates taking physical exercises.(News on page 16)—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents books published by the ministry to a foreign correspondent. (News on page 16)—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially converses with foreign correspondents at the dinner. (News on page 16)—MNA

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Work Committee Chairman's clarifications concerning the foreign policy are proper and they should be embedded as detailed basic principles in the Union Legislative List when the State constitution is drawn.

In like manner, representatives-elect U Tin Win from the constituency-2 of Kyaiklat township, U Thein Kyi from the constituency-1 of Taungdwingyi township, U Hla Soe from the constituency-2 of Minbu township, U Mya Hlaing from the constituency-2 of Twantay township, U Kyi Win from the constituency-1 of Mingala-don township, and U Tin Tun Maung from the constituency-2 of Mingaladon township agreed to the Work Committee Chairman's clarifications concerning the foreign policy.

U Tun Kyaw, independent representative-elect from the constituency of Namhsan township in Shan State (North), supported that the seven-point foreign policy as clarified by the Chairman of the Work Committee is so complete that they should be included in the Union Legislative List as detailed basic principles relevant to the legislative, executive and judicial powers when the State constitution is drawn.

The delegate group of national races discussed that a study of the constitutions of world nations showed that in almost every country, legislative power is invested only in the highest legislative bodies, when it comes to promulgation in connection with the matters pertaining to the foreign policy. They also approved that detailed basic principles that allow to enact laws when necessary should be included in the Union Legislative List.

The delegate group of peasants, in their pro-

posal, said that the foreign policies prescribed in the Sections 211 and 212 under the title of International Relations of Chapter XII of the 1947 Constitution of the Union of Myanmar, the proclamations relevant to the foreign policies issued by the Revolutionary Council in 1962, and the foreign policies prescribed in Chapter II of the 1974 Constitution of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Myanmar were practised. They continued that the country is still practising the independent and active foreign policy, adding that the seven-point foreign policy clarified by Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe are worth including as detailed basic principles in the Union Legislative List.

The delegate group of workers expressed their finding that in almost all countries legislative power is vested in the top legislatures to enact laws when necessary. They continued that detailed basic principles should be laid down also in the country so as to include them in the Union Legislative List to enact laws concerning what should be added to the foreign policy. The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia discussed that they found the Work Committee Chairman's clarification made on the foreign policy drew approval from the delegate groups.

The delegate group of State service personnel suggested that following points be included in the foreign policy:

1. diplomats, consular affairs, and representatives of other affairs;
2. the United Nations;
3. participation in international, regional and bilateral conferences, seminars, meetings, associations and other organizations and the implementation of their resolutions;

4. the conclusion and materialization of international and regional treaties, agreements, conventions, bilateral agreements and other contracts;
5. passports, entry visas and certificates of identity;
6. the entry into the Union of Myanmar, the departure from the country, immigration control and deportation order; and
7. the extradition of criminals to the home country and request made therefrom."

In their suggestion, they replaced the Work Committee's words "diplomats, consular officials, and trade representatives" with the words "diplomats, consular officials, and representatives of other affairs". Their explanation is that in the world it is the central government that is responsible to handle the matters related to foreign relations.

In every nation, the central government takes charge of the acceptance and appointment of various representatives such as the ambassador, the Minister-Counsellor, the Counsellor, the first secretary, the second secretary, the third secretary, the attaché, the Consul-General, Vice Consul-General, Consul, Vice Consul, Attache (Consular), the military attaché, the defence attaché, the commercial attaché, the cultural attaché and so on. The delegate group of State service personnel suggested that the issue of diplomats, consular officials, and representatives of other affairs be added to the Union Legislative List.

The delegate group of other invited persons discussed that though they agreed to the seven-point foreign policy clarified by the Work Committee Chairman, they would like to add some points to the policy.

Their explanation

was in a sovereign state, there are two sectors of foreign policy: one is at central level and the other is at Region or State-level. The former takes charge of the most important issues while the latter takes charge of protocol matters.

The major issues concerning the foreign policy are as follows:

— the formulation and implementation of the foreign policy,

— the recognition of the foreign nation or government and the withdrawal of the recognition,

— the establishment and termination of diplomatic/consular/trade relations (The establishment of relations between two countries is conducted through trade, consular, and diplomatic channels, in which some establish direct diplomatic relations, in other words, the establishment of Embassy).

A sovereign state joins international or regional organizations, attends meetings, signs the resolutions, implement them, and withdraws from such organizations. A sovereign state enters international, regional or bilateral agreements, signs them, approves of them, and carry out them.

The central level issues passports and certificate of identities to a citi-

zen to verify himself to travel abroad who he is and where he is from. The central level also takes charge of foreigners visiting and leaving Myanmar by scrutinizing their entry visas. The responsibility for immigration and deportation falls to the central level. Therefore, 'the formulation and implementation of the foreign policy' and 'the recognition of the foreign nation or government and the withdrawal of the recognition' should be added to the foreign policy, and detailed basic principles for it should be laid down.

The delegate group of other invited persons also suggested that the term 'diplomats, consular affairs, and trade representatives' be replaced with the term 'the establishment and termination of diplomatic, consular and trade relations'. Furthermore, the term 'the United Nations' should be replaced with the term 'the United Nations and international organizations'; the term 'participation in international, regional and bilateral conferences, seminars, meetings, organizations and implementation of their resolutions' with the term 'participation in international, regional and bilateral conferences, seminars, meetings, organizations and implementation of their resolutions, and the withdrawal from such organiza-

tions'; the term 'the signing of international, regional and bilateral agreements and conventions and the implementation of them' with the term 'the signing of international, regional and bilateral agreements and conventions and the implementation of them and the withdrawal from them'; the term 'passports, entry visas, and ID cards' with the term 'passports and Certificate of Identities'; and the term 'permission of entry to and departure from Myanmar and immigration and deportation' with the term 'entry visa, stay permit, departure permit, immigration and deportation'. In connection with these changes in terminology, detailed basic principles should be laid down.

The delegate group of other invited persons also discussed that certain regions or states share borders with neighbouring countries. So, there are many forms of social relations in these areas. To ensure close supervision in these areas, the following two points should be taken into consideration when the State constitution is drawn. They are:

1. temporary entry/exit permit at borders,
2. border trade with neighbouring countries bordering with Myanmar.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw receives Chinese guests. (News on Page-2)—MNA



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- (5) Development Affairs revenues such as building and land revenue, water tax, street light tax, wheel tax
- (6) Service enterprises of the Regions or States
- (7) Disposal of the Region- or State-owned property through sale, rent or other means
- (8) Disbursement of loans within the country from the Regional or State Fund
- (9) Investment of funds from the Regional or State Fund within the country
- (10) Regional projects
- (11) Small loans enterprise

"I have clarified these points for the National Convention delegates to discuss and make suggestions whether to formulate the detailed basic principles to include in the Region or State Legislative list to enact laws to carry out work in their respective regions or states."

Concerning the clarification, the National Unity Party said that the party has no suggestions regarding the finance and planning sector, as it sees it as comprehensive and the distribution of power to the region or state legislative list fair.

Union Pa-O National Organization said that the 25 points of the finance and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman are appropriate to be included in the Union legislative list as detailed basic principles. Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said that the 25 points of the finance and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the Union legislative list and the 11 points should be included in the region or state legislative list as basic principles.

Lahu National Development Party said that the 25 points of the finance and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the Union legislative list and the 11 points should be included in the region or state legislative list as basic principles. Union Kayin League said that the 25 points of the fi-

nance and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the Union legislative list and the 11 points should be included in the region or state legislative list as basic principles.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said that it is required to develop the national economy for emergence of a modern and developed nation. Effective realization of the financial, social and economic goals is needed for national economic development. Financial and planning issues are essential for both the Union and the regions and states for improving the living standard, and accumulation of the capital. The party said it has no further suggestions for the financial and planning sector of the Union and regions or states presented by the Work Committee Chairman.

Wa National Development Party said that the Government has laid down financial and tax policies for effective materialization of the financial and social policies and laid down and implemented long-term and short-term plans for equitable progress of the entire nation. The Government is in the process of materializing the political, economic and social objectives to build a modern and developed nation. The National Convention has already laid down basic principles for the financial and planning sector to improve the social standard of the people and develop the national economy. In every nation of the world, the highest legislature enacts laws regarding the financial and planning sector. Myanmar will also have to follow the practice. Thus, the 25 points of the financial and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the Union legislative list. There are also tasks to be implemented by regions or states. Hence, the 11 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the region or state legislative list as detailed basic principles.

Of the five papers presented by representatives-elect delegate group, the papers presented by the delegates of the National Unity Party and the Mro

or Khami National Solidarity Organization are the same as the ones presented by the delegates of the respective parties at the political parties delegate group. Representative-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantalan Township constituency in Chin State, and Representative-elect U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township constituency in Shan State said that as the financial and planning policies explained by the Work Committee Chairman suit the national condition, the 25 points of the financial and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the Union legislative list as detailed basic principles and the 11 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the region or state legislative list as basic principles.

Representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township constituency-2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township constituency-1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township constituency-2 said that they see the 25 points of the financial and planning sector and 11 points clarified by the Work Committee Chairman are comprehensive, and have no further suggestions concerning the matter.

Representative-elect U Tun Kyaw of Namsan Township constituency in northern Shan State said that the 25 points of the financial and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the Union legislative list as basic principles and the 11 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the region or state legislative list as basic principles.

National races delegate group discussed in support of the 25 points of the financial and planning sector and 11 points for regions or states.

Peasant delegate group said that the Government has been laying down and implementing financial plans and procedures to successfully realize the aims of the financial, economic and social sectors and for equitable progress of the entire na-

tion. Economy is the most basic sector for national development as progress of other sectors depends on it. The National Convention has already laid down basic principles for improving the living standard of the people and national economy. Thus, the party supported the 25 points of the financial and planning sector and also the 11 points of the regions or states. As a separate suggestion, the group said that the Revenue Appellate Tribunal should be set up at region or state level in addition to the Union level for convenience of tax payers and for work facili-



U Mya Aye of delegates of peasants.

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U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin).

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Worker delegate group said that the 25 points of the financial and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the Union legislative list as basic principles and the 11 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the region or state legislative list as detailed basic principles.

Intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group discussed in support of the option to include the 25 points of the financial and planning sector clarified

by the Work Committee Chairman in the Union legislative list as basic principles and the 11 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman in the region or state legislative list as basic principles. State service personnel delegate group said that the 25 points of the financial and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the Union legislative list as basic principles and the 11 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be included in the region or state legisla-

tion. "26. Pension" should be put to the 25-item list that should be included in the Union legislative list to enact laws as necessary concerning pensions.

Other invited persons delegate group said that in his clarifications the Work Committee Chairman pointed out that financial and tax policies have been laid down to earn and use revenues, and to supervise banking and monetary services and laid down long-term and short-term plans for proportionate development of the entire nation. What the Chairman pointed out is the main requirement for emergence of

a democratic nation. The group discussed in support of the option to include the 25 points of the financial and planning sector clarified by the Work Committee Chairman in the Union legislative list as basic principles and the 11 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman in the region or state legislative list as basic principles.

But the group gave a suggestion saying that the terms "Income tax", "Commercial tax", "Stamp duty", "Customs" and "State lottery" should be substituted with the term "revenue matters."—MNA

## Cash donated to MAAF

YANGON, 18 Feb — The ceremony of cash donation to Myanmar Women Affairs Federation was held at the Office of MAAF on Than Lwin Road this afternoon.

At the ceremony, K 1 million each was donated by Thiha-thudama- theingi Daw Shwe Sin (Golden Uni Jewelry Co Ltd) and U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co Ltd); K 900,000 by Daw Than Than Lay and Daw Thida Aye Win (Madarin Airlines); K 500,000 each by U Myat Thin Aung-Daw Khin Myint Myint family (AA Medical Products Ltd); U Khin Maung San-Daw Thazin Nwe (Shwetaya Automobile Co); U Tun Hlaing (Excellent Mineral Manufacturing Co Ltd); U Myo Myint-Dr Cho Cho Win (Classic Style Fashion Shop) & (M-3 Food Centre), and U Ye Min (Excellence Enterprise Ltd); K 300,000 each by Daw San San Myint, Ko Aung Than Myint (Super Power Co Ltd), U Thein Han (Tokyo Pipe - Myanmar Pipe & Accessories Co Ltd), U Win Aung-Daw Moe Mya Mya (Dagon International Co Ltd), U Tun Min-Daw May Thiri Soe,

U Ohn Saing-Daw Myint Myint Sein (New Golden Gate Co Ltd), U Ko Ko Htwe (Taw Win Family Co) and Daw Khaing Zaw (Earth Industrial Myanmar Co Ltd); K 200,000 each by U Tun Myint-Daw Aye Aye Nyunt (Kyet-sha-sun Biriani), U Khin Maung Aye-Daw Khin Lay (Gold Power Co Ltd), and U Hla Muang Shwe-Daw Tin Tin Oo (Gold Family); K 100,000 each by Shwekaba U Maung Maung, Daw Nu Nu Yi, U Aung Thein, U Tin Win-Daw San Win, U Hla Htay-Daw Tin Nwe Oo, U Arnt Maung-Daw Tin Tin Wai, U Khin Maung Hlaing-Daw Wah Wah Tun, and Dr Aung Win-Daw Kywe Kywe Zin; K 50,000 by U Kyaw Soe-Daw Hla Wady and Daw Myint Myint and K 10,000 by U Than Hlaing-Daw Myint Myint Aye.

The president and vice-president of MAAF and the general secretary accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Next, the president of MAAF expressed thanks and the meeting ended.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (372)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR Voy No (372) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.2.05 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S EAGLE CORPORATION

Phone No:256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

"MV SPRING TRADER VOY: NO. (70)"

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SPRING TRADER Voy No (70) arrived on 20-2-2005 are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanma 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.

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

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

AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA FIVE STAR LINE

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Bus overturn kills seven in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 18 Feb — At least seven people were killed and 29 others injured after a bus bound to Cape Town, South Africa, overturned on a major highway in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

South African Press Association (SAPA) reported that the bus carrying 63 passengers was travelling from the Eastern Cape Province when the accident happened on the N1 route near Touws River. Ten people were seriously injured and 19 others were slightly hurt, Hendrik Gouws, spokesman for the Boland metro rescue service, told the SAPA.

Helise Chumann of Worcester's Eben Donges Hospital said none of the passengers admitted at the institution had life threatening conditions, but having big wounds, fractures and lacerations.

MNA/Xinhua

US failed in its clumsy policies towards Venezuela

CARACAS (Venezuela), 17Feb—The United States has failed in its clumsy policies toward Venezuela and should work to better political ties with a key supplier of its crude oil, a top Venezuelan official said on Wednesday.

Venezuela's Vice-President Jose Vicente Rangel was reacting to comments from Robert Zoellick, the new US Deputy Secretary of State, who said on Tuesday President Hugo Chavez was part of a Latin American trend of "creeping authoritarianism."

"We are trying to establish normal relations in the political area and it is the United States who works to upset ties with Venezuela," Rangel told reporters.

Caracas and Washington are increasingly locked in a verbal battle over the government of Chavez, whom US officials have recently criticized as a

negative force in South America.

Venezuela is the world's No. 5 oil exporter and a key petroleum supplier to North American markets. An outspoken nationalist, Chavez has rattled the United States by strengthening ties with Communist Cuba.

The Venezuelan leader says his self-proclaimed revolution against poverty is an alternative to US influence in South America. He

blames Washington for backing numerous attempts to topple him, including a brief 2002 coup bid.

"He wants to set this up as David and Goliath. And my own view is that... we shouldn't be afraid to say when he's taking away liberties," Zoellick told a Senate hearing according to a transcript.

Chavez is a fierce critic of US President George W. Bush and the US-led war in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

Study says protein level may help test for heart trouble

WASHINGTON, 17 Feb — A study to be published on Thursday suggests a new tool to help doctors find the most dangerous condition in people with clogged heart arteries.

According to the Danish study to be published in the latest edition of the New England Journal of Medicine, levels of B-natriuretic peptide, or BNP, a protein which is released into the blood when the heart suffers stress, can indicate which people with clogged heart arteries need powerful

treatment such as bypass surgery.

In this study, researchers measured the BNP levels in about 1000 people who suffered from clogged heart arteries but were in stable condition. After an analysis of their health situations over nine years, the researchers concluded that high BNP levels point to an increased risk of death.

The researchers found that people with the highest BNP levels were 2.5 times more likely to die than those in the lowest ends. — MNA/Xinhua

Coal ship on fire in East China offshore waters, crew rescued

JINAN, 17 Feb — All the 19 crew were rescued at 8 pm Wednesday about three hours after a coal ship caught fire in the seawaters near Longkou Port in Shandong Province, according to the North China Sea Salvage Bureau. Only one of them was injured.

Officials of the bureau said the cabin of the coal ship registered in Tianjin City suddenly caught fire 30 miles away from Longkou Port and

the ship lost control at 4.20 pm.

Being informed of the accident, the bureau immediately dispatched two vessels to search for the coal ship. Later, the search and salvage bureau of the Chinese Ministry of Communications sent two more boats to help the search efforts. Huateng, one of the two boats, arrived at the site at 7:27 p.m. and rescued the crew aboard the coal ship.

MNA/Xinhua

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- (က) ဝန်ကြီးရုံး
(၁) Personal Computer (P) ၁ ခုံ
(၂) Laser printer (A) LBP 1120 ၁ လုံး
(၃) Dot matric Printer (A) EPSON ၁ လုံး
(၄) Plain Paper Copier (Konica 7216) ၁ လုံး

(ခ) မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

- (၁) Digital Satellite Receiver (INNOVIA) ၅ ခု
(၂) 21" TV Receiver (Sony, Philips, Panasonic) ၅ လုံး
(၃) 14" TV Receiver (Sony, Philips, Panasonic) ၅ လုံး
(၄) 7.5 KVA Generator with water Cooling System (Diesel) (China) ၄ လုံး
(၅) 13 HP Diesel Engine (China) ၄ လုံး
(၆) VHS VCR (Sony) with Line Recording Function ၄ လုံး
(၇) VCD Duplicator (Recorder) Wytron CD-298 ၄ လုံး
(၈) 2 Ton Aircon Split Type wall Mounted ၁ ခုံ
(၉) Portable Generator 650 W (Honda Japan) ၁ ခုံ
(၁၀) 2 KVA UPS Power Ware Back Up Time (20 min) ၂ ခုံ
(၁၁) Micro Cassette (Sony/Panasonic) ၆ လုံး
(၁၂) 50 Hz Meter (220 V) ၅၀ ခု
(၁၃) PA System Equipment - Shure SM 57 ၂၀ ခု
- Marantz PMD 222 (3 Head) ၆ ခု
- 12 CH Mixer (MACKIE) CFX-20 ၆ ခု
- 1 In 6 Out Splitter (BEHRINGER) ၂ ခု
(၁၄) Key Board (Organ) ၂ ခုံ
(၁၅) Portable Cassette Recorder - Panasonic RXM 70 ၄ ခု
- Portable Radio Cassette - Sony CFS-1085 SMK II RCR Cassette ၃ ခု
- Sony CFS-929 SMK II Double-Deck ၁ ခု
(၁၆) Equipment for MRTV- 4 အတွက် စက်ပစ္စည်းများ ၁ ခုံ
(၁၇) Scanner (A) ၄ လုံး
(၁၈) Computer (P) ၄ လုံး
(၁၉) CD writer (Sony) Portable USB Part ၁ ခုံ (20x10x40)
(၂၀) Laser Jet (A) ၁ ခုံ
(၂၁) CD writer (48x12x48) with IDE Cable ၁ ခုံ

(ဂ) ပြန်ကြားရေးနှင့်ပြည်သူ့ဆက်ဆံရေးဦးစီးဌာန

- (၁) Laser Printer (A) ၁၂ လုံး
(၂) UPS (1.2 KVA) Power Tree ၁၂ လုံး
(၃) Type Writer (Myanmar . 18") ၁၅ လုံး
(၄) Plain Paper Copier (A) ၂ လုံး

(ဏ) ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့်စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်း

- (၁) Pallet Truck ၄ စီး
(၂) Type Writer (Myanmar . 18") Olympia ၁ လုံး

(င) သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း

- (၁) Digital Camera (Camera Flash Gun Accessories) ၃ ခုံ
(၂) Air Conditioner (1.5 HP) (Split Type, Sanyo) ၁၀ လုံး
(၃) Digital Photo Copier (A) (Konica 7216) ၂ လုံး
(၄) Duplicating Machine (Superfax) ၂ လုံး

(စ) မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်လုပ်ငန်း

- (၁) 35 mm Colour Positive Film ၁၆၃ လိပ်
(၂) (2000 ft) (ဖလင်ရိုင်း)

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Drive safely

Chinese people save for children's education

BEIJING, 18 Feb — A survey of people in China's ten largest cities shows that saving money for children's education constitutes a universal feature of their saving habits.

The survey was conducted by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences as part of a cultural industry development report for 2005. It finds "saving money for children's education" ranks as the second most important purpose of people's saving behaviour, after only "saving for emergencies."

"The results show people attach great importance to education.

They also indicate the potential of the education market is very big," said an expert with the academy.

The survey was conducted in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Chongqing, Wuhan, Xi'an, Shenyang and Nanjing.

The academy's research also shows that spending on cultural and educational matters accounts for 12.6 per cent of Chinese urban households, the second biggest item after food. The percentage is 11.2 per cent for rural households, the third biggest after food and housing.—MNA/Xinhua



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Norway to invest millions in Antarctic satellite centre

STOCKHOLM, 18 Feb— The Norwegian Space Centre plans to invest more than 16.5 million US dollars on a satellite communication centre at the Norwegian research base Troll in the Antarctic, Aftenposten wrote on Wednesday.

The aim is to process and forward satellite data on climate, weather, environment and navigation.

The location of the research base Troll on Queen Maud's Land makes it easier to process meteorological information from satellites quicker. This makes it possible to make more precise forecasts, the Norwegian newspaper reported.

The Norwegian Space Centre (NSC) already operates a smaller satellite communication station at Troll, but now plans to install three larger antennas. The construction may start this coming summer.

NSC is able to remotely control all operations from its centre in Tromsø.—MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela provides more houses for rain victims

CARACAS, 18 Feb— The Venezuelan Government has decided to increase the number of houses from 7,000 to 10,000 for the victims of the devastating rain in the western region of the South American country, local daily El Universal reported on Wednesday.

National Housing Council Director Nestor Noguera said in a statement that the decision was made due to an increase in the number of victims, which has now reached 8,100. Noguera said "housing solutions" will be worked out within six months, and that the housing council will either acquire houses in the secondary market where 490 houses are now on sale, or pay rents of up to 260 US dollars for each head.

The official pledged that the government will give adequate aid to the victims of the recent heavy rain which has left 40 dead and 52 missing in western Venezuela.

Noguera said the housing council has earmarked about 78.13 million dollars to solve the housing problem. The fund will come from the Venezuelan Petroleum Corporation and other institutions, the official added.

MNA/Xinhua



People watch sheep-fighting to celebrate China's traditional Spring Festival in Huaibei city, east China's Anhui Province on 17 Feb, 2005.

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Latin America hails entry into force of Kyoto Protocol

MEXICO CITY, 18 Feb — Latin American countries welcomed on Wednesday the entry into force of Kyoto Protocol, the international environmental protection treaty, hoping that the move will begin to reverse the global warming trend.

The five members of the Andean Community, namely Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia and Bolivia, issued a statement, calling the protocol "strategic", citing "the high vulnerability to climate change of our population, biodiversity and ecosystems."

Mexican President Vicente Fox described the

treaty as "the first step in the right direction" toward slowing climate change.

The Brazilian Foreign Ministry called it a positive device for international cooperation.

The Brazilian Government also planted the "Kyoto Forest", consisting of indigenous South American trees, in the capital's botanical garden.

Argentine Health and Environment Minister Gines Gonzalez Garcia declared February 16 as "a historic day," expressing his optimism that "developed countries will adhere to the protocol."

Gerardo Carrillo, spokesman for the Venezuelan environment minister, said that the coming into effect of the protocol is "a triumph, in spite of the fact that the United States had decided not to ratify it."

Roberto Ipinza, director of the Institute of For-

est Research of Chile, called the new rules an incentive for "the establishment of forest plantations aimed at reducing carbon emissions."

The Kyoto Protocol officially went into effect at 0500 GMT Wednesday with most of the industrialized countries legally bound to control pollution.

The agreement, negotiated in Japan's Kyoto in 1997 by 159 countries and ratified by 141 nations, is an adjunct to the 1992 UN treaty on climate change.

MNA/Xinhua

School closed as heavy snow blankets Bosnia

SARAJEVO, 18 Feb— Schools were closed across most of Bosnia for the second day on Wednesday and traffic had come to a standstill as heavy snow blanketed the country and authorities in some parts declared a state of emergency.

Twelve people have died of cold in Bosnia in the past two weeks, with temperatures hitting a 20-year low of minus 29 Celsius (minus 20 Fahrenheit).—MNA/Reuters



Jennifer Lopez cancels some promotional appearances

LOS ANGELES, 18 Feb — Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez on Wednesday cancelled a handful of promotional appearances in Europe for her latest film and upcoming album release.

"At the advice of my doctors, I am unable to

travel," Lopez, 35, said in a statement issued through her publicist, who denied the singer's illness was serious.

"Her ears are clogged. They told her not to fly. That's all. And as soon as we can, we're going to reschedule," spokeswoman Michele Schweitzer told Reuters.

Schweitzer said Lopez shelved plans to attend the London premiere of her film "Shall We Dance," co-starring Richard Gere and Susan Sarandon, as well as TV appearances in England and Germany to promote her forthcoming album, "Rebirth", due out in the United States on

March 1.

An erroneous version of Lopez' statement circulated in the media earlier in the day saying she was cancelling a "European album tour". Schweitzer said no such tour had been planned.

"Please accept my sincerest apologies as I have to remain in Los Angeles," Lopez said. "I am so proud of 'Shall We Dance' and was looking forward to visiting London."

The Bronx-born bombshell appeared on the Grammy Awards on Sunday, performing a duet in Spanish with her husband, Latin pop star Marc Anthony.—MNA/Reuters

A Euro Disney employee wearing a Mickey Mouse costume at a parade at Disneyland in Marne-la-Vallée, east of Paris. INTERNET

Mexico registered a 4.4% growth in 2004

MEXICO CITY, 18 Feb— Mexico registered a 4.4-per-cent growth in 2004, the highest figure since 2000, driven by a 4.9-per-cent growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) in the fourth quarter of 2004, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

Analysts, government and the Central Bank of Mexico had forecasted a growth of nearly 4.2 per cent in 2004 year and 4.5 per cent in the last quarter.

The Finance Ministry said the rise in the annual GDP resulted from increases of 4.8 per cent in services, 4.0 per cent in the agricultural sector, and 3.8 per cent in industry.

In the fourth quarter, growth stood at 4.9 per cent, the best since the third quarter of 2000, when it amounted to 7.0 per cent.

The economy experienced a 0.3-per-cent drop in 2001, to then slightly recovery in 2002, with 0.9 per cent and a 1.3-per-cent growth in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

## Borussia Dortmund in "life-threatening" financial situation

FRANKFURT, 18 Feb— Borussia Dortmund are in a "life-threatening" financial situation, the German club said on Thursday.

The former European champions said they had entered talks with creditors in an attempt to resolve their financial crisis and needed a debt moratorium until at least the 2006/07 tax year.

"Borussia Dortmund has entered a life-threatening profitability and financial situation," the 95-year-old club said in a statement.

"The approval of all creditors is necessary for the complete execution of the restructuring concept...the overwhelming majority have confirmed their approval."

The club said talks were ongoing with three creditors.

Borussia, which has announced an overhaul with cuts for players and staff, said without a restructuring it expected its record debt to increase to 134.7 million euros (175.4 million US dollars) by mid-2006.

The club posted an operating loss of 27.2 million euros in the first half of the 2004/05 fiscal year. — MNA/Reuters

## Federer hammers Wawrinka in second round of World Indoors

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 18 Feb — Roger Federer was once again in vintage form as he hammered Swiss journeyman Stanislas Wawrinka 6-1, 6-4 in the second round of the World Indoor Tournament on Thursday.

Former Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson continued his resurgence by outgunning his in-form namesake Joachim Johansson 6-4, 6-4.

Ranked 128 places above his fellow Swiss, top seed Federer showed no signs of the jitters that had crept up during his opening match to reach the last eight for the sixth successive time.

The win also put him one match away from a possible showdown with Britain's Tim Henman, who beat Federer in the quarterfinals here last year.

Third seed Henman will play Frenchman Michael Llodra later in the day.

Teenage qualifier Wawrinka, who carved the biggest win of his career in the previous round when he upset France's Sebastien Grosjean, barely knew what hit him in the first set as he lost it in 25 minutes.

The second set looked to be heading in a similar way when he was again broken at the beginning but cheered on by a boisterous crowd, Wawrinka found his footing and even earned a break point when his illustrious opponent was



Roger Federer — INTERNET

servicing for the match.

After handing Wawrinka the opportunity to get back on to level terms by slamming the ball wide despite having an open court at his disposal, Federer quickly restored order by winning the next three points for the match.

MNA/Reuters

## Roddick eases into quarters in ATP/WTA tourney

WASHINGTON, 18 Feb— Top seed Andy Roddick advanced to the quarterfinals of the Kroger St Jude ATP/WTA tournaments here on Wednesday with an easy straight-set victory over France's Arnaud Clement.

Roddick, seeking his 17th career ATP title, cruised past Clement 6-3, 6-3 in a second-round clash.

The 22-year-old American, who has dropped just 13 games in his two matches here thus far, will face compatriot Mardy Fish, the sixth seed, or Robby Ginepri in the round of eight.



Andy Roddick — INTERNET

In other men's matches the day, second seed Tommy Haas of Germany got safely through with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over American qualifier Jeff Salzenstein, while seventh-seeded Jurgen Melzer of Austria was upset by Wayne Arthurs of Australia 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-4).

On the women's side, top seed and defending champion Vera Zvonareva of Russia set up a quarterfinal encounter with wild card Katerina Bondarenko of the Ukraine after she defeated Severine Beltrame of France 7-6 (7-0), 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals.

Third-seeded Meghann Shaughnessy, who defeated Hana Sromova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-2, will next meet Cho Yoon Jeong after the South Korean beat American Abigail Spears 6-4, 6-4.

Seventh seed Nicole Pietrangeli of the Czech Republic beat Kristina Brandi of Puerto Rico, 6-2, 6-2, and eighth-seeded Evgenia Linetskaya of Russia beat Yuka Yoshida of Japan 6-2, 6-2 to set up a quarterfinal clash with another Japanese, Akiko Morigami. — MNA/Xinhua

## Man Utd fans planning protest against Glazer's takeover bid

LONDON, 18 Feb— Manchester United fans are planning a torchlit protest against US tycoon Malcolm Glazer's takeover bid before next Wednesday's Champions League game against AC Milan at Old Trafford.

Glazer tabled a detailed proposal earlier this month which sources said would value the 126-year-old club at 800 million pounds (1.51 billion US dollars), though its board has already said it is unlikely to recommend the offer to shareholders.

The American is facing stiffer opposition from Shareholders United and the Independent Manchester United Supporters Association, who are calling on thousands of fans to march before the knockout round, first leg tie.

"We'll be meeting an hour before kickoff at the Old Trafford cricket ground and marching down with banners and flags," Shareholders United spokesman Oliver Houston told Reuters on Thursday.

"It'll probably be like something out of a Steven Spielberg movie, we're telling people to bring down torches. A sea of several thousand torches being carried down Matt Busby Way might look quite awesome.

"It's a symbolic act to reiterate that if Glazer and his people start putting out

stories that the silent majority are in favour (of the bid), this will show that it's a mass movement of every single United fan, joining with the board, the players and the manager, in saying we don't want to be interfered with."

Houston is hoping to improve on the turnout for a protest which targeted the club's merchandising store at Old Trafford in October.

"Last time there were 3,000 to 5,000 on the march and the Megastore was closed — this time I imagine there will be many, many more people.

"The aim is for it to be good-natured and peaceful, as all our other protests have been...but if the police decide to start knocking skulls together then things might get nasty.

"Nobody wants that, it's not our aim."

Fans' objections to Glazer's proposals centre on the levels of debt, believed to be short of the 300-million-pound mark, that would be incurred by a club which currently enjoys the biggest revenues in the world.

MNA/Reuters

## Shearer scores sixth UEFA Cup goal of season

HEERENVEEN (Netherlands), 18 Feb — Alan Shearer scored his sixth UEFA Cup goal of the season as Newcastle United came from behind to beat Dutch side Heerenveen 2-1 in the first leg of their first knockout round tie on Thursday.

After Klaas-Jan Huntellar gave the home side a deserved first-half lead, Shearer struck in the 69th minute and Lee Bowyer got the winner for the English side in the 82nd before being sent off four minutes later.

It was a terrific win for last year's beaten semifinalists who had been outplayed in the first half.

Heerenveen's sharp passing and great support play had Newcastle stretching to keep their shape, with striker Huntellar the chief danger.

It was the 21-year-old who made the breakthrough in the 24th minute, though the goal had more to do with poor defending than Dutch creativity.

After centre back Titus Bramble was caught in possession on the edge of the area, Huntellar dragged the ball back neatly to leave Andy Faye stranded before spinning to crash a left-foot shot in off the underside of the bar.

Huntellar could have had a second minutes later but did not get enough power on a header, enabling Shay Given to save comfortably.

Newcastle, had won

their three previous away games in the competition scoring 10 goals and conceding only one, but struggled to piece together much constructive play.

However, as the second half developed they began to look more dangerous.

Shearer had a goal-bound shot blocked by Said Bakkati in the 67th minute but nothing could stop the former England centre forward two

minutes later.

He was again fed by strike partner Patrick Kluivert just inside the box and drove the ball home for his sixth goal in four UEFA Cup games this season.

Dutchman Kluivert also had a hand in the crucial second goal, laying the ball off to Stephen Carr who crossed for Bowyer to cleverly flick it in from close range. — MNA/Reuters



Alan Shearer of Newcastle United (R) and teammate Laurent Robert celebrate after a goal against Heerenveen, during their UEFA Cup match in the Netherlands, on 17 Feb, 2005. — INTERNET



**International Sepaktakraw teams arrive**

YANGON, 18 Feb— Myanmar will host an international Sepaktakraw tournament at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna here from 20 to 24 February.

A 12-member Korean team arrived here by air yesterday evening, a 21-member Thai team, at 10 am today, a 26-member Malaysian team, at 11.20 am, to participate in the tourney, and a two-member observation team, at 11.45 am. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Sepaktakraw Federation.

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**In memoriam**

**Family shares merits gained  
Lt-Gen Tin Oo**

In memory of benefactor Phay Phay Gyi Lt-Gen Tin Oo who suddenly left us four years ago, we family members have made donations and offered 'soon' and provisions to members of the Sangha today (19-2-2005). We family members share with you the merits gained.

**Wife Daw Khin Than Nwe**

**Sons and daughters -**

- Major Maung Maung Kyaw (Retd) (BSI)-Daw Cho Leh Oo
- Phyu Phyu Tin Oo
- Dr Myat Noe- Yin Mar Oo
- Zaw Tun Oo- Khin Thida
- Nay Tun Oo

**Grandchildren**

- Maung Hein Htet, Yin Mar Myat Noe, Phu Ngon Kyaw, Maung Thant Thihan Zaw (Po Thila)

**Works for Armed Forces Day commemorative poem and art competition & exhibition inspected**

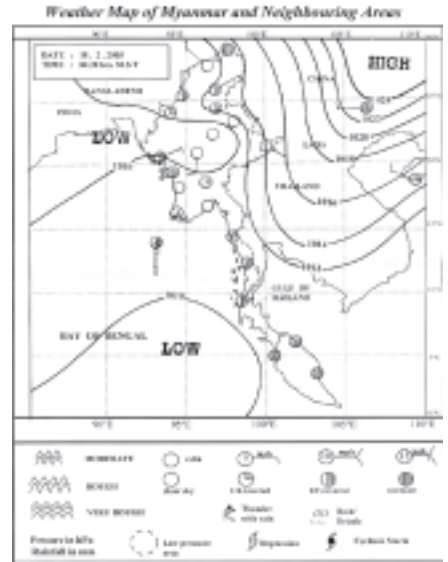
YANGON, 18 Feb — Chairman of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative poem and art competition & exhibition work committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, accompanied by work committee Vice Chairman Assistant Armed Forces Training Officer (Air) Col Ko Ko, Rector of University of Culture (Yangon) U Tin Soe and officials, met members of Bago Township Artists and Artisans Asiayon at the office of Asiayon on 16 February.

After hearing reports by officials on prepara-

tions for the competition and exhibition, the deputy minister and party viewed works of participants such as paintings and sculptures depicting military affairs.

Similarly, the deputy minister met with members of Dahpein Township Artists and Artisans Asiayon on 17 February and spoke words of honour for their active participation in the previous competitions and exhibitions. Next, Chairman U Tun Ngwe of the Asiayon reported that Dhapein Township would display about 80 sculptures at the exhibition.

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**WEATHER**

Friday, 18 February, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been generally fair in remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Eastern Shan State and Bago Division, (5°C) below normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperature was (7°C) in Lashio.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 19-2-2005:** Isolated light rain are possible in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Slight increase of night temperatures in Central Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-2-2005:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-2-2005:** Partly cloudy.

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

Maximum temperature on 18-2-2005 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 18-2-2005 was 62°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 18-2-2005 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 18-2-2005 was (8.3) hours approx. Rainfalls on 18-2-2005 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 (12) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 17-2-2005.

**Donor of Monk, Ordination Hall  
Daw Myint Myint @ Daw Htwe Myint  
aged (79)Years (Ye)**

Daughter of (U Sein Daing-Daw Aye Khin), of No 9 Thiri Myaing Street, Thiri Yadana Yeiktha, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division; wife of (U Thein Aung); sister of Daw Tin Ngwe; mother of U Aung San Oo-Daw Lei Lei Nwe Thein @ Daw Thein Lei Nwe, U Hla Kyaw-Daw Than Than, Dr Aung Myo-Dr Lwin Lwin Sein, U Chet-Daw Khin Lei Nwe, U San Aung Kyaw-Daw Si Si Kalayar Tint, U Win Htin Kyaw-Daw Youn Khin Khin; grandmother of (11) grandchildren passed away on 16-2-2005 (Wednesday) 3.40 PM. The funeral ceremony had been held on 18-2-2005 (Friday) at 11.00 AM at Yay Way Cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend "soon" offering to be held at the above address, on 22-2-2005 (Tuesday) morning from 7.00 AM to 11.00 AM in memory of the deceased.

**Bereaved family**

**TV Myanmar**

**Saturday, 19 February**

**View on today:**

**7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary 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. အရေးကြီးပုံ

**8:05 am**  
6. မြေဈေးတံတား

**8:15 am**  
7. Musical programme.

**8:30 am**  
8. International news

**8:45 am**  
9. Grammar Made Easy

**11:00 am**  
1. Martial song

**11:15 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

**12:30 pm**  
6. နိုင်ငံခြားရုပ်ရှင်ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုစံပန်းမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁)

**1:10 pm**  
7. ဆင်ဖြူရှင်တံတား

**1:20 pm**  
8. "ဈေးကွက်တံခါး ခေါက်သံ" (မြိုင်ခိုင်သား အောင်အောင်၊ နီနီနီ၊ အရှင်ကြီး၊ အနိုးသီး၊ ရွှေအေးကို၊ ကောင်းကျွန်းသစ်၊ မိုးမြည့်မြည့်မောင်၊ တင်တင်လှ) (ခါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်သက်)

**1:40 pm**  
9. တိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အစ လှပစေတာ

**2:30 pm**  
10. သုံးဆယ်ရှေ့လှောင်တံခါး

**2:45 pm**  
11. International news

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. English For Everyday Use

**4:45 pm**  
4. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**  
5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ လိုပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ- ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗော အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗော)

**5:15 pm**  
6. မှာဝင်ပီပီသလှကလောင်

**5:20 pm**  
7. Dance variety

**5:30 pm**  
8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတေး

**5:40 pm**  
9. Musical programme

**5:50 pm**  
10. Games for children

**6:15 pm**  
11. ဒုတိယနှစ် စာသင်လိုက် အမျိုးသား ကာကွယ်ဆေး တိုက်ရေ့များ အကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ

**6:30 pm**  
12. Evening news

**7:00 pm**  
13. Weather report

**7:05 pm**  
14. Discovery

**7:10 pm**  
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုစံပန်းမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၅၅)

**7:35 pm**  
16. Musical programme

**7:45 pm**  
17. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံရုပ်မြင်စေ့

**8:00 pm**  
18. News

**8:05 pm**  
19. International news

**8:15 pm**  
20. Weather report

**8:25 pm**  
21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရမ်းသေရာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

**8:35 pm**  
22. The next day's programme

**Radio Myanmar**

**Saturday, 19 February**

**Tune in today:**

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music: Rhinestone cowboy

**8:40 am** Perspectives

**8:45 am** Music: Heart don't lie

**8:55 am** National news/Slogan

**9:05 am** Music: Pilot of the air waves

**9:10 am** International news

**9:15 am** Music: Save your love

**9:20 am** News/Slogan

**1:30 pm** Request

**1:40 pm** Request -Head over heels -Ribbons of blue -It has to be you

**9:00 pm** ASEAN review -News + Song

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:20 pm** Myanmar culture by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

**9:30 pm** Souvenirs -Misty

**9:45 pm** News/Slogan

**10:00 pm** PEL

**10:30 pm** Close

## Myanmar in her exercise of foreign policies plays active part in such campaigns as world peace & security, anti-colonialism, anti-neocolonialists, anti-apartheid and non-interference in one another's internal affairs and non-aggression

YANGON, 18 Feb — On behalf of the Panel of Chairmen, Alternate Chairmen U Tun Yin Law of Delegates of Political Parties and U Yaw Aye Hla of the Delegates of Representatives-elect presented notes from the reports of the National Convention delegates on laying down basic detailed principles concerning the sharing of the legislative power to be included in the State Constitution at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday.

*The following is a translation of U Tun Yin Law and U Yaw Aye Hla.*

In connection with the basic principles to be laid down for the foreign affairs sector on grounds of 11 legislative matters relevant to power-sharing in the legislative sector that shall be included in writing the State constitution, I will continue to present the panel of chairmen's collection of excerpts from the suggested proposals submitted by some delegate groups to the National Convention and from those by certain delegates to the National Convention.

At the National Convention Plenary Meeting held on 18 May 2004, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee clarified that "With a view to further strengthening the independent and active foreign policy, the State has been practising continuously and maintaining existing relations with international community, the fundamental principles set by the National Convention in respect of the foreign policy are as follows:

- the State practises the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy, aims at world peace and friendly relations with nations, and upholds the principles of peaceful coexistence among nations;
- the State never starts aggression against any nation; and
- no foreign troops are permitted to be deployed within the territories of the Union.

In line with the fundamental principles laid down by the National Convention, discussions are to be made with respect to detailed basic principles for

legislative power of the foreign affairs sector.

"A study of the constitutions of a large number of world nations indicates that in almost every country legislative powers are vested only in their highest legislatures when it comes to making legislation relevant to the matters put under the foreign affairs sector which I have so far explained. It being the case, the esteemed delegates are to discuss as to whether or not detailed basic principles should be set in order to include in the Union Legislative list to enact laws concerning the following matters appropriate for the  
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## Information Minister hosts dinner to correspondents of foreign news agencies



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greets a foreign correspondent. — MNA

YANGON, 18 Feb — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan hosted a dinner to the correspondents of foreign news agencies abroad and local correspondents who were to make media coverage of the National Convention, at Karaweik Palace of Kandawgyi Gardens yesterday evening.

Present at the dinner were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, departmental officials, the Head of Office, Patron of the Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, Chairman U Sao Kai Hpa and member correspondents and foreign correspondents of Yumiuri

Shimbun, Fuji Television Network Inc, Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS), Nishinippon Newspaper Co, Sankei Shimbun, NHK, Mainichi Newspaper, Nippon Television Network Corp.(NTV), Tokyo Shimbun, Kyodo, Asahi Shimbun, VOA, EPA, TV Asahi News, AFP, Ji Ji Press, Reuters, AP and Kyodo news agencies.

On arrival at Karaweik Palace, the minister was welcomed by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein and heads of departments.

Next, the minister cordially greeted the correspondents.

Afterwards, the minister hosted a dinner to them. During the dinner, artistes of Karaweik Palace presented entertainment programmes to the correspondents.

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## NC delegates enjoy entertainment, play games for recreation

YANGON, 18 Feb — With a view to ensuring recreation of the National Convention delegates with peace of mind, the Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the Management Committee of the National Convention showed a movie titled 'Nay-ka-mwe-tela' starring Kyaw Hein, Min Maw Kun, Eindra Kyaw Zin and Tint Tint Tun, directed by Academy Maung Tin Oo, to the delegates who are attending the National Convention in Nyaungnnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, yesterday evening at Open Air Theatre at that place.

The subcommittee also showed a movie titled 'San-yay' starring Nyunt Win, Lwin Moe, Myint Myint Khine and Khine Hnin Wai, directed by Academy Kyi Soe Tun to the NC delegates this evening.

The subcommittee offered a lot of sporting places for badminton, table tennis, volleyball, billiard and golf to enable the NC delegates to play what they like.

After the plenary session, the NC delegates had a recreation by playing games peacefully and joyfully yesterday and today evenings. —MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gives replies to queries raised by a foreign correspondent at the dinner. — MNA