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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Mexico

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Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Contribute with zest and zeal to nation-building endeavours

The Union of Myanmar is indeed a nation in which women can embrace a unique opportunity to play a significant role in all sectors and enjoy great kindness, protection and care, if compared to the women of other nations.

Not only have been Myanmar women enjoying the rights equally with men but have a golden opportunity to play a vital role in the tasks sharing the same status with men for development of families of their own, human societies, the motherland and the people. Vividly visible in the course of Myanmar history is a fact that each and every woman in Myanmar has never failed to reveal their abilities and capabilities whenever there are any kinds of crises and hardships faced by the mother country and the people.

The government is encouraging as well as nurturing the entire womenfolk in the nation effectively and thoroughly so as to sharpen their qualifications in diversified areas and to lift their role.

The opening of the annual meeting of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation took place at its office on Thanlwin Street in Bahan Township, Yangon, the other day. Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addressed the meeting, saying that it was necessary for the MAAF led by national women themselves to make arrangements to carry out the tasks systematically like a dynamic and efficient machinery in order to take an active role not only in Myanmar women's affairs but also in State affairs, he said. Now, there have been constantly emerging more and more national women entrepreneurs who are in the forefront of the economic, education, health, science and technology, information and technology sectors, who are engaged in voluntary services and who join social organizations, and so it is safe to say that the role of Myanmar is shining brightly.

The MAAF is indeed is an authentic social organization established just in the interests of the nation and the people. The leaders at all levels should try to be a role model in morale, efficiency and diligence. The federation is to cultivate the habit and concept of preserving and cherishing traditions, customs, culture and patriotism among young women and to lead and organize them for constant propagation of the spirit of national unity and Union Spirit.

In a word, all Myanmar women are therefore exhorted to be imbued with patriotism and nationalistic fervour and to make contribution with zeal and zest and harmoniously towards the nation-building endeavours in the interests of the nation and the people.

DMA Golden Jubilee

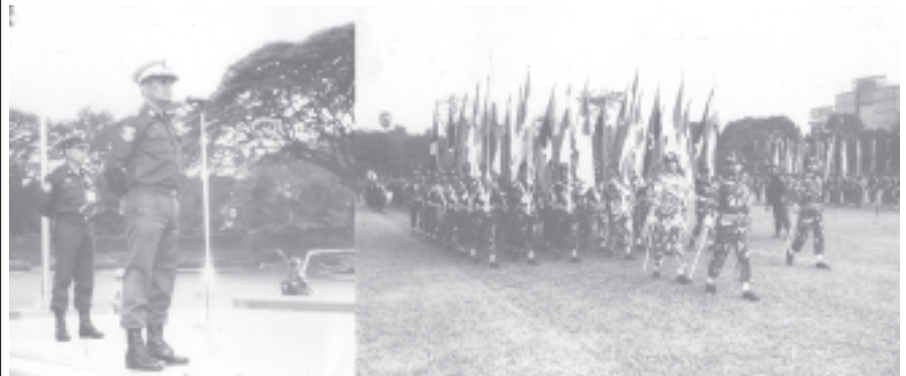
YANGON, 3 March — The training of Diploma in Management Administration which gave birth to the management administration subject will enter golden jubilee this year. DMA golden jubilee fair in conjunction with the ceremony of paying respects to teachers, paper-reading session and fun fairs will be held in April.

Old students of DMA training may contact members of the committee for holding DMA golden jubilee ceremony U Aung Khin Myint (Tel: 095013284), U Than Htike Tel:(220961), U Win Maw (Tel:221180), U Pho Htoo (Tel:385320), U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin (Tel:681764), U Myo Tha Htet (Tel:559582), Daw Khin Thet Maw (Tel:380499), Daw Nan Su Shwe Sin (Tel:210440), Daw Mon Mon Hlaing (Tel:527515) and Daw Aye Myat Myat Thu (Tel:527179). The work meeting will continue at Hline Township Management Administration Department at 1 pm on Sunday. — MNA

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

Parade columns practise drill



Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi inspects drill practising of Tatmadaw columns.— PUPR

YANGON, 3 March — The Tatmadaw columns which will participate in the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade practised drill at the Resistance Park, here, from 5.30 am to 10 am today.

Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Kyansitha Column led by Column Commander Col Tha Aung, Bayintnaung Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Nawade Column led by Column Commander Captain Aung Zaw Win (Navy), Aungzeya Column led by Column Com-

mander Col Myo Win, Hsinbyushin Column led by Column Commander Col Khin Aung Myint, Bandoola Column led by Column Commander Col Khin Maung Oo, Myawady Column led by Column Commander Col Win Swe and Aung San Column led by Column Commander Col Thein Zaw took practising drill under the command of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and senior military officers.— MNA

Press conference on Tiger-Myanmar Amateur Open held



MGF President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) meets with journalists at the press conference on Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open-2005.— MNA

YANGON, 3 March — The press conference on Tiger-Myanmar Amateur Open 2005 was held at the Dusit Inya Lake Hotel this afternoon.

Present were officials of the Ministry of Sports, President of Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), General Secretary U Aung Kyi and members, journalists, the President of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and members.

MGF President Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) gave a speech. General Manager Mr David Teng of Myanmar Brewery Ltd explained arrangements for the gold open.

Next, the president and officials answered the queries raised by the journalists.

Afterwards, selected Myanmar golfers performed skills demonstration.

The open will be held at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon from 7 to 10 March. The prizes for the winners amounted to K 3,455,000 including K 500,000 for first prize winner, K 350,000 for the second and K 300,000 for the third and other winners.

Myanmar Brewery Ltd will sponsor the open together with co-sponsors Air Mandalay Ltd, Dusit Inya Lake Hotel, Ping Golf Equipment, Srixon Golf Equipment and Accel International Ltd.— MNA

Winners of short story, novel, article contests announced

YANGON, 4 March — The Work Committee for Holding the Literary and Photo Contests in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day announced winners in the short story contest, the novel contest and the article contest today.

Tun Naing won the first prize, Ohnma Tin second and The Mya Hnya third together with 10 consolation prize winners in the short story contest. In the novel contest, Tin Aung Soe (Panmyodaw) secured the first prize, Ko Htwe (Kalaw-GTI) second and Thin Moe Ni third together with eight consolation prize winners.

Similarly, Tha Bye Nu stood first, Aye Than (Letpadan) second and Ma Thuza Win third together with 10 consolation prize winners.

First, second and third prize winners are to attend the prize presentation ceremony to be held on 27 March 2005 and are to report in person to U Ko Ko Htwe, Secretary of the Work Committee, Myanma Radio and Television, Pyay Road, Yangon, on 23 March. — MNA

ASEAN maritime security forum opens in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 3 March— Cooperation at both the regional level and the international level is needed to deal with maritime threats, Singapore's Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean said on Wednesday.

Teo noted that a regional consensus has been made on the basis of three principles, namely, the primary role of the littoral states, the important role of other stakeholders, and the need for consultation and to proceed in accordance with international law. Teo was speaking at the opening of the Association of South-East Asian Nations Regional Forum (ARF) on Regional Cooperation in Maritime Security, a three-day event held here on Wednesday with a participation of about 170 officials from 22 ARF countries.

As the Malacca and Singapore Straits transport as much as a quarter of the world's commerce and half of the world's oil, Teo said, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore have begun trilateral

coordinated patrols since last July.

He also welcomed International Maritime Organization's (IMO) initiative to catalyze international cooperation on the security of vital shipping lanes.

Teo added that the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Anti-Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) has provided a legal framework for the region's cooperation initiative. He further suggested that the ARF member countries conduct a maritime security exercise in the near future.

The Channel NewsAsia report said that a ministerial declaration can be expected in the next round of ARF meeting, which will be held in Indonesia's capital of Jakarta later this year. —MNA/Xinhua



A honeybee rests on a flower in New Delhi on 2 March, 2005. Spring, which started last month, is the season when flowers in Delhi's gardens come alive with colour, attracting birds and bees alike.—INTERNET

Chinese, Belarussian FMs pledge further relations

BEIJING, 3 March— China is ready to work with Belarus to promote relations between China and Belarus "in a stable and healthy manner", said Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing here on Wednesday.

China appreciates Belarus' adherence to one-China policy and its support for China's stance on Taiwan issue, said Li in talks with the visiting Belarussian Foreign Minister Sergei Martynov. The Chinese Foreign Minister also stressed the fast-growing relations between China and Belarus since the two countries forged diplomatic relations 13 years ago. Martynov said bilateral relations have maintained good momentum, which are in the interests of the peoples of the two countries. Belarus will continue to follow one-China policy and support China's efforts in addressing Taiwan question, Martynov said.—MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN+3 oil forums to seek closer Asian oil cooperation

HANOI, 4 March— Senior officials representing 10 ASEAN countries plus China, Japan and South Korea, or ASEAN+3, will seek ways to beef up Asian oil cooperation to ensure their energy security at two oil forums this month.

"During the 2nd ASEAN+3 Oil Market Forum and the 3rd ASEAN+3 Oil Stockpiling Forum scheduled to take place in Hanoi on 14 March, delegates will centre their discussions on joint activities towards setting up an oil stockpiling programme for the 13 countries, and developing an Asian oil market in a prosperous and sustainable way," an official from Vietnam's Industry Ministry told Xinhua on condition of anonymity Thursday.

Oil market issues are of great importance to members of ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) as well as China, Japan and South Korea,

since many of them have huge demand for oil and largely rely on Middle Eastern products, the official said, noting that they have already realized the importance of establishing a common oil stockpiling programme.

"According to a specific capacity of each country, ASEAN+3 members should contribute specific amounts of oil, both crude and refined oil, but mainly crude, to the future programme so that they can actively deal with fluctuations in world oil prices," he said, adding that the stockpiling will be meaningless if no proper oil markets are developed for it.—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to increase fuel import in March

JAKARTA, 3 March— Indonesia will increase fuel import to 13 million kilolitres this month from the average of 11 million kilolitres, an official said Wednesday. "We plan to increase the importation of fuel products, such as gasoline... from 11 million kilolitres to 13 million kilolitres," Ari Soemarno, marketing director of state-run oil company Pertamina, was quoted by Detikcom online news service as saying. He said the increase is needed to ensure fuel supply for the next 22 days, adding that the plan has nothing to do with the hike in domestic fuel prices imposed on Tuesday.

Oil output in Indonesia, a member of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC), has been plummeting in the last few years and government officials have said oil production will not meet the targeted 1.1 million barrels per day this year. —MNA/Xinhua

1,502 US soldiers killed in Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 3 March— As of Thursday, 3 March, 2005, at least 1,502 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 1,141 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is eight 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, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan

one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,364 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,032 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet



US military arrive at the scene of a suicide bomb in central Baghdad. The car bombers killed 10 people on an Iraqi Army base and at a checkpoint.—INTERNET

China draws up Tibet tourism development plan

BEIJING, 3 March— The first Tibet tourism development plan, which will last from 2005 to 2020, entered the final assessment phase.

The plan covered six regions in Tibet, with total area of 1.2 million square kilometres, said Losang Jamcan, vice-chairman of Tibet Autonomous Region.

According to the plan, Tibet will focus on developing inbound tourism and domestic tourism, in order to establish as an important tourism centre between China and south Asia as well as a world famous high plateau tourism destination combining ecology and Tibetan culture. By 2010, Tibet will attract 280,000 inbound travellers and 2.2 million domestic travellers. Tourism revenue will reach four billion yuan (0.5 billion US dollars), accounting for 10 per cent of local GDP. By 2020, Tibet will attract 1.12 million inbound travellers and 9.05 million domestic travellers. Tourism revenue will reach 22.8 billion yuan (2.8 billion US dollars), accounting for 18 per cent of local GDP.

Losang said tourism will also promote urbanization and infrastructure construction in Tibet as well as help protect traditional culture and the environment.

Situated in Southwest China, Tibet has its unique climate and geography. Its historical relics, religious architecture, paintings, portraits, costumes, cuisine and folk culture attract travellers. In recent years, the local tourism industry developed rapidly. Last year, Tibet received 1.22 million visitors, gaining 1.5 billion yuan (0.19 billion US dollars) worth of tourism revenue, occupying 7 per cent of domestic GDP. Nearly 30,000 farmers were involved in tourism service industry, with income increasing 2,328 yuan (300 US dollars) per capita.—MNA/Xinhua



This handout picture shows Jordan Formula One drivers Tiago Monteiro of Portugal (L) and his teammate Narain Karthikeyan of India (R) meeting a rock wallaby at the Melbourne Zoo. The drivers are in Melbourne to prepare the 2005 Australian Grand Prix on 6 March, 2005. — INTERNET

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Malaysia's trade with ASEAN continues to increase

KUALA LUMPUR, 3 March — Malaysia's trade with ASEAN countries would continue to increase in the coming years following the completion of the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) process, a senior official said Wednesday.

Overall, Malaysia's trade with ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) had been increasing, registering a growth of 22.8 per cent in 2001, 24.7 per cent in 2002 and 23.5 per cent in 2004, Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah said at a one-

day conference on "AFTA: Meeting the Competition" here.

Ahmad Husni said that ASEAN, with a combined population of over 530 million and combined gross domestic product amounting to 685.9 billion US dollars in 2003,

offered potential for further market expansion of Malaysian products.

In 2004, Malaysia's trade with other ASEAN members was valued at 56.89 billion US dollars, representing 23.2 per cent of the country's global trade.—MNA/Xinhua

East China's historic city to build 10 museums

NANJING, 3 March— The 2,500-year-old city of Yangzhou in east China will build 10 museums and exhibition halls to "show off its charm", an official of the municipal government said.

"The project plan has taken form after consultation attended by relevant officers and experts, and will be implemented soon," said the official.

The 10 expected museums on basis of ancient architecture include a folk collection exhibition hall, a traditional Chinese medical science museum, a city industry museum, a Yangzhou-style potted landscape exhibition hall, an animal specimens museum, a Yangzhou cuisine museum, a canal culture museum, a Buddhism museum, a bridge museum and an art exhibition centre.

As one of the first group of 24 famous historic and

cultural cities of China announced by the State Council in 1982, Yangzhou boasts an array of well-preserved ancient architecture, which the local government considers has not displayed its value.

"The government spent three years renovating the old architecture, such as temples and the ancients' former residences, which have not opened to the public," said the official. "They can easily become museums as long as being remodelled a little, which is a good way of protection.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq car bombs kill six

BAGHDAD, 3 March—Two suicide car bombs outside Iraq's Interior Ministry and another near a police station in Baquba killed six people, as Shiite political parties piled pressure on the Kurds to join them in a governing coalition.

The Baghdad bombs went off at morning rush hour, with the first vehicle serving as a decoy for the second and more powerful blast outside the ministry, a strategic post in Iraq's battle against the guerillas.

"A Kia vehicle tried to enter the checkpoint and at this moment blew up. It was not that effective but made a large amount of smoke so we couldn't see anything," said policeman Mohammed Jaafar.

"Two minutes later, a Jeep Cherokee reached the checkpoint and opened fire with an MG machinegun and police fired back but it was too late because he reached the checkpoint and blew up."

Five policemen were killed and five more wounded, an interior ministry official said. In Baquba, north of the capital, one person was killed and 18 wounded in a car bomb attack near a police station, a police officer said. Another policeman said it was a suicide attack.

The attacks came just a day after a pair of suicide car bombs targeted Iraqi security forces in Baghdad, killing 10 and wounding dozens more. Two US soldiers also died Wednesday after being wounded by a homemade bomb while on patrol in Baghdad, the US Army said. A third soldier was killed the same day in the south-central Babil Province.—Internet

Over 650,000 volunteers to help during Beijing's nat'l legislature session

BEIJING, 3 March — More than 650,000 volunteers in Beijing will emerge in lanes and streets of Beijing to help police with security during the upcoming annual sessions of China's national legislature and national advisory body.

The volunteers, who are called "Red Armbands" since they wear a red armbands on duty, took part in a patrol ceremony Monday as the launch of their missions. They have played an important role in public security during the big events occurring in Beijing in recent years, local police said.

According to the police, 448 suspects have been detained in 403 cases handled with the clues provided by volunteers who performed their duties ahead of the annual meetings of the National

People's Congress (NPC) and the China People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) starting this week.

This is another move by the police to tighten security for the high-profile national political events.

From March 1 to 20, police will take measures to restrict trucks and passenger cars from entering the city. Passenger cars with a pass to the capital will be allowed to stay for three days instead of 30 days.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldiers in Japan suspected of drug abuse

TOKYO, 3 March—Fourteen crew members on the US aircraft carrier *Kitty Hawk* are suspected of having used the synthetic drug MDMA, better known as ecstasy, and marijuana in violation of military regulations, *Kyodo News* reported Tuesday.

The crew members tested positive for drug use last spring, the report quoted investigative sources as saying.

Disciplinary action has been taken against seven of the 14 crew members of the 83,960-ton flattop, which is home-ported at Yokosuka. Kanagawa Prefecture. Similar action will also be taken against the remainders, they said.

The 14 reportedly told

US military authorities they obtained the drugs in Tokyo's Roppongi area or Yokohama when they visited there on weekends.

A total of 36 crew members on two *Aegis* cruisers based at the Yokosuka base have been disciplined for drug use since last summer, the sources said.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkey seizes 215.8 kilos of heroin

ANKARA, 2 March — Turkish police seized 215.8 kilos of heroin in south-eastern Turkey, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported Monday.

The report said the police confiscated 215.8 kilos of heroin hidden in a lorry in Sirmak Province and two suspects were arrested.

The drug was brought from Iran, said the report.

Turkey, located on the crossroad of Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Mediterranean Sea, is an important channel in heroin trade destined for Europe. — MNA/Xinhua

Hainan Province hit by rare drought

HAIKOU, 3 March — A total of 554,800 rural residents in south China's Hainan Province are almost without drinkable water as a rare drought maintains its hold on this island province.

Statistics provided by the provincial drought relief office show that by late February, 126,600 head of large livestock were also suffering from lack of water. The severe drought has also threatened 196,200 hectares of crops — about half the province's total arable land.

An official with the provincial drought relief office said 18 cities and counties of the province were suffering drought, with Wenchang, Qionghai, Wanning, Lingshui and Dunchang the worst hit.

Reservoirs in the province hold just 34.57 per cent of the water for a normal year, and 64 local rivers have run dry. The drought has also caused seawater to flow eight kilometres upstream along the Wanquan River, called the mother river of Hainan.

MNA/Xinhua



Pedestrians pass a billboard in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province. The Chinese economy grew at 9.5 percent in 2004, despite a 7.0 percent growth target announced at the 2004 National People's Congress session. The government has maintained the same target since at least 2002.—INTERNET

Indonesia invites 107 countries for Asian-African Conference

JAKARTA, 3 March — The Indonesian Government has invited 107 countries for the Asian-African Conference scheduled for April to mark the golden jubilee of the Asian and African leaders' gathering against colonialism, according to official source here Wednesday.

Thirty five countries have confirmed their participation in the two-day conference, Bali Moniaga, a staff member of the African Affairs Directorate of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, was quoted by the *Antara* news agency as saying.

"Major countries in Asia and Africa which already confirmed their participation include Japan, China, India, Nigeria and Senegal," said Moniaga.

The presidential invitations have been distributed to 53 countries in Africa and 54 others in Asia, he added.

Some countries are awaiting second invitations because the old ones were signed by then President Megawati Soekarnoputri, he said.

"President (Susilo Bambang) Yudhoyono will send

new invitations to affirm Indonesia's commitment to host the conference," he said.

Back to 1955, the West Java town of Bandung hosted the first Asian-African Conference. It was chaired by the first Indonesian President Sukarno and called for racial equality and right of self-determination.

In July 2003, Bandung hosted the Asian-African ministerial meeting to renew "the 1955 Bandung spirit". It shifted the conference's theme from anti-colonialism to cooperation enhancement to cope with economic challenges.

Delegates also agreed to hold the 50th Asian-African Conference here in 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

China opposes to US report criticizing China's human rights

BEIJING, 4 March — China is firmly opposed to a US State Department report criticizing China's human rights situation without any reason, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said here Wednesday.

He made the remarks when asked to comment on the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices released by the US in Washington Monday.

"Only the Chinese people themselves have the right to comment on the human rights situation in their own country."

"The Chinese Government, sticking to a policy it calls 'putting people above everything else,' has made many efforts toward building a democratic country under the rule of law," Liu said. "As a result, the Chinese people are now enjoying an improved situation in terms of human rights." — MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani cooks prepare dishes in the kitchen of Cafe Lazeez restaurant, a British curry chain, in Islamabad.—INTERNET

Marine biologists say corals affected due to tsunami

MUMBAI, 4 March — Coral reefs in several areas around the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in India have suffered extensive damage in the December 26 tsunami, according to surveys conducted by marine biologists.

The damage is mainly breakage of corals and toppling of coral heads while some coral reef areas have been buried under sand and sediments. Interestingly, some shallow water corals have been carried away to deep sea and they may not survive as their habitat changed drastically, Marine Biologist at Reef Watch Marine Conservation (RWMC) Dr. Sarang Kulkarni told PTI.

In North Andaman Islands, some areas were

uplifted, exposing the coral reefs and they will not survive, he said.

The surveys were conducted in M G Marine National Park, Windoor and around Andaman Islands. RWMC has undertaken extensive rapid assessment through the islands to study the impact of tsunami on coral reefs and would present the report to Andaman and Nicobar administration by April this year, he said.

Asked if there is any

drastic change in coral population pattern, Kulkarni said "tsunami has affected all coral population".

The RWMC scientists said presently there seems to be trouble for coral reefs and that could affect the islands' tourism and fishery sectors. If there is extensive damage then government may need to regulate few activities in coral reef areas and catchment areas, they said.— MNA/PTI

China to cooperate with US company on energy-saving buildings

BEIJING, 4 March — China's Ministry of Construction signed a cooperation memorandum on "green" building technology with American Standard Corporation Wednesday.

The agreement is an important step in strengthening its cooperation with foreign companies to promote China's development of green building technology, Qiu Baoxing, Vice-Minister of Construction said at the signing ceremony of the memorandum. According to the cooperation memorandum, American Standard Corporation helped China launch the award for the best green buildings in the

country, said Qiu. The energy consumption per unit for Chinese construction is two or three times that of developed countries. Qiu said he believed that it is urgent for China to promote energy-efficiency buildings because the pace of China's industrialization and urbanization is putting pressure on the supply of energy and resources.

MNA/Xinhua

"Iranian News Agency" opens Chinese web site

BEIJING, 3 March — The Iranian News Agency (IRNA), Iran's official news agency, launched a web site about China in Beijing on Wednesday.

The web site is expected to contribute to better understanding, exchanges and cooperation between China and Iran, said Iranian Ambassador to China Ferydoun Verdi Nejad at the launching ceremony.

The web site, with various news columns, will offer latest development of China-Iran cooperation and exchanges. It also provides relevant background introduction about China and Iran so as to serve the travelling personnels and bilateral cooperation. — MNA/Xinhua

Torrential rains kill five, thousands flee from homes in Pakistan

CHAMAN (Pakistan), 3 March — Five people were killed and thousands had to flee from their homes in Pakistan's remote southwest after torrential rain struck the usually arid region, officials said on Wednesday.

More than 400 people were killed across Pakistan last month when the country's heaviest rain and snow in 16 years caused a spate of floods and avalanches. Once again Baluchistan Province, in the southwest, bore the brunt.

Officials said five people had been killed in the past two days when rain caused many mud-walled houses to collapse near Chaman, a town near the

Afghan border.

A spokesman for the provincial government said rain also forced a breach in a dam near the coastal town of Gawadar, forcing thousands of people out of their homes. Last month's deluge also destroyed a dam in Baluchistan, and dozens of people were killed and thousands left homeless in the deluge that followed.

MNA/Reuters



Technicians work at a semiconductor factory near Kuala Lumpur. The global semiconductor industry is expected to grow at a sharply slower pace in 2005, industry research house Gartner said.—INTERNET

Pakistan's unmanned-aircraft crashes

ISLAMABAD, 3 March — A small unmanned-aircraft of Pakistan Air Force crashed on Wednesday evening in central Pakistan, police said.

An Air Force spokesman in Islamabad also confirmed the crash.

The aircraft crashed near central city of Chakwal, some 100 kilometres south of Islamabad, and there was no loss of life, however the aircraft was totally damaged and became debris, the local news agency *News Network International* quoted local police sources as saying.

The police sources said that the aircraft crashed at about 4.00 pm local time. The heavy contingent of police rushed on the spot and it cordoned the area where the aircraft was crashed.

Later on, a team of Pakistan Air Force also reached on the spot.

MNA/Xinhua



This January 2004 photo shows a tiger yawning in Ranthambore National Park, in India's northwestern Rajasthan State.—INTERNET

“Art” magazine launched in Beijing

BEIJING, 3 March — “Art”, a specialized magazine that is aimed to guide China's booming art market, was launched in Beijing recently, by a sub-committee on calligraphy, painting and sculpture under the China Society of Cultural Heritage.

The magazine will carry articles on art and art-related economic issues, said Liu Rendao, Director and Editor-in-Chief of the monthly.

The articles will be neutral and objective on the assessment of art works, while closely monitoring the movements of art market, Liu said. “The magazine will adopt a simple and vivid style,” he noted.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain ranks in top 3 for heroin abuse in Europe

LONDON, 4 March — Britain ranks in the top three for heroin and ecstasy abuse in Europe and has the biggest amphetamine problem in the region, a United Nations drugs watchdog said on Wednesday.

“Cocaine abuse appears to be increasing in the United Kingdom and, to a lesser extent, in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland,” the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) wrote in its 2004 annual report.

It estimates that more than 200 tons of cocaine are smuggled into Europe every year, entering the region mainly via Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain and Britain.

Cannabis is increasingly being grown locally, particularly in member states of the European Union, the INCB said in the report, adding that its use had

grown in almost all countries over the past decade.

“The above mentioned upward trend in cannabis use seems to be related to the efforts by some to promote the notion that cannabis use is not harmful.”

In Western Europe, Luxembourg is the country with the highest level of opiate abuse, followed by Portugal and Britain. Britain heads the table for the most heroin seized.

For ecstasy abuse, Britain ranks third behind Ireland and the Czech Republic while it is number for amphetamines one ahead of Ireland, Denmark, and Spain.

MNA/Reuters

Global chip sector to grow at a sharply slower pace in 2005

SINGAPORE, 4 March — The global semiconductor industry is expected to grow at a sharply slower pace in 2005 with revenues to increase 3.4 per cent to 227.6 billion dollars, industry research house Gartner said Thursday.

The projected expansion is down from a rise of 23.9 per cent in 2004, when huge demand for electronics on the back of a strong global economy pushed industry revenues to 220 billion dollars, Gartner said in a report.

Weaker consumer demand, high inventory levels and slower business spending are the main factors behind the projections of a smaller rise this year, Gartner said.—MNA/AFP

Vietnam boosts agricultural growth

HANOI, 4 March — Vietnam is applying more advanced technologies, upgrading rural infrastructure and looking forward to a market-based farm production, in an effort to achieve agricultural growth of 5.5 per cent this year.

The country is intensifying investment in application of advanced biotechnology to produce better strains for crops and raise quality of agricultural products, as well as offering greater financial and technical assistance to small- and medium-sized farming and rural enterprises, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Thursday.

Vietnam is also facilitating production and exportation of agricultural products by constructing more paved roads, electricity networks and wholesales markets in rural areas. In a longer-term, it is building up national brands for its key farm produces so that they will be better known to foreign consumers.

However, the ministry admitted that the process of integrating into the region and the world also poses many challenges to Vietnam's agriculture. Being slow in applying science and technology in processing, the country now exports a large volume of raw materials, it noted.

Vietnam obtained agricultural growth of 4.2 per cent last year. Meanwhile, it exported 4.2 billion US dollars' worth of agro-forestry products, posting a year-on-year increase of 32 per cent. —MNA/Xinhua

UN chief urges to enhance gender equality in education

UNITED NATIONS, 4 March — The world has no chance of achieving many of the ambitious health, social and development targets it has set for itself without achieving gender equality for girls in education, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Wednesday.

“Education is the right of every one of the world's daughters, as well as its sons. It is also crucial to our progress in reaching many other development goals,” he told the Conference on Gender Parity in Education in Washington in video message.

“If we are to succeed in our efforts to build a healthier, peaceful and equitable world, classrooms must be full of girls as well as boys,” he said, noting that by educating girls, the international community will help raise economic productivity, reduce both maternal and infant mortality, improve nutrition, promote health, and fight HIV/AIDS.

“By educating girls, we will trigger a transformation of society as a whole — social, economic and political. That is why education and gender equality together must be given priority,” he added.

“Yet of the more than 100 million children who are not in school, most are still girls,” he declared, noting that world leaders have set this year as the target date for girls to catch up with boys in primary and secondary education, not 2015 as with other Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that slash other ills such as extreme poverty, hunger and infant and maternal mortality. —MNA/Xinhua

Scientists discover new method to detect signs of testicular cancer

LONDON, 3 March — Danish scientists said on Thursday they had discovered a new method that could help to detect very early signs of testicular cancer.

They diagnosed the disease in a 23-year-old man who had fertility problems but showed no signs of the illness by looking for a specific protein in semen.

“This is the first time there may be a potential method of detecting testicular cancer in a semen sample,” Dr Christina Høi-Hansen, of Rigshospitalet-Copenhagen University Hospital, told Reuters. She believes the findings could lead to the development of a

cheap, non-invasive diagnostic test and perhaps a screening programme for testicular cancer.

The researchers had earlier discovered that a protein called AP-2gamma was found in testicular carcinoma in situ (CIS), a very early stage of the disease before it has started to spread.

They were doing a study comparing levels of the protein in semen samples from testicular cancer patients and healthy men who acted as a con-

trol group.

“When we were evaluating the first series of semen samples we detected AP-2gamma positive cells in a sample from one of the healthy controls,” Høi-Hansen said.

The man was having a routine semen analysis because he and his partner had been trying for 18 months to have a baby. Further tests confirmed he had CIS, according to the research reported in the journal *Human Reproduction*. —MNA/Reuters



A snowman holding a can of beer sits on a bench in Vondelpark, in the centre of Amsterdam, Netherlands, on 2 March, 2005. According to the Dutch Weather Service the Netherlands was hit by the heaviest snowfall in 20 years, causing schools in the north of the country to close and disrupting traffic.—INTERNET

YCDC undertaking city housing development tasks

Article & photos by Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan)



Shwe Mya Yar housing estate in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, jointly constructed by Yangon City Development Committee and the Ngapali Construction Co Ltd.

The Yangon City Development Committee, in its drive to enable Yangon City possess all the characteristics of a world-class city, has been taking such measures as renovation and maintenance of existing buildings, supervising the development affairs tasks, and contribution towards health care concerns, the upgrading of the transport facilities and construction of public recreation centres.

Yangon City was once regarded as the most beautiful and cleanest city in the south-east Asia. Now, the YCDC is making efforts in numerous spheres for Yangon City to be the model city of south-east Asia. Yangon City had an area of 133.63 square miles with a population of around four million people circa 1988, and now its area has increased to 265 square miles and its popula-

tion, to about six million people.

The YCDC is carrying out traffic safety tasks such as installation of cat eyes in the traffic facilities and construction of guard rails in addition to upgrading and maintenance of roads, bridges and pavements of the roads. In this open season, it has extended 67 roads from 18 feet wide ones to 72 feet wide ones, tarred the roads stretching 385,188 feet, and tarmacked the 37 roads stretching 168,021 feet.

And it is also constructing more than 70 self-help roads.

Its goal will not be achieved fully if the city is having more and more buildings with less greening situation. The YCDC has so far grown more than 2,230,000 saplings of flowering plants, seasonal plants and shady trees, and constructed 59 parks, 101 football grounds and playgrounds throughout the city to upgrade it into a garden one.

It is taking responsi-

bilities for daily supply of clean water for the city dwellers. Upon completion of the Ngamoeyeik Water Supply Project, it will be able to supply more 140 gallons of clean water for the Yangonites.

Simultaneously, the Engineering Department (Buildings) under the YCDC is putting into motion the city housing development project.

The department has been taking all necessary measures in advance for construction of urban development buildings. The

YCDC is giving permission to and helping the people to construct, repair or renovate buildings everywhere except on the State-own estates in the city.

The YCDC has formed the Construction Supervision Committee with the mayor as the chairman and the head of the Engineering Department (Buildings) as the secretary.

The Construction Supervision Committee is giving permission to construction entrepreneurs,

those who want to extend or repair their buildings, renew the government land grants, and apply for copy of the land grants, for history of maps of their buildings, and for having land survey work undertaken. Those persons may join the YCDC from noon until 4.30 pm on office days.

Taking into account the long-term interests of the city dwellers, the YCDC is undertaking development affairs works effectively and thoroughly with farsightedness for the development of the city.

The city with increasing population will remain the commercially strategic city of Myanmar.

The YCDC is also making arrangements for the upgrading of the city in proportion with the growing population and the rising living level of its people.

In conclusion, the YCDC is placing emphasis on the construction of buildings that will match the greening city in the interests of the people.

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Those who want to construct new buildings and make major repair to and extend their old buildings waiting for their turns for permission. The Construction Supervision Committee under the YCDC is fulfilling their wishes on the first floor of City Hall from noon until 4.30 pm on office days.

Legislative power to enact laws...

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10. chemical fertilizer and insecticide, and
11. marine fisheries.

They also discussed in support of the laying down of the following detailed basic principles in the region or state legislative list concerning the agricultural and livestock breeding sector:

1. agriculture,
2. prevention and control of pests,
3. proper use of chemical fertilizer and systematic production of inorganic fertilizer,
4. agricultural loans and savings,
5. dams, embankments, lakes, ditches and supply of irrigation water, for which the divisions or states have the right to manage,
6. fresh water fisheries, and
7. livestock breeding, prevention and treatment of diseases and the keeping of animals systematically.

I will now present the separate suggestions and discussions of the delegate groups.

In giving a separate suggestion, the national race delegate group dealt with the occurrence, control of and vaccination against animal diseases. The State will have to conduct research to produce new and potent vaccines and to prevent the spread of animal diseases in regions or states bordering the countries where the infection starts. A basic principle concerning the animal disease prevention and treatment should be included in the Union legislative list.

The group also discussed the term "livestock breeding, prevention and treatment of diseases and the keeping of animals systematically" of the matters regarding the agriculture and livestock sector that should be included in the region or state legislative list should be substituted with the term "Livestock breeding and keeping of animals systematically."

Likewise, intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group gave a separate suggestion to add the point "Animal reproduction, disease control and treatment, and research" as the 12th in addition to the 11 points to be included in the Union legislative list. It also gave a suggestion to substitute the term "livestock breeding, diseases control and

treatment and the keeping of animals systematically" of the matters regarding the agriculture and livestock sector that should be included in the region or state legislative list to be substituted with the term "Livestock breeding and keeping of animals systematically in accord with the law enacted by the Union."

A separate suggestion presented by State service personnel delegate group is much similar to the one submitted by the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group.

When the suggestions of the delegate groups are studied, the proposed terms "Animal reproduction, disease control and treatment, and research" to be included in the Union legislative list and "Livestock breeding and keeping of animals systematically in accord with the law enacted by the Union" are found to be meaningful and clear. As the terms are found to be appropriate and in conformity with the already-laid-down basic principles, they are worthy of serious consideration.

Hence, the Work Committee discussed with the panel of chairmen regarding the matter. After making due discussions with the delegate groups concerned, the panel of chairmen presented the paper concerning their opinion to the Work Committee. It is found that most of the delegate groups have opted to add the point "Animal reproduction, disease control and treatment, and research" as the 12th in addition to the 11 points to be included in the Union legislative list and to state the term "Livestock breeding and keeping of animals systematically in accord with the law enacted by the Union" as the seventh point to be included in the region or state legislative list.

Other invited persons delegate group pointed out that if the regions and states are permitted to manage land, produce and use chemical fertilizers and pesticides and conduct research work, the nation's agricultural sector will achieve rapid development.

It also said, the State should consider inclusion of the following points:

1. land management,
2. reclamation of vacant, fallow and virgin lands,
3. settlement and land records,
4. mechanized farming,
5. agricultural research,

10. chemical fertilizer and insecticide, and

11. marine fisheries" to be permitted to run by the regions and states.

As the suggestion itself requests the State to consider the matter, it should be recorded for the legislative bodies that will emerge in accord with the new Constitution to take into account the matter in enacting laws.

Delegates of the representatives-elect delegate group of the political parties presented suggestions similar to the opinions of the papers presented by the respective parties.

Independent 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 the Union of Myanmar has different types of land for reclamation, and possibility of the occurrence of natural hazards is also different between one region and another and they are subject to various climatic conditions. Authorities of the regions and states and self-administered areas should be permitted to reclaim land for development of various sectors without going against the Union laws. The permission concerning the reclamation of vacant, fallow and virgins lands should be given to regions and states and self-administered areas without opposing the Union laws.

Concerning the suggestion, I would like to say that the legislative power to enact laws for reclamation of vacant, fallow and virgins lands should be entrusted to the Union. Whenever the Union enacts a law concerning the matter, the permission to do the job should be stated in the law itself or the bylaws. As the suggestion states to carry out the task without going against the Union law, the matter is put on record for consideration in enacting laws by the Union.

Hence, in accord with the suggestions of a large number of delegates concerning the agricultural and livestock breeding sector, the following points are laid down as detailed basic principles to be included in the Union legislative list:



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly accredited Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic Mr Miltiadis Hiskakis at Zeyathiri Beikman (News on Page 1).—MNA

1. land management,
2. reclamation of vacant, fallow and virgin lands,
3. settlement and land records,
4. survey,
5. dams, embankments and water supply managed by Pyidaungsu,
6. meteorology, hydrology and seismic survey,
7. registration,
8. mechanized farming,
9. agricultural research,
10. chemical fertilizer and insecticide, and
11. marine fisheries.
12. animal reproduction, disease control and treatment, and research.

Moreover the following points are laid down as detailed basic principles to be included in the region or state legislative list:

1. agriculture,
2. prevention and control of pests,
3. proper use of chemical fertilizer and systematic production of inorganic fertilizer,
4. agricultural loans and savings,
5. dams, embankments, lakes, ditches and supply of irrigation water, for which the divisions or states have the right to manage,
6. fresh water fisheries, and
7. livestock breeding and keeping of animals systematically in accord with the law enacted by

the Union.

Secretary of the Work Committee U Thaug Nyunt continued to submit the energy, electricity, mining and forest sector.

At the plenary meeting held on 19 May 2004, the Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles concerning the energy, electricity, mining and forestry sector that should be included in the Union legislative list and the region or state legislative list for sharing the legislative power. The delegate groups to the National Convention gave suggestions on the matter. The delegate

groups —the national race delegate group, the peasant delegate group, the worker delegate group, the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group, and State service personnel delegate group — and the delegate group of the political parties — The National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party — made

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POEM

We remain unmoved

* What we do, our earth, our water
with our people, proportionately
Though things remain encouraging
They blame us without fail
Why do they do that.
If dissected
It's his goading, his command
Without paying heed, our community,
our land
To build it
According to our norm, our pattern
That's the reason, we're doing it.
* If unhesitatingly, his word
We obey cheerfully
Leave our life to him, do as told
As he sees it unadmonishing
He'll shower us with applause
* Whatever he says
We'll remain unmoved
According to the set objective and path
Just watch us go that way
We'll keep on continue till we get there.
Po Wa (Trs:)
(Dedicated to the person who keeps thinking
he has his say regarding human rights.)



Senior General Than Shwe receives newly accredited Ambassador of Mexico Mr Andres Carral Cuevas at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta.(News on Page 1)— MNA

Most of the delegate groups...

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1. Industries other than those designated to be undertaken by the Pyidaungsu level; and
 2. Cottage industries.
- The delegate groups that presented the suggestions are:
- the delegate group of national races,
 - the delegate group of peasants,
 - the delegate group of workers,
 - the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, and
 - the delegate group of political parties, which constitutes:
 - (1) National Unity Party,
 - (2) Union PaO National Organization,
 - (3) Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization,
 - (4) Lahu National Development Party,
 - (5) Union Kayin League,
 - (6) Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, and
 - (7) Wa National Development Party

I will continue to present separate proposals submitted by the delegate groups to the National Convention.

The delegate group of State service personnel, in its separate suggestion, said that the type and quality of a

product is of vital importance in industry. With the competitive market in the open market-oriented economic system, the quality of products can vary. When it comes to foodstuff, medicines, construction materials, and auto parts, the product of substandard can be harmful to the user. It is necessary to introduce laws for the standardization and specification of products. Therefore, this matter should be included in the Union Legislative List.

It is found that although the Chairman of the Work Committee clarified five points of the industrial sector to be included in the Union Legislative List, the delegate group of State service personnel added another point — ‘standardization and specification of products’— as third point, making the points altogether six. So appropriate is this suggestion, which is also consistent with the basic principle already laid down, that this matter should be taken into deep consideration.

However, the usage of the term ‘product’ can be misinterpreted with ‘import and export products’. This being the case, the term should be changed to ‘standardization and specification of manufactured commodities’. As regards this issue, the National Convention Convening Work Committee coordinated with the members of the panel of chairmen. The latter sought the consent from their respective delegate groups through discussions and gave a written feedback on the issue to the

former. It is found that most of the delegate groups suggested that a detailed basic principle be laid down in the Union Legislative List as third point ‘standardization and specification of manufactured commodities’.

Dr Hmu Htan, 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, in their separate suggestion, said that the permission for the establishment of industrial zones in regions or states will enrich creative and innovative ideas, thereby benefiting the country. They also suggested that the matter of the industrial zone be adopted as third-point detailed basic principle in the Region or State Legislative List. It is found that the delegate group of other invited persons proposed similar to the two independent representatives-elect.

To this suggestion, I would like to reply that the matter of industrial zone is enshrined in the Union Legislative List to enable the Pyidaungsu to enact law. Only when the Pyidaungsu enacts law covering the entire country will the industrial zones prosper and thrive equally. For the regions or states, powers will be vested in them as regards these industrial zones in the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu.

The delegate group of other invited persons proposed the inclusion of the point ‘medium and small industries’ in the Region or State Legislative List.

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Matters coordinated for observance of 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 4 March— The third coordination meeting of the leading committee for the observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day took place at the office of Yangon Command, with an address by Committee Chairman State Peace and Development Council member Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win.

Present at the meeting were Management Committee Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Chief of Staff (Navy) Captain Nyan Tun, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Vice-Quartermaster General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun, Deputy Information Ministers U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Minister for Cul-

ture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlements Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, senior military officers, heads of department, officials and invited guests.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win delivered a speech. He said the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade will be celebrated soon on a grand scale. It is heartening to see the active participation of the respective committees in the efforts for observance of the parade, he said. Next, he called for efforts to im-

prove the military skills of the Tatmadawmen and follow military disciplines. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win added that those responsible are to submit their requirements for administration sector and welfare tasks to the leading committee if necessary.

Next, leading committee Secretary Deputy

Adjutant General Col Khin Soe read out the resolutions of the committee, and Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe reported on preparations being made by the management committee. Officials of subcommittees also presented reports on their respective sectors for the observance of the parade. Then the meeting

came to a close with concluding remarks by Lt-Gen Kyaw Win.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win chose a centre piece that will be on display at the Armed Forces Day Commemorative Exhibition and gave necessary instructions to officials.

MNA



Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win speaking at third coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.— MNA

Most of the delegate groups...

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To this, I would like to reply that it has been stated in the Region of State Legislative List the point 'industries other than those designated to be undertaken by the Pyidaungsu level'. And also the Union Legislative List contains the point 'industries to be undertaken by the Pyidaungsu level'. It is therefore found that there is no categorization in the size of industrial zones as large, medium or small. It is only the matter that shall be taken into consideration when relevant laws are enacted.

The group also proposed another three points to be taken into consideration when the State enact law and to practise them in the self-administered division or self-administered areas. These points are:

1. medium and small industries,
2. cottage industries, and
3. industrial zones.

To this, I would like to reply that the proposal in itself calls for consideration when the State enacts laws so as to practise them in the self-administered division or self-administered areas. This being the case, these points will be placed on record so as to take them into consideration when relevant laws are enacted.

The representatives of political parties which are members of the delegate group of representatives-elect submitted the same opinion as their respective parties.

The independent representatives-elect of the same delegate group proposed separate motions in connection with the adoption of detailed basic principles on the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman.

By the consent of most of the delegates to the National Convention, following points are adopted as detailed basic principles for the industrial sector to be embodied in the Union Legislative List as regards the sharing of legislative power:

1. Industries to be undertaken by the Pyidaungsu level;
2. Industrial Zones;
3. Standardization and specification of manufactured commodities
4. Science and technology and research on science and technology;
5. Standardization of weights and measures; and
6. Intellectual properties such as copyrights, patents, trademarks, industrial designs.

And following points are to be laid down as detailed basic principles for the industrial sector to be embodied in the Region or State Legislative List:

1. Industries other than those designated to be undertaken by the Pyidaungsu level; and
- 2 Cottage industries.

Member of the Work Committee Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, on behalf of the NCC Work Committee Chairman, continued to present matters relating to the transport and communication sector.

At the plenary session of the National Convention, held on 19 May 2004, the Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles concerning the transport and communication sector that should be included in the Union legislative list and the region or state legislative list for sharing the legislative power.

The delegate groups presented discussions and suggestions on the matter. The delegate groups — the national race delegate group, the peasant delegate group, the worker delegate group, and the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group — and the delegate group of the political parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party — gave suggestions to put the following points on the Union legislative list as detailed basic principles for the transport and communication sector:

1. Inland Water Transport
2. Maintenance of waterways
3. Water resources and river systems improvement
4. Maritime shipping
5. Port terminals
6. Light house, lightship and light house facilities
7. Ship building, repair and maintenance
8. Air transport
9. Aviation, flight control and building of airfields

10. Road transport
11. Railways
12. Roads and bridges under the management of Pyidaungsu
13. Posts, telecommunications, telephones, fax, e-mail, Internet, Intranet and similar communication services.
14. TV, satellite communication, transmission and reception and similar communication services

The delegate groups also gave suggestions to put the following points on the region or state legislative list:

1. Ports, jetties and pontoons under the management of the Region or State
2. Roads and bridges under the management of the Region or State
3. Systematic movement of the private-owned vehicles within a Region or a State.

Now, I will present the separate suggestions submitted by the delegates group-wise.

The national race delegate group said that areas in the far corners of the nation need regional arrangements to improve their transport sector. Thus, in enacting laws, the Pyidaungsu Government should consider giving rights to regions and states to supervise marine transport and road transport.

As the suggestion calls for giving suitable permissions to the regions and states, it will be put on record for the Union to make consideration in enacting laws as necessary in the future.

As a separate suggestion, the intellectuals and intelligentsia delegate group said that ICT has become a global major industry covering various sectors, and an essential part of man's daily life. The government has been striving to develop the ICT till becoming the nation's major industry. Thus, ICT laws will have to be enacted as and when necessary. As the ICT is advancing at an alarming rate in the world, amendments should be made and endorsement added to the law to make it always in line with the advancing times. Moreover, the law should be in conformity with those of the regional and global countries. Thus, enacting of uninformed laws concerning the ICT in the nation should be taken into account.

The clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman include "Posts, telecommunications, telephones, fax, e-mail, Internet, Intranet and similar communication services" in the item 13 and "TV, satellite communication, transmission and reception and similar communication services" in the item 14. The term "ICT" is inclusive in the word "communication". The suggestion will be included as necessary in enacting laws concerning the sector. Thus, it will be put on record for consideration in enacting laws as necessary in the future.

In its separate suggestion, the State service personnel delegate group said that as the transport and communication sector plays a vital role in the development of the economy and the nation, so also the construction sector will develop together with building of facilities. Thus, the sector should be termed "**Transport, communication and construction sector.**"

The group also said, the State has been developing towns, villages and housing projects for the nation to meet the social indicators issued by the UN bodies. It is also developing Yangon to have characteristics of a modern metropolis, setting up industrial zones and facilities in various sectors and building high-rise apartments and modern residents. It is selling the residences and apartments at reasonable prices. Moreover, arrangements are under way to enact the Condominium Law. The sector concerning the high-rise buildings and advanced residences should be put on the Union legislative list. The term "high-rise buildings and advanced residences" should be added as the No 15 point to the 14 points of the transport and communication sector to be put on the Union legislative list.

In my view, the suggestion deserves serious consideration as it is appropriate and in conformity with the already-laid-down basic principles. But if the term "high-rise buildings and advanced residences" is used, it may lead to excluding the low-cost residences and ordinary homes. To be more comprehensive, the term should be stated "residences and buildings". Only then will the term be able to cover all types of building. The Work Committee coordinated with the panel of chairmen concerning the matter. The panel of chairmen after coordinating with the respective delegate groups pre-

sented the paper concerning the groups' opinions to the Work Committee. It is found that most of the delegate groups gave a suggestion to substitute "Transport and communication sector" with Transport, communication and construction sector" and to add the term "residences and buildings" as the 15th item to the 14 points to be included in the Union legislative list.

Other invited persons delegate group proposed that if appropriate the following points should be added to the sectors to be included in the region or state legislative list:

1. Inland Water Transport
2. Maintenance of waterways
3. Water resources and river systems improvement
4. Ship building, repair and maintenance
5. Systematic running of private and cooperative inland water transport services
6. Posts, telecommunications, telephones, fax, e-mail, Internet, Intranet and similar communication services
7. TV, satellite communication, transmission and reception and similar communication services.

The points stated in the suggestion are included in the Union legislative list, because laws concerning them should be enacted by the Union. As the laws enacted by the Union will cover the whole nation, stipulations will be contained in the laws as necessary to give rights to the regions and states. In the practical field also, the regions and states have been given permissions concerning the above-mentioned points. Thus, the points should be included only in the Union legislative list.

Delegates of the representatives-elect delegate group of the political parties presented the same opinion as the respective parties.

Independent representatives-elect of the representatives-elect delegate group, presented their opinion, saying, the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Hence, in accord with the suggestions of most of the delegates concerning the transport, communication and construction sector, the following points are laid down as detailed basic principles to be included in the Union legislative list:

1. Inland Water Transport
2. Maintenance of waterways
3. Water resources and river systems improvement
4. Maritime shipping
5. Port terminals
6. Light house, lightship and light house facilities
7. Ship building, repair and maintenance
8. Air transport
9. Aviation, flight control and building of airfields
10. Road transport
11. Railways
12. Roads and bridges under the management of Pyidaungsu
13. Posts, telecommunications, telephones, fax, e-mail, Internet, Intranet and similar communication services.
14. TV, satellite communication, transmission and reception and similar communication services
15. Residences and buildings.

And the following points are laid down as detailed basic principles to be included in the region or state legislative list:

1. Ports, jetties and pontoons under the management of the Region or State
2. Roads and bridges under the management of the Region or State
3. Systematic movement of the private-owned vehicles within a Region or a State.

On behalf of the Chairman of the Work Committee, member of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein presented matters relating to the social sector and the management sector and Work Committee member Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye read out the presentation on the judicial sector, the legislative power for Self-administered zone leading bodies and distribution of legislative power in connection with other matters not stated in the legislative lists of the Union, State and Division and Self-administered division or zone leading bodies.

The full presentations of the two Work Committee members will be reported in the newspapers to be issued on 6 March.— MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on...

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Bago Division (East) and similar amount in Bago Division (West). However, Bago Division (East) could cultivate over 140,000 acres of summer paddy against the target and the west branch, over 120,000 against the target. Bago Division (West) is to grow the rest acres of the division, and Thayawady and Pyay Districts are to take responsibility to add 5,000 acres each of summer paddy to the target.

At the farmer training camp in Chanthagon Village-tract of Letpadan Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on agricultural tasks of the local farmers by Letpadan Township Peace and Development Council U Chit Thein. The commander and officials gave supplementary reports.

Next, they viewed broadcast of natural fertilizers at the model paddy plot.

They arrived at the construction site of the conduit at the left channel of Kantin Bilin Dam in Letpadan Township. Deputy Director of Irrigation Department reported on dredging of the left channel and supply of water to the farmland.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected the conduit and the left channel which irrigated 6,800 acres of farmland in eastern part area along Yangon-Pyay Road. On 2006, water can be supplied to 7,000 acres of farmland in western part area of the road.

They oversaw renovation of Thaphanpinseik Bridge and Okpo-Teinnyunt Road in Okpo Township. The bridge, 130 feet long and 14 feet wide, can withstand 6-ton load. Okpo-Teinnyunt Road is six miles and four furlongs long. The road and the bridge were renovated by Okpo Township Development Affairs Committee by spending the cash assistance of the State.

At the local battalion in Okpo Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers, other ranks and

family members at the hall. He gave instructions on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable to be carried out and participation in regional development tasks.

In Nattalin, they heard reports on the agricultural sector of the township by officials. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted those present and gave necessary instructions.

Nattalin Township plans to grow 23,600 acres of summer paddy with the use of water from Taungnyo Dam, Hlapayin Sluice Gate, Thahtaygon Dam, Pantingyi Dam and Tapun Canal. Now, 21,552 acres of land have been put under summer paddy and arrangements are being made for cultivation of summer paddy on remaining 2,048 acres.

After inspecting the thriving summer paddy among Yangon-Pyay Road, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at Pyay in the evening.

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Tatmadaw columns continue practising drills

YANGON, 4 March — The Tatmadaw columns which will participate in the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade practised drills at Myoma ground, here, from 5.30 am to 9.30 am today.

Tatmadawmen from Anawrahta Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Kyansittha Column led by Column Commander Col Tha Aung, Bayintnaung Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Nawade Column led by Column Commander Captain Aung Zaw Win (Navy), Aungzeya Column led by Column Commander Col Myo Win, Hsinbyushin Column led by Column Commander Col Khin Aung Myint, Bandoola Column led by Column Commander Col Khin Maung Oo, Myawady Column led by Column Commander Col Win Swe and Aung San Column led by Column Commander Col Thein Zaw took practising drill under the command of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun.

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers watched the drills.

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MWAF concludes annual general meeting successfully



President Daw Than Than Nwe speaking concluding remarks at the annual general meeting of MWAF.— MNA

YANGON, 4 March — The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation continued its second-day session of the annual general meeting and concluded at its office on Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, this morning.

Present on the occasion were President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe, Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint and CEC members, heads of department, leaders of the working groups, officials and representatives of States and Divisions. Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint presided over the meeting.

Chairpersons of Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and

Ayeyawady Division Organizations for Women's Affairs reported on their respective sectors. Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint reviewed their reports.

In the afternoon, President Daw Than Than Nwe presided over the meeting. General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun submitted future tasks of the federation and decisions based on the reports of respective States and Divisions to the meeting for seeking of approval. After giving instructions, President Daw Than Than Nwe gave the concluding remarks.— MNA

Left thumb-substitute surgical operation performed successfully

YANGON, 4 March — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, accompanied by Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, Acting Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung of the Health Department and Deputy Director-General Col Than Aung of the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar), went to Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital on Hanthawady Road in Kyimyindine Township

this morning and inspected progress of successful surgical operation that the second toe has been substituted in the place of the thumb. In the meeting hall, leader of the surgical team Associate Professor Dr Khin Maung Myint of Yangon General Hospital briefed the minister on process of the operation. The minister gave necessary instructions.

Patient Maung Yi

Khaing, 20, was a worker of a saw mill in Hlinethaya Township and he cut his left thumb in the accident of the saw mill.

He was undergone medical treatment at the private clinic in Hlinethaya Township and then he was transferred to YGH.

On 22 November 2004, Dr Khin Maung Myint and party provided preliminary treatment to the patient after checking

him.

On 13 January 2005, they decided to perform substitution of the thumb.

According to the agreement of the patient's family, the team could provide the surgical operation to the patient successfully by replacing his second toe at the place of left thumb.

Similar surgical operations have been performed in the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Singapore and the Republic of India.

Nowadays, Myanmar has achieved an opportunity to show her health standard on a par with neighbouring countries due to efforts of the Myanmar surgical specialists. At present, the substituted thumb of patient Maung Yi Khaing reaches in use thanks to concerted efforts of the surgical specialists and assistance of Medical Superintendent Dr Nyunt Hlaing, doctors and nurses.

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Myanmar maintains victory over Japan in volley friendly

YANGON, 4 March—Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint watched the second match of Myanmar-Japan volleyball friendly (men) at the National Indoor Stadium (1) in Thuwunna, here, this afternoon.

The selected Myanmar youths team came behind a set down to beat the Kinki University team 3-1. The friendly continues on 6 March at the same venue.— MNA

ments are being made for giving medical treatment to another patient, worker Maung Mya Zaw, 20, of Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone, North Okkalapa Township. Four fingers of the patient cut out in the machinery accident.

As the patient was transferred to the hand surgery ward of Orthopae-

dic Specialist Hospital from North Okkalapa General Hospital, arrangements are being made for replacement of second toes at his fingers.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo comforted the patient and fulfilled his requirements.— MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo comfort patient Maung Yi Khaing who has been undergone surgical operation at his thumb.— HEALTH



Completion of surgical operation for replacement of second toe at left thumb of patient Maung Yi Khaing.— HEALTH

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Uruguay, Venezuela sign strategic agreements

MONTEVIDEO, 3 March — Uruguay and Venezuela signed on Wednesday several agreements, including one through which Caracas will supply oil in exchange for food. The documents were signed by incoming Uruguayan President, socialist Tabare Vazquez, and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

The texts signed were the Agreement on Energy Cooperation of Caracas, the Montevideo Declaration on PETROSUR, an agreement related to the New Television of the South and the Joint Uruguayan- Venezuela Declaration.

The energy-cooperation agreement, similar to the one signed

this week by Chavez with Argentine President Nestor Kirchner, considers the shipment of crude to Uruguay in exchange for food, knowledge and information programmes. "Venezuela will certainly be a big support for such a small country, in which the energy problem is of utmost importance," said Vazquez after signing the texts.

Through the so-called Caracas Agreement, Venezuela will supply Uruguay 43,600 barrels of petroleum a day, of which 75 per cent have to be paid within 20 days, and a part of the final price could be swapped for goods and services.

Twenty-five per cent of the remaining part has a two-year grace period and

a 15-year financing period.

In addition, the Venezuelan State-run firm PDVSA will open an office at the Uruguayan capital and work alongside with Uruguay's National Fuel, Alcohol and Portland Administration.

The Declaration of Montevideo allows Uruguay to joint the agreement previously reached by Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil and Bolivia for the creation of a regional petroleum company, PETROSUR.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain to buy Roche Holding AG's antiviral drug Tamiflu

LONDON, 3 March — Britain is buying 14.6 million courses of Roche Holding AG's antiviral drug Tamiflu to protect against a potential bird flu pandemic, the government said on Tuesday.

Roche's Tamiflu has been singled out by the World Health Organization (WHO) as its drug of choice to protect against bird flu and for use in case of a widespread human outbreak. It is not a cure, but can reduce symptoms and may prevent the spread of infection.

Governments around the world have been stockpiling the drug to combat a possible

pandemic of bird flu, which has now killed 47 people in Asia.

"We are working closely with other governments and the World Health Organization to ensure the international community is as well prepared as it can be to spot and address the early signs of a pandemic as quickly as possible," said Health Minister John Reid.

Experts fear the bird flu virus could mutate into a form that can pass between humans and trigger a pandemic similar to one in 1918-19 which killed 20 million to 40 million people.— MNA/Reuters

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Greek Council ratifies national defence policy

ATHENS, 3 March — Greece's Government Council for Foreign Affairs and Defence, chaired by Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, on Tuesday unanimously ratified national defence policy and strategy on national interests and objectives.

The national defence policy focuses on maintaining an adequate deterrent and reliable force which will be capable of protecting the country's territorial integrity from whatever threat or attack from abroad and handling asymmetrical threats.

According to an announcement by the Defence Ministry, national defence policy regarding the country's northern borders anticipates all necessary against threats such as terrorism and international crime.

MNA/Xinhua

FDA seeks authority to dictate drug warnings

WASHINGTON, 3 March — The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Tuesday asked Congress for authority to dictate warning labels on drugs in order to prevent differences in wording from delaying key information for consumers.

Sandra L. Kweder,

FDA's deputy director for new drugs, told the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labour and Pensions that the authority to force changes in product labels "would be helpful".

The FDA move is intended to avoid the repeat of the kind of haggling with Merck & Co., the manufacturer of

Vioxx, over the wording of a warning about Vioxx's dangerous side effects. The differences had delayed getting the information out.

"We had to negotiate with the company how the specific language should be worded," Kweder told the panel.

MNA/Xinhua

Poland to patrol Baltic airspace in 2006

RIGA, 3 March — Poland will take over the mission of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to patrol Baltic airspace in 2006, the Lithuanian Defence Ministry said Tuesday.

Poland will be the first new NATO member since 1999 to send its Air Force to take over the alliance's mission, according to a statement released after a meeting between Lithuanian Army commander Vldas Tutkus and Poland's Air Force chief Ryszard Olszewski.

NATO forces have patrolled Baltic airspace since March 2004. Its

members take turns at deploying patrol aircraft from the Zokniai air base in northern Lithuania.

Norway took over the mission from Britain in January and will be replaced by the Netherlands this month.

In March 1999, Poland, together with Hungary and the Czech Republic, the first countries from the former Soviet bloc, joined NATO in the first wave of its enlargement. Five years later, seven more countries, including the three Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, became the bloc's new members.

MNA/Xinhua



Horses watch cars passing slowly on a road near Lille, northern France, following heavy snowfalls.—INTERNET

Legislative power to enact laws...

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discussions and suggestions to lay down the following detailed basic principles in the Union legislative list concerning the agricultural and livestock breeding sector:

1. oil, gas and other liquid and solid products considered dangerously inflammable according to Pyidaungsu Law;
2. Union electricity production and distribution;
3. minerals, mines, safety of mines workers, and environmental conservation and reconstruction;
4. gems;
5. pearl;
6. forest; and
7. conservation and protection of wildlife, natural trees and natural areas including the environment.

They also discussed in support of the laying down of the following detailed basic principles in the region or state legislative list concerning the sector:

1. small electricity production and distribution industry under the supervision of the region or the state, except big and medium electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union;
2. salt and salt products;
3. the cutting and polishing of gem stones in the region or state;
4. village-owned fuel wood plantations; and
5. recreation centres, zoological gardens and botanical gardens.

I will now present the separate suggestions and discussions of the delegate groups. The national race delegate group said the nation has a 1,375-mile long coastline, and the continental shelf is rich in valuable natural resources. Arrangements should be made to extract the riches with the use of advanced technology and equipment.

It added that increase in the number of industries, vehicles, buildings and people may cause air pollution. Thus in extending towns, wards and villages, 25 per cent of their territory should be left vacant for forest plantations parks and recreation centres to prevent air pollution. Hence it said, urban forestation should be included in enacting the forestry law.

In my view, it is an appropriate suggestion. So, it will be put on record for consideration in enacting laws in the future.

In giving a separate suggestion, the other invited persons delegate group said that it has already presented a proposal to put nuclear energy, nuclear fuel and radiation and mineral resources that produce them in energy, electricity and forestry sector. It also gave a suggestion to add the word "technology" in the phrase "nuclear energy, nuclear fuel and radiation and mineral resources that produce them" and a term "conservation and protection of herbal plants, rare plant species and animals facing near extinction" in the energy, electricity and forestry sector.

It continued to say, the State should consider enacting a law to permit regions and states to run small-scale oil and gas industries in the areas where foreign joint-venture commercial-scale production is not possible yet.

The group presented a proposal to substitute the term "except big and medium electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union" with the term "except big electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union"; the term "the cutting and polishing of gem stones in the region or state" with the term "exploration, mining, trading, cutting and polishing of gems and holding of gems emporiums in regions and states"; the term "village-owned fuel wood plantations" with the term "village-owned fuel wood plantations, community-owned forest plantations and private forest plantations"; and the term "recreation centres, zoological gardens and botanical gardens" with the term "recreation centres, zoological gardens, botanical gardens, herbal plantations and private forest plantations including teak." In enacting laws, the State should consider the points to permit regions and states the right to run businesses mentioned in the proposed amended terms.

Regarding the suggestion — to put nuclear energy, nuclear fuel and radiation and mineral resources that produce them in energy, electricity and forestry sector — I have already explained that the matter should be in-

cluded in the defence and security sector.

Concerning the suggestion — The State should consider permitting regions and states to run small-scale oil and gas industries in the areas where foreign joint-venture commercial-scale production is not possible yet — I would like to say that the matter should be put on record for the Union to take it into account in enacting laws in the future.

In connection with the suggestion to add a term "conservation and protection of herbal plants, rare plant species and animals facing near extinction" in the energy, electricity and forestry sector, I would like to explain that the clarification made by the Work Committee chairman includes the term — conservation and protection of wildlife, natural trees and natural areas including the environment — as the seventh item. It is found that the wording of the suggestion is inclusive in the term. The regions and states have been permitted to run the business of cutting and polishing gems. Laws regarding other businesses covering exploration, mining, trading, cutting and polishing of gems and holding of gems emporiums will be enacted by the Pyidaungsu for ensuring uniformity in the entire nation.

Regarding the suggestion to substitute the term "village-owned fuel wood plantations" with the term "village-owned fuel wood plantations, community-owned forest plantations and private forest plantations", I would like to explain that the meaning of the term "village-owned fuel wood plantations" is assumed limited because of the word "village-owned". If it is stated "village fuel-wood plantations" its meaning will become wider and more comprehensive, and will cover all private and community tree plantations including fuel wood plantations of villagers.

The Work Committee made coordination with the panel of chairmen concerning the matter. After making coordination with the respective delegate groups, the panel of chairmen submitted a paper concerning the matter to the Work Committee. Most of the delegate groups have proposed to substitute the term "village-owned fuel wood plantations" with the term "village fuel-wood plantations".

The term botanical gardens is wide and comprehensive enough to cover the terms — various species of plants including herbal plants and teak. Thus adding of any new wording or item in the term various species of plants including herbla plants and teak. Thus adding of any new wording or item in the term "recreation centres, zoological gardens and botanical gardens" is deemed unnecessary.

The other invited persons delegate group also presented a proposal to substitute the term "except big and medium electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union" with the term "except big electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union"; The proposal amounts to permitting the regions and states to enact laws concerning the medium electricity production and distribution business. As it is appropriate, it should be considered all seriousness.

But the legislative power of the regions and states concerning the matter should not concern the national grid under the State control. Thus, it is found that the term "small electricity production and distribution industry under the supervision of the region or the state, except big and medium electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union" should be amended and substituted with the term "medium and small electricity production and distribution industry, provided it has no link with the national grid, under the supervision of the region or the state, except big electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union." The Work Committee coordinated with the panel of chairmen concerning the matter. After coordinating with the respective delegate groups, the panel of chairmen submitted a paper concerning the matter. Most of the delegate groups presented a proposal to substitute the term "small electricity production and distribution industry under the supervision of the region or the state, except big and medium electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union" should be amended and substituted with the term "medium and small electricity production and distribution industry, provided it has no link with the national grid, under the supervision of the region or the state, except big electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union."

Delegates of the representatives-elect delegate group of the political parties presented the same opinion of the respective parties.

Independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlan Township constituency in Chin State, and U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township constituency in Shan State said that development and environment have inter-relations. Close supervision of the regions and states will ensure long-lasting of forests. Thus, the regions and states should be permitted to conserve forests, set up commercial forest plantations, and sell and buy forest products within the framework of the Union law.

Concerning the suggestion, I would like to explain that the Union will enact laws for all its subordinate levels to permit rights. The suggestion will be put on record for consideration in enacting laws in the future.

Independent 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 oil industry covering exploration, production, sales ect. needs a large amount of investment and has trade relations with foreign countries. Moreover, it is important for the State security and economy. Thus, the inclusion of the industry in Union legislative list is appropriate. But in the areas whose oil production volume is less, legislative power for oil production should be distributed to regions and states without opposing the Union law.

Concerning the proposal, I would like to explain that the private sector has been permitted to run business as necessary in accord with the market-oriented economy. The suggestion will be put on record, so that the legislative bodies of the future can consider the matter in enacting laws.

Hence, in accord with the suggestions of most of the delegates concerning the energy, electricity, mining and forestry sector, the following points are laid down as detailed basic principles to be included in the Union legislative list:

1. oil, gas and other liquid and solid products considered dangerously inflammable according to Pyidaungsu Law;
2. Union electricity production and distribution;
3. minerals, mines, safety of mine workers, and environmental conservation and reconstruction;
4. gems;
5. pearl;
6. forest; and
7. conservation and protection of wildlife, natural trees and natural areas including the environment.

Moreover the following points are laid down as detailed basic principles to be included in the region or state legislative list:

1. medium and small electricity production and distribution industry, which has no link with the national grid, under the supervision of the region or the state, except big electricity production and distribution under the supervision of the Union
2. salt and salt products;
3. the cutting and polishing of gem stones in the region or state;
4. village fuel wood plantations; and
5. recreation centres, zoological gardens and botanical gardens.—MNA

Minister inspects Fresh Water Fish Garden

YANGON, 4 March — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, together with Fisheries Department Director General U Than Tun, visited the newly-constructed Fresh Water Fish Garden in the Education Zone in Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo this morning. At the Fresh Water Fish Garden, the minister inspected finishing touches of the garden, 23 booths including display of fresh water fish and ornamental fish which are kept in the glass cages, artificial water falls, streams, lakes and caves, booths on tortoises and crocodiles and other interesting booths.

Garden in charge U Tin Tun Lin reported on decoration tasks being made at the booths. Later, the minister met with officials and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

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Real coach comes to defence of Ronaldo

MADRID, 4 March — Real Madrid coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo came to the defence of Ronaldo after the Brazilian striker was jeered by fans during his side's 3-1 victory at home to Real Betis on Wednesday.

"The people that jeered him today will be cheering him tomorrow," Luxemburgo told a news conference after the match. "He worked hard, fought, went in search of the goal and tried everything, but sometimes in football no matter how hard you try, the ball won't go in the net."

Ronaldo, who has not scored in the last seven league games, came in for heavy criticism from the Spanish media for arrival late for training after his recent Valentine's Day engagement celebrations in Paris.

The 28-year-old was in lively form at the

Bernabeu and created several scares for the Betis defence, but was unable to end his recent scoring drought.

"I was very satisfied with his work out on the pitch and saw no reason to substitute him," Luxemburgo said. "The important thing is that he keeps on working and that way he will win over the fans again."

"Ronaldo has got a lot of experience and knows that if he gets two goals in the next game, the fans will applaud him and everything will be forgotten."

Ronaldo has been Real's top scorer in each of the two seasons since he joined the club from Inter Milan and is the club's leading striker in the present campaign with 11 goals, two more than Michael Owen.

MNA/Reuters

2006 FA Cup final will be played on 13 May

LONDON, 4 March — The 2006 FA Cup final, the first match scheduled for the new Wembley Stadium, will be played on Saturday May 13, the Football Association said on Thursday.

The final will be the last game of the English domestic season barring the lower league playoffs, providing a boost for England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson, who had asked for ample preparation time for the 2006 World Cup should his side qualify.

The England team would now have a four-week break between the FA Cup final and the start of the tournament in Germany. "The FA believes it is crucial to allow the national team to be given equal preparation time to every other team competing in Germany next summer," the FA said in a statement on its web site.

The FA has also moved to help English clubs playing in Europe next season by scrapping FA Cup replays in the fifth and sixth rounds for sides still competing in the UEFA Cup, and the sixth round for teams still involved in the Champions League.

Ties in the relevant rounds involving clubs still in Europe will be settled in the original match using extra time and penalties if required.

The ruling only applies for next season, the FA added.— MNA/Reuters

UEFA starts disciplinary proceeding against Chelsea

LONDON, 4 March — UEFA have begun disciplinary proceedings against Chelsea after their players were late for the second half of last week's Champions League defeat at Barcelona and coach Jose Mourinho snubbed the post-match news conference.

A UEFA spokeswoman said on Thursday the Premier League leaders had until March 14 to send a written statement in their defence, before UEFA's Control and Disciplinary body meets on March 24 to examine the case.

Chelsea, who had striker Didier Drogba red-carded at the Nou Camp, lost the knockout round first leg 2-1.— MNA/Reuters

Juventus should be stripped of league titles

MILAN, 4 March — Former Inter Milan coach Luigi Simoni says Juventus should be stripped of the league titles won in the 1990's if the doping charges against their club doctor are confirmed after appeal.

Juventus club doctor Riccardo Agricola was found guilty in November of administering banned substances between 1994 and 1998.

Simoni was coach of the Inter side who finished runners-up to Juventus in 1998.

"I think if that sentence is confirmed, then the Italian Football Federation should take action," Simoni told the magazine Espresso in an interview to be published on Friday.

"They should take away the titles won by Juventus in that period. I finished second with Inter in 1998 and now I discover that maybe we weren't playing on equal terms."

Simoni said the presumption of innocence should remain until the outcome of Juve's appeal against the verdict is known and added: "I hope that Juventus are cleared on appeal".

But he said if Agricola's guilt was confirmed he would find it hard to believe there was not wider knowledge of his actions.

"It would be difficult, very difficult, to think that he did everything alone and that at his club, Juventus, no-one knew the players were being boosted with illegal medicine," said Simoni.

During the period investigated Juventus also won two other league titles as well as the 1996 European Cup.

Simoni said he was not optimistic, however, that the Federation would take action.

"Even if the sentence becomes definitive, the Federation would never have the courage to take a title off Juventus."

On Wednesday, Italian Football Federation (FIGC) president Franco Carraro said he would ask the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne to rule on the role of the FIGC in the affair.

Carraro said the ruling so far was against a Juventus club doctor and not the club. "Juventus have not been found guilty of doping. In the five years examined their players were tested and none of them resulted positive," said Carraro. — MNA/Reuters

Schnyder beats Myskina to reach last four at Dubai

RIYADH, 4 March — French Open champion Anastasia Myskina missed a match point before becoming the second Grand Slam titleholder from Russia within two days to fall at the one-million-dollar WTA Dubai Open on Thursday. Myskina, the third seed, was a set and 6-5 up and held an advantage point against Patty Schnyder, the world number 14 from Switzerland, before fading to a 6-7 (0/7), 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 quarterfinal defeat against a talented but unpredictable opponent.

Schnyder, seeded eighth, mixed slice with topspin, and angles with deep drives, and often scored well when she tossed in slower balls, denying Myskina the pace with which to develop rhythm with her hard, flat-struck blows. But she also made unaccountable mistakes.

Schnyder's progress was very up and down for the first hour and a half of

a two-hour match.

She broke at once and reached 4-1, only to be pegged back to 4-4, and then playing a poor tie-break, failing to win a point, and letting slip a first set she had nearly rescued.

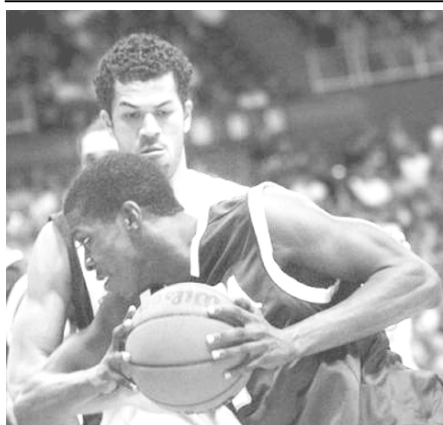
The second set was similar, Schnyder advancing 4-0 before being pegged back again to a tie-break. The difference this

time was that she had to save a match point to get there, launching a flowing forehand down the line to avert danger.

This seemed to pump adrenalin into Schnyder, because she played a much more focussed tie-break this time, winning it for the loss of only two points, and then surged into a 2-0 final set lead.

Although Myskina briefly retrieved that deficit, her error ratio was increasing. After dropping serve again, she played an indifferent final service game to lose the match, launching a wild inside out forehand into the tramlines and then mistiming a backhand drive into the net from inside the baseline.

MNA/Xinhua



Nevada's Mo Charlo drives against Hawaii's Bobby Nash during the second half on 3 March, 2005, in Honolulu. Nevada won 55-47.—INTERNET

Mellor becomes third striker to suffer premature end

LONDON, 4 March — Liverpool forward Neil Mellor became the club's third striker to suffer a premature end to the season on Thursday.

Mellor, who enjoyed an extended run in the side after scoring a spectacular late winner against Arsenal in November, will undergo surgery to cure tendinitis in both knees.

"The club have decided surgery is the answer to cure the problems once and for all," Liverpool said on their web site.

Liverpool's French striker Djibril Cisse broke his leg in two places against Blackburn Rovers in October while compatriot Florent Sinama-Pongolle suffered a knee ligament injury in the League Cup semifinal against Watford. The pair will not play again this season.— MNA/Reuters



Patty Schnyder, of Switzerland, hits a forehand to Anastasia Myskina, of Russia, during their quarter-final match at the Dubai Open tennis tournament in Dubai, UAE, on Thursday, 3 March, 2005. — INTERNET

Workshop on medicines sale closed



Chairman of Myanmar Medicines and Medical Equipment Dealers and Entrepreneurs Association Dr Maung Maung Lay presents health aids to an official of UMFCCI.— UMFCCI

YAGON, 4 March — The closing ceremony of the workshop on sales of medicines organized by Myanmar Medicines and Medical Equipment Dealers and Entrepreneurs Association was held this morning at the training hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Bo Sun Pat Street in Pabedan Township.

Chairman of the Work Committee for Education of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing extended greetings.

Gifts were presented to those who took part in the discussions. Afterwards, the association donated health aid to UMFCCI and officials presented certificates of honours.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the association expressed thanks. The 4-week workshop was attended by 50 persons. — MNA

Int'l disaster response system faces challenges

HONG KONG, 4 March — The lessons learned from the tsunami on December 26 last year will impact the functioning of the international disaster response system for years to come, a UN official said here on Thursday.

Delivering a keynote speech at a forum here, Margareta Wahlstrom, UN Special Coordinator for Humanitarian Assistance to tsunami-affected countries, said the international system for humanitarian response is "challenged collectively to an extent that we have possibly not been facing since the mid 1990s".

At the Hong Kong Forum of "Asia & East Africa: Earthquake and Tsunamis," which opened Thursday and will last three days, she defined six points as the practical and strategic challenges for the short to medium term.

The six points are as follows: avoid creating a gap between the relief/recovery and rehabilitation and reconstruction phase, understand clearly what reconstruction requires in the coordination mechanisms and the government's need, support the

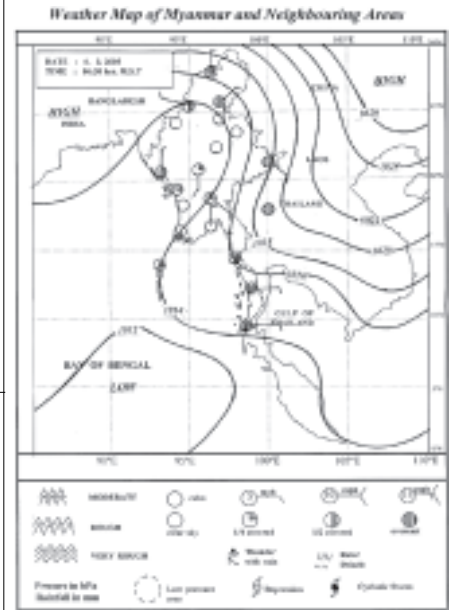
national leadership for the process from the outset, ensure that already marginalized communities do not become forgotten or even more marginalized, engage in the required cooperation and monitoring to ensure equity in assistance, and continue to develop and benefit from the multiple new partnerships in this operation.


Since the United Nations is today under some serious criticism and scrutiny in other regards, Wahlstrom said the humanitarian part of the United Nations will have this opportunity to strengthen public reporting mechanisms to ensure that "we are not only are,

but also appear to be, transparent and making further efforts to ensure that information is available easily". In order to answer the demands and expectations, the UN humanitarian services require a lot more devel-

opment in the areas of common logistics, air services, emergency telecommunications, public information and civil military liaison services, information management, Wahlstrom said.

MNA/Xinhua





TV Myanmar

Saturday, 5 March

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. အထီးမြိုင်မြိုင်

8:15 am
6. Musical programme

8:20 am
7. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း မဟာရာဇဂုဏ်သိတံ

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. Grammar Made Easy

11:00 am
1. Martial song

11:10 am
2. Musical programme

11:30 am
3. News

11:40 am
4. Games for children

12:00 noon
5. Round-up of the week's TV local news

1:00 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်ပန်းမေတ္တာ (အပိုင်း-၁၆)"

1:30 pm
7. မြန်မာ-ဂျပန် ဖျော်ဖြေရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်း (ပထမဇရု)

1:40 pm
8. လောကနီတိ (၄) "လှပခြင်း၏ အဓိပ္ပာယ်" (အတယ်ဒါမောင်မိုးမိုး၊ နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ မိုးမိုးမေ၊ စုချစ်မော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်မော်)

2:15 pm
9. Musical programme

2:25 pm
10. Dance of national races

2:35 pm
11. တံငါတံတား

2:45 pm
12. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday Use

4:40 pm
4. တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုတေးသီချင်း၊ မြိုင်မြိုင်ရာဇဂုဏ် (၂၀၀၂ ခုနှစ်)

4:50 pm
5. အစားသစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြိုင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမဇရု (သန့်) (သန့်)

5:05 pm
6. Musical programme

5:20 pm
7. နားဝင်စီယံသူလက်သံ

5:30 pm
8. "အိမ်သာအလှူ" (အောင်မြင့်ညို၊ ရုပ၊ သက်စုရာဇီ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အာယု)

5:50 pm
9. Musical programme

6:00 pm
10. Game for children

6:20 pm
11. Musical programme

6:30 pm
12. Evening news

7:00 pm
13. Weather report

7:05 pm
14. Discovery

7:10 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်ပန်းမေတ္တာ (အပိုင်း-၁၇)"

7:30 pm
16. နှစ် (၆၀) ပြည့် တပ်မတော်နေ့ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

7:50 pm
17. အမျိုးသားညီလာခံဂုဏ်ပြုတေး


8:00 pm
18. News

8:10 pm
19. International news

8:20 pm
20. Weather report

8:30 pm
21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရမ်းသံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:40 pm
22. The next day's programme



Radio Myanmar

Saturday, 5 March

Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news

8.35 am Music:
-Words

8.40 am Perspectives

8.45 am Music:
-Still

8.55 am National news/
Slogan

9.05 am Music
-My love

9.10 am International news

9.15 am Music
(Spotlight on a star)
-When you say nothing at all

1.30 pm News/Slogan

1.40 pm Request

9.00 pm ASEAN review
-News

9.10 pm Article

9.20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt
-Marcopolo's account of the Armed Forces of old Bagan

9.30 pm Souvenirs
-Smile

9.45 pm News/Slogan

10.00 pm PEL

WEATHER

Friday, 4 March, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for isolated light rain in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Kachin States, Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions. (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Myingyan, Magway and Minbu (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 3-3-2005 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 4-3-2005 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-3-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 3-3-2005 was (6.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 4-3-2005 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 (7) mph from East at (10:30) hours MST on 3-3-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-3-2005: Except for the likelihood of isolated light rain in Kachin State, weather will be fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Isolated light rain are likely in Extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-3-2005: Fair weather. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-3-2005:** Fair weather.

Weather outlook for first weekend of March 2005: During the coming weekend, weather will be fair in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Thayawady District in Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 4 March — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Minister of Defence, accompanied by departmental officials, left here by car on 3 March morning and arrived at Meeninchang Creek Bridge where he was welcomed by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min and departmental officials. Accompanied by the commander, Lt-Gen Khin



Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivers an address in meeting with officers and other ranks in Okpo Township, Bago Division. — MNA

Maung Than proceeded to the site of Thonze Dam Project in Thonze, Thayawady Township. He

heard reports on cultivation of summer paddy in Thayawady District and its target, irrigation facilities

and use of new quality paddy strain. Brig-Gen Hla Min and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave supple-

mentary reports.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered an address, saying that the

target was set to put 150,000 acres of land under summer paddy in (See page 11)

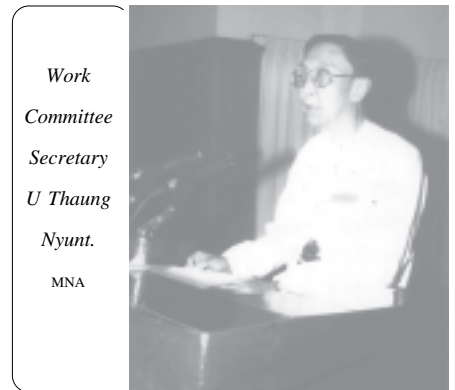
Legislative power to enact laws for reclamation of vacant, fallow and virgin lands should be entrusted to the Union

YANGON, 4 March — The following is the full clarification of Secretary of the National Convention Convening Work Committee U Thauang Nyunt, on behalf of the Work Committee Chairman, concerning the agriculture and livestock breeding sector and the energy, electricity, mining and forestry sector for laying down of detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power to be included in the State Constitution, at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, yesterday.

At the plenary meeting held on 19 May 2004, the Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles concerning the agricultural and livestock breeding sector that should be included in the Union legislative list and the region or state legislative list for sharing the legislative power. The delegate groups to the National Convention made suggestions on the matter. The delegate groups — the peasant delegate group, the worker delegate group

and the other invited persons delegate group — and the delegate groups of the political parties — The National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party — held discussion to lay down the following detailed basic principles in the Union legislative list concerning the agricultural and livestock breeding sector:

1. land management,
2. reclamation of vacant, fallow and virgin lands,
3. settlement and land records,
4. survey,
5. dams, embankments and water supply managed by Pyidaungsu,
6. meteorology, hydrology and seismic survey,
7. registration,



Work Committee Secretary U Thauang Nyunt. MNA

8. mechanized farming,
9. agricultural research,

(See page 8)

Most of the delegate groups suggested that a detailed basic principle be laid down in the Union Legislative List as third point 'standardization and specification of manufactured commodities'



Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin. MNA

YANGON, 4 March — The following is the full clarification of member of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, on behalf of the Work Committee Chairman, regarding the industrial sector and the transport and communication sector for laying down of detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power to be included in the State Constitution, at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, yesterday.

At the Plenary Meeting of the National Convention held on 19 May 2004, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee clarified detailed basic principles of the industrial sector that should be included in the portion of the sharing of legislative power in Union Legislative List and the

Region or State Legislative List. The delegate groups made suggestions on the adoption of detailed basic principles in connection with the industrial sector as follows:

1. Industries to be undertaken by the Pyidaungsu level;
2. Industrial Zones;
3. Science and technology and research on science and technology;
4. Standardization of weights and measures; and
5. Intellectual properties such as copyrights, patents, trademarks, industrial designs.

And the detailed basic principles of the industrial sector that the Region or State Legislative List are as follows:

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